

found concealed on board the ship June in, which went passengers HANSON,

receive no letters from any of col. you must not impute it to want of re- They are all afraid to write, even to it is impossible to tell you how much and afflicted. Your old shipmate confined to a negro quarter, where he necessary of life. His friends dare or even write to him. His poor fa- greatest affliction, and his lady in a to bear a separation from him. Oh! in misfortunes seem lost, for a moment. I know what it is to part with you, very body must suffer what I do on the purely we feel as much, and often more, we do for ourselves. One thing, how- but myself can hope for a return of mine is gone for ever; and when I y around me once more, then again I to lament my own misfortunes. When his trial, he made his defence exceed- clever; and had it been spoken before men, it must have done honour to his, to say there are few such among my our convention does not particularly im, confiding chiefly of the lowest class provincials depend on their numbers, opinion the English entertain of their they are in hopes will lull them into fe- that means they will gain the victory. es, in great expectations of the French The destruction of Norfolk was partly ary rage that so long subsisted among gs, Sampson like, destroyed themselves ies) and partly to an unfortunate ma- re.

and confiscation are now become cem- family seem marked out for their ven- C. is now under sentence of banishment unlucky words, *fat verbum*, in a letter nths before. The hon. Mr. W. was ty of 200 men, and his confidential m him and exposed, only for writing a G—s, giving his reasons for not at- re. C. N—n is also banished to the I could tell you many horrible tales, said too much.

e. your sister's amusements are at an her shells, and her paints, are thrown age, and her spinning-wheel employs time. Nothing but melancholy reigns peaceful and happy family. There were there, notwithstanding your sis- ds, would forget to sing or whistle any alm tune. Their nearest relations here either through fear or want of affection, strangers they must hope for and claim the gentlemen that are indebted to your honour or generosity enough to pay t of what they owe, and by that means common necessities. Indeed they are rested, and there is no family in the o be pitted than they are. It may truly in as much dread and fear as the Turk- aris."

POLIS, SEPTEMBER 5.

ter from New-York, dated Aug. 28, 1776.

AY morning the enemy stole through the mentioned to you in my last, our mea it is so extensive, we could not find they have gained a little ground, but almost as dear as they did Bunker's hill, least that small part that was engaged, manfully, they as it were surrounded our were obliged to fight our way through allwood's battalion has gained immortal s not with it himself, Lord Sterling com- the Delaware battalion, as part of his fought the enemy treble in number, in a few hours, till at last, surrounded on the creek, they were obliged to make the best uld; most of them swam the creek; Lord head of three companies, attempted to ough the enemy. Captains Bowie, Veas- Steret, Wright, Courfey, Dent, Bu- gins Fernandes, Courts, are missing, and of Smallwood's battalion. The officer- ing the character of as brave a man as are very sorry for his loss, and are fear- killed, from the danger he was seen in, is likewise missing, and many other of three hundred men; however we are f seeing many of them, as they are con- in, having got round through the coun- ons has come in the same way, after be- morning.

there has been severe work on both sides who have come in say, the fields and woods with dead bodies, and a deserter informs, re lost near six hundred men. I have the m you, among their slain is gen. Grant, unt, of the house of commons, who gave the character of cowards. Gen. Parson, but the soldier who killed him and ge- c. is missing. The enemy once attempted nes, but were repulsed, and are now ca- a mile from us.

wood and col. Ware were necessarily de- a court-martial for the trial of col. Zel- sentenced to be broke, and rendered in- holding any military office.

ther letter from New-York, of the same date, ed, we had a general attack on Long ay. The day before, our battalion, with battalion, crois'd over. The next morn- ay-light, the alarm guns on Cobble hill d Sterling's brigade (to which we belong- our arms, and ordered to march down the- four miles, to engage a party of the enemy ded the night before, and were marching- About sun-rise we were marching in- the enemy doing the same in front of us, o surround us, but a detachment of ur- them with considerable loss. They did

not attempt to attack us in front, but their artillery raked us. We stood our ground till about four o'clock, by which time, it seems, it had gone bad with our ar- my in general, by which means we were surrounded, and had to fight our way out, or become prisoners. We retreated in good order about half a mile, when we were attacked, but repulsed them, however their num- bers were far superior to ours: Major Gift, with about 100 men, kept the ground, while the rest of the bri- gade crossed a creek, which we were obliged to do. The major and his party were drove, and I expected never to see them again, but the greatest part got off with the major. We lost some men in the creek, that got stuck in the mud, and were drowned. We lost our general; whether he fell or not, I can't say, but I saw him ride towards the major's party, and not return. Captain Veazey is dead. Lieutenants Butler, Steret, Wright, Fernandes, and de Courfey, with about 130 of our battalion, are missing, and a prisoner I be- lieve. Our men sustained the loss of the enemy with a fortitude beyond what could have been expected from such raw troops. All our officers behaved extremely well. Capt. Smith and lieut. Steret conducted their companies to a church. Our colonels were in town and could not get to us. We brought off thirty prisoners, and killed many more of them than they did of us. Gen. Sullivan is missing and many other officers. The vaunting gen. Grant was killed; he was known by the papers that were about him. Our army was drove to the lines. The enemy came within 150 yards of our fort, but were repulsed with great loss. We ex- pected another attack to day, but they are preparing by their movements to give us a cannonade.

Major Gift says he saw Butler fall, but can't tell whether he was mortally wounded or not; he cried out that he was gone.

I have only leave for a few minutes to leave the island so can't be more particular now. I hear the thunder of the cannon and the roar of musketry, so I believe the attack is begun.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, dated August 31, 1776, Saturday, 2 o'clock, p. m.

YOU will no doubt be very anxious to receive a particular account of the late engagement between our troops and the enemy on Long Island. I wish our information enabled me to relieve you, but at present we are in the most painful state of suspense, the post having not yet arrived, by which we expect full intelligence. From the letters we have received, with what I can collect of others, sent to inhabitants of this city, it appears that the enemy, having landed a number of troops on the night of the 26th, and posted them advantageously without being discovered by our people, and having also posted part of their army in a wood, some distance from the main body, proceeded in a heavy column towards our intrenchments; early on the morning of the 27th, a firing began between our advanced guard and theirs; the enemy, with their middle column, made a feint at our works, and having received a fire, retreated. A brigade of our troops, consisting of the first New-York battalion, two Pennsylvania, one Delaware, and the Maryland battalion, under the command of generals Sullivan and Sterling, followed the enemy, a very hot fire was kept up: when the enemy had retreated, and our troops advanced on them some distance, the troops of the enemy, posted for that purpose, surrounded our friends, and a most severe engagement ensued. No relief could be given from the fort to our troops, without hazarding the post at Long Island; thus surrounded with three times their numbers; galled on one side with light horse, and torn with artillery in the front, they bravely fought for several hours; however, after having given the most convincing proofs of their bravery and skill, and having sustained considerable loss, they were obliged to yield to superior numbers; they were broken, and retreated as well as they could. Many fell by the bayonet, which was pushed with equal obstinacy by the two adverse parties. Our losses are not ascertained, some say 500, some 300. By deserters, the enemy had killed and wounded 500. Generals Sullivan and Sterling were both missing, when we last heard from gen. Washington, Thursday morning four o'clock. Colonels Miles and Atley were also missing, when our last intelligence was sent. A col. Grant of the enemy was killed, who else of distinction we have not heard. The enemy, upon the retreat of our brigade, took possession of a very advantageous wood, near our out intrenchment. Smallwood's battalion of Marylanders were distinguished in the field by the most intrepid courage, the most regular use of the musket, and judicious movement of the body. All the other battalions behaved as became Americans and men of honour, fighting for their rights and freedom. When our party was overpowered and broken, by superior numbers surrounding them on all sides, three companies of the Maryland battalion broke the enemy's lines and sought their way through; the others attempted to cross a small creek, which proved fatal to several of them; I have not heard their loss, but presume it is very heavy, they being in a situation very much exposed, facing the enemy's cannon in the open field for a considerable time. Capt. Veazey and lieutenant Butler are among the honourable slain; I don't hear of any other officers of that battalion being killed or taken. There is a report in town that Lord Sterling had got into the camp safe, but I fear it is not true. Since this engagement there have been frequent skirmishes between our troops and the enemy, the result of which we have not heard. Our posts are now very near to each other, and we expect hourly to hear of a very general engagement.

Saturday 3 o'clock, P. M.

By the post, arrived just now, we are certainly informed, that our whole army, the night before last, retreated from Long Island to New-York, bringing away most of their cannon, and spiking what were left. The enemy were taking measures to cut off the communication between the island and the main, and had also got possession of a post from which they could distress our camp at Long Island. Lord Sterling and general Sullivan are both prisoners. The enemy, it is said, have lost 1000 men; two generals and many officers are also killed. They sent a flag to exchange Lord Sterling for two missing generals of theirs, but we had them not, so that they must have fell. The Maryland battalion lost 200 men and 22 officers. Severe fate! It is said our whole loss is five or six hundred.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY. September 2, 1776.

LABOURERS are much wanted to work on the intrenchments at Annapolis. The Council of Safety will give three shillings and six-pence per day, or four pounds ten shillings per month.

B. RIDGELY, clk.

In CONVENTION. July 6, 1776. RESOLVED, That a bounty of one shilling, common money, be paid by the council for every bushel of salt imported into this county, and delivered above Point Lookout, before the first day of March next, and that the importer be allowed to sell the same at any price; not exceeding 7s 6d: common money, per bushel. Extract from the minutes, G. DUVALL, clerk.

In CONVENTION, May 22, 1776. RESOLVED, That a public salt-work be erected on or near the Bay, near the mouth of Patowmack, and another on the sea-board of this province; and that the said works be carried on on the public account, under the management and direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the Council of Safety for the time being; and that any sum of public money, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds, may, by order of the said Council of Safety, be expended in erecting and carrying on each of the said works. Extract from the minutes, G. DUVALL, clk.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY, June 10, 1776. ALL persons who are willing to undertake the erecting and carrying on salt-works, agreeable to the above resolve of the late Convention, are requested to attend the Council, and give in their proposals, which will be duly-attended to. By order, G. DUVALL, clk.

ANY person who is qualified to teach reading, writing and arithmetic, and can bring proper credentials of his sobriety and diligence, will upon application meet with great encouragement in the neighbourhood of Mr. Rebecca Addison, opposite Alexandria. J. H. B. B. B.

WANTS A PLACE, A WELL behaved young woman, of undeniable character, possessed of a good temper, works well with her needle, does up muslin, gauze, and fine lace, extremely well, would chuse to wait on two young ladies that are grown up, or attend one old lady, or dry nurse a young child, or be an assistant to a lady in her house, if she could make the trouble of teaching her method. Any lady this will suit will please to enquire of the printer. Head of South river, Anne-Arundel county, Sept. 1, 1776.

WHEREAS it hath been reported about the country, that my falling-mill did not go, to the prejudice of the subscriber, I take this method of informing the public in general, and my old friends in particular, that it is now going at this time. Those who please to favour me with their custom may depend on having their cloth done in the neatest and best manner, and with quick dispatch, by their humble servant, w. CASSANDRA DUCKER. Annapolis, Sept. 3, 1776.

FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD. STOLEN, about the 24th of August last, from this city, a short chunky brown horse, nine years old, late the property of Mr. Robert Buchanan. He has a remarkable short thick neck, with very little hair on his mane, and is marked with the letter M on his thigh, which is almost worn out. He trots, paces, and gallops very easy. A person of a middle size, with a blue coat, and sword by his side, was seen to ride the horse by the town gate. Any person that will bring the horse to me and apprehend the thief, shall receive the above reward, with all expences allowed by BENJAMIN KENNEDY.

THERE is at the plantation of Nathan Soper, in Prince-George's county, a brown cow, marked with a crop in each ear. The owner may have her again on moving property and paying charges w. J. A LIST of Letters remaining in the constitutional Post-office, Annapolis.

MR. JOHN ANDERSON, Cecil county, Elk-Creek, Maryland. Mr. Hugh Armstrong, of the continental army, Annapolis. Joseph Ashmead, Annapolis.

Mr. Robert Buchanan, merchant, Annapolis. Mr. Archd. Buchanan, merchant in the shore. Mr. George Brent, at Annapolis. Mr. Ignatius Boone, Annapolis. Norman Bruce, Esq; at Pipe Creek, Frederick county. Mr. Wm. Bordly, in Talbot county, Maryland. Mr. Barclay, Somerset. Mr.

Nichs. Boober, at Mr. Wm. Cayten's, innkeeper in Annapolis. Wm. Bayly, in convention, Annapolis. C. Mr. Charles Crookshanks, merchant in Oxford, Talbot county, Maryland. Mr. Henry Courcy, Queen-Anne's county, Eastern shore, Maryland. Mr. Wm. Carter, now at Annapolis. Mr. John Craggs, at New London, Maryland. Benj. Cheaney, Pigg Point; Patuxent. John McCall, at Mr. Anthony Stewart's, merchant, Annapolis. Clement Cannon, in Maryland, Talbot county. Choptank. Henry Carroll, Esq; in Maryland.

John Drane, commissary of the troops stationed at P. Anne, to the care of Mr. M. Hard, Annapolis. Samuel Davey, Charles-town, Cecil county, Maryland. Col. Henry Dickinson, Carolina county, Maryland. Dan. Dulany, jun. Esq; Annapolis. Mrs. Catherine Davis, to be left at Mr. Wm. Cayton's, Tavern keeper, Annapolis.

John Eden, St. Mary's county (3). Athanasius Ford, St. Mary's county, near Leonard town (2). Phillip Ford, St. Mary's county. Mr. Henry Ford, near Leonard town, to the care of Mr. Archibald Taylor. Capt. Gerard Fowke, Charles county, Maryland. Mrs. Rachel Furry, Port Tobacco, Charles county.

Mr. James Guilchrist, merchant, at Gilpin's Point, Choptank river, Maryland. Sam. Giest, near Annapolis. Wm. Green, printer, Annapolis. The rev. Mr. George Geldie, St. Mary's county, care of Mr. John Mills, jun. merchant at Choptico. John Gamble, at Farlee creek, near Annapolis.

Mr. Jonathan Hall, near Choptank town, Queen-Anne's county (2). Major Eliza, Cecil county, Maryland (3). Mr. Wm. Hall, near Governor's Bridge, Maryland. Mr. James Hutchings. James Hollyday, Esq; Queen-Anne's county, Eastern shore. Col. John Hawkins, Charles county, Maryland. Wm. Herbert, merchant, in St. Mary's county, Maryland. James Hammond, on Manoken river, Worcester county, Maryland. Thomas Henry Hall, Head of South river, Maryland.

Sam. Jones, tailor, Annapolis. Tho. Johnson, Esq; Annapolis.

Capt. John Lamb, Annapolis. John Lucas, Queen tree, St. Mary's county. Rev. David Love.

John McKind, to be left at Mr. Wm. Reynolds's, Annapolis. Walter Morris, Charles county, Port Tobacco. The rev. John Montgomery, George town, Eastern shore. Richard Maion, near Leonard town. Mary Merion, Prince-George's county. Joseph Milburn, St. Mary's county, to the care of Mr. Timothy Booes, London town. Mr. Milburn, living near Grenewood.

Wm. Oneal, Prince-George's county.

Nath. Platter, Esq; Caroline county, Maryland. Edward Plowder, Bush wood, Leonard town. James Patterfon, Oxford, Talbot county, Maryland. Mr. Page, at Swan creek, Eastern shore, for James Barry's widow, in Kent county. Nath. Potter, Caroline county, Maryland. Sam. Putviance, merchant, Baltimore. Wm. Potts, Esq; Annapolis.

Bennett Riley, near Leonard town, St. Mary's county, Maryland. Wm. Richardson, Caroline county, Maryland. Benj. Rumfey, Esq; Annapolis. The Rev. Rob. Read, rector of St. Paul's, Kent county, Maryland (2). Joseph Richardfon, jun. Caroline county, Maryland. George Rankin, clerk of the Provincial court, Annapolis. Josiah Russell, to the care of Mr. Reynolds, Annapolis.

George Stoker, to the care of Mr. Burgess, near London town. Abram Simmons, jun. Herring creek, Maryland. John Stewart, merchant, Somerset county, John Sumner, Maryland (2). Edward Sanders, Port Tobacco, Charles county. Ruth Santer, servant to Mr. Tho. Barns.

Sam. Tho. Tillard, merchant, Pigg Point.

John Voorheese, at George town, Maryland.

Alexander Williams, near Annapolis. Nathan S. T. Wright, Queen-Anne's county, Maryland. Col. Thomas Wright, Queen-Anne's county, Maryland. Peregrine Wood, Esq; Cecil county, Maryland. David Weems, jun. merchant, Anne-Arundel county. Laurant Waters, on Wecomico river, St. Mary's county, Maryland. Stephen Warkins, Anne-Arundel county, Maryland. Richard Wallis, in Hanover county, Maryland. Rev. James Wilmer, at governor Eden's. Sam. Withorhead, Esq; Eastern shore, Maryland. Tho. Wharton, to the care of Richard Sprigg, Esq; Annapolis. Leonard Wamond, near Annapolis. Miss Hannah Woods, at Richard Lee's, Esq; Charles county, Maryland. Robert Wilford, at Little Chop tange, Deister county, Maryland. M. Ann Williams, to be left at Mr. John Freeland's, on Walnut hill, Prince-George's county. Tho. Windham, Annapolis. Capt. William White, to be left at Mr. Hugh Bud's, merchant at Vienna, at Nanticoke river, Dorchester county, Maryland.