

(XXXII YEAR.)

MARYLAND GAZETTE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1777.

LONDON, May 5.

By a gentleman just returned from Portsmouth, we are informed, that when the *Exeter* was cruising in the channel, in a hard gale of wind, she drove into the bay of Biscay, where she met with the *Robuste*, a French ship of the line, who hailed her, and enquired what she was doing in those seas; she was answered, a hard gale of wind had drove them from their station, being on a cruise after the American ships bound to France; she informed the *Exeter*, that her orders were to cruise there, and protect the Americans against the English. The gentleman also says the French captain offered a copy of his instructions for that purpose, and was prepared to execute them with rigid attention. He has his tops manned, the swivels loaded ready for engaging, the pumps out of his great guns, and the matches lighted. This, the gentleman informs us, is a true state of the matter.

Extract of a letter from Rotterdam, March 30, 1777.

"Yesterday the prince of Anspach arrived here with a regiment of chaceurs, to guard the recruits going to America, and prevent mutiny and desertion. Never was there exhibited, in any age or country, a more shocking spectacle; the poor wretches were many of them bound hands and feet, and transported in wagons and carts; but, notwithstanding this precaution, many of them found means to desert, and others were shot by the chaceurs in attempting to do it. No words can express the indignation which I felt from the barbarous treatment of these poor peasants (none of them were soldiers) thus torn from every attachment of country, or conjunctivity, and of friendship, and sold to suffer and perish by the fatigues, diseases, and dangers of a long voyage, and distant cruel war. Their price too uncovered some emotions; but they were from vexation for the loss he was like to sustain by those of his recruits, who either deserted, or were shot, before their actual delivery to the purchasers. At length however, the greatest part of these wretches were embarked, and the prince, like a true father of his people, returned to enjoy the price of their blood; which may not only enable him to recover his lost credit with his creditors, but perhaps, like the worthy prince of Hesse, to make the tour of Italy."

It is said that the German troops lately sent to America, in passing through a part of the Prussian dominions, came to a bridge where his Prussian majesty had been used to receive a toll for all the cattle passing over it; and that the king's officers, considering the troops who were thus sold to foreign service as no better than beasts, actually rated them as cattle, and refused them a passage until the toll was paid.

BON MOT.—Lord Stormont, whole time is chiefly employed in circulating reports to discredit the Americans, having in a very serious manner lately told a French nobleman that six battalions in Washington's army had laid down their arms, the nobleman applied to Mr. Franklin, to know whether the story was a *truth* (une verite) to which the doctor answered, "Non, Monsieur, ce n'est pas une verite, c'est seulement un *Stormont*." No, Sir, it is not a truth, it is only a *Stormont*. This answer was afterwards handed about amongst the wits of Paris, and the word *Stormont* has since become a cant phrase for a lie.

Dublin, May 24. We hear from Perry, that the American vessel lately put into that harbour with a full cargo, and other commodities, is under an arrest that can be determined whether her clearance from New-York, now under his majesty's obedience, and a passport signed by gen. Sir William Howe, shall be allowed as exemptions from the late act for the confiscation of American property.

A gentleman, who was formerly lord chief justice of this kingdom, lately died here, and it is reported, was bequeathed to his majesty a fortune in money and estates to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds, to enable him the better to carry on the war against his rebellious subjects in America.

BOSTON, August 14.

An officer at Albany writes his friend here thus, "The next time you hear of me I shall have conquered, or shall be in the world of spirits, for we are determined never to give up the fort, while any of us are alive. And I think there are small hopes for any of us to surrender, for while there are a number of savages with them, there will be no quarters given. Burgoyne intimates we need expect no quarters; I hope it will learn us to defend our forts, and not run away and leave them like children."

Thursday last arrived safe in port, the prize brig *Devonshire*, laden with about 230 hogheads of rum, and 11,000 slaves, bound from St. Kitt's for Corke, lately commanded by William Fisher, of Corke, and taken about the 9th ult. by the captains Oaks and Freeborn; who were in chase of a large sugar ship and a brig when the prize left them.

Capt. Freeborn engaged a sloop out of Newfoundland, with 12 double fortified four pounders, and near double the number of his own hands, two glasses, when he obliged her to bear away, much damaged. Captain Freeborn burst one gun and one swivel, and had four men slightly wounded.

Capt. McDaniel, prize-master of the above brig; informs, that on the 19th ult. he spoke with the brig *Pluto*, Brown, and schooner *Harlequin*, Dennis, in concert, who had then been out 14 days, and had taken a brig from Jamaica for Quebec, laden with rum.

The next day capt. Oaks, above mentioned, returned

safe in port. We hear he took a brig, after the above prize, laden with fish, and sent her for the West Indies.

NEW-YORK, August 4.

Wednesday last the *Syren* frigate arrived here from Halifax, and has brought captain Fortenrigham of the *Fox*, and about 40 of his team, with capt. Manly and his first lieutenant; the latter commanded the *Fox* when taken by the *Flora*. We hear Mr. Manly is on board the *St. Albans*.

Last Wednesday morning two wood boats from Long-Island were taken by a rebel privateer in the Sound, near Hempstead harbour, and carried into Norwalk, in Connecticut.

STATE of VERMONT.

In council of safety, Bennington, August 16, 1777.

Brigadier-general Stark, from the state of New-Hampshire, with his brigade, together with the militia and companies of rangers raised by this state, with part of Symmons's regiment of militia, are now in action with a number of the enemy's troops assembled near this place, which has been for some time very severe. We have now in possession (taken from them this day) four brass field pieces, ordnance horses, &c. This minute 4 or 500 prisoners have arrived. We have taken the ground, although fortified by entrenchments, &c. but after being drove about one mile, and the enemy being reinforced, made a second stand, and still continue the action. The loss on each side is doubtless considerable, but the numbers not ascertained. You are therefore in the most pressing terms requested by general Stark and his council, to forward the whole of the militia under your several commands to this place, without one minute's loss of time. They will proceed on footback, with all the ammunition that can be procured conveniently. On our present exertions depends the fate of this state.

I am, gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JONAS FAY, Vice President.

PHILADELPHIA, August 26.

Last Sunday morning part of the continental army, amounting to about ten thousand men, with his excellency general WASHINGTON at their head, marched through this city, and immediately proceeded over the river Schuylkill, on their way, it is said, to the eastern shore of Maryland, where the enemy's fleet have lately been seen, and it is thought will make a descent upon that state. And yesterday morning general Mifflin's brigade of North Carolina forces, and General Proctor's regiment of artillery, passed through this city, and we hear are to resume the same route, in order to join our most numerous general.

Extract of a letter from general SCHUYLER to his excellency general WASHINGTON, dated Fort Mifflin, five miles below Philadelphia, August 26, 1777.

"I am just informed that Gen. Col. Willet is arrived at Albany. He advises that at the engagement which Gen. Mifflin had with the enemy, Gen. Gansevoort carried a battle with two hundred and six men, commanded by Gen. Col. Willet, that he made a successful attack on part of the enemy's lines, drove them across the river, and killed many. That Sir John Johnston, he is informed, was among the slain. That he took and brought in a considerable quantity of baggage. That on his return to the fort he was ambushed, and attacked by a body of regular troops, who, after a fire by which Willet and more than one man were charged with fixed bayonets, and drove. He farther informs, that between three and four hundred Indians were killed, wounded, and left the besiegers after the engagement. That the militia with Gen. Barker lost about 160 killed and wounded. That Gen. St. Ledyard, who commands the enemy's forces at that quarter, sent in a flag to demand the delivery of the fort, offering that the garrison should march out with their baggage, and not be molested by the savages. That it was not complied with, he would not answer for the conduct of the Indians, if the garrison fell into their hands; and that they would certainly fall on the inhabitants: that Gen. Burgoyne is in possession of Albany. [The public are desired to take notice, that Gen. Col. Willet did not inform, that Gen. Burgoyne was in possession of Albany, but that Gen. St. Ledyard sent this false information to Gen. Gansevoort, in order to induce him to surrender the fort.] That Gen. Gansevoort, after animadverting on the barbarity and disgraceful conduct of the British officers, in suffering women and children to be butchered as they had done, informed the flag that he was resolved to defend the fort to the last; that he would never give it up as long as there was a man left alive to defend it; that he was well supplied with provisions and ammunition."

"Col. Gansevoort being informed, that the militia were dispirited, expecting that the fort would soon fall, sent Gen. Col. Willet out to cheer up their spirits; that he found the militia of Dutchess county collecting with great alacrity, and as Gen. Arnold, with the troops marched under his command, will probably reach the German flats on the 16th or 17th, I have great hopes that the siege will soon be raised."

Published by order of congress,

CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

The following is Burgoyne's promise under which many of the circulations.

By JOHN BURGUYNE, Esq; Lieut. arms in America, col. of the queen's dragoons, governor of Fort William, and the representatives of the common, and commanding an army and fleet in Canada, &c. &c.

THE forces entrusted to my command to act in concert, and upon a common plan, the numerous armies and fleets with in every quarter of America, the and, when properly fought, the me. The cause in which the British apply to the most affecting inter heart; and the military servants called forth for the sole purpose of of the constitution, now combine country, and duty to their reverend five incitement, which form a due privileges of mankind. To the temperate part of the public, and fering thousands, in the provinces appeal, whether the present unat been made a foundation for the tyranny that ever God, in his di a time to be exercised over a tra generation.

Arbitrary imprisonment, confinement and torture, unpreceded of the Romish church, are a normities that verify the affirmative by assemblies and committees, themselves friends to liberty, apjects, without distinction of age crime, often for the sole suspicion in principle to the government u born, and to which by every ty they owe allegiance. To contin proceedings, the profanation of ro most profligate prostitution of con sciences of men are set at nough compelled not only to bear arms, sedition to an usurpation they abhor.

Animated by these considerations troops in the full powers of hea four, determined to strike where to spare where possible, I y the exhort all persons, in all places this army may point, and by w will extend it far, to maintain justice in protecting their land nants. The intention of this a security, not depredation to the whom spirit and principle may glorious task of redeeming their geans, and re-establishing the b ment, I offer encouragement a upon the full intelligence of t and mean to assist their underta the mountains, the infirm, and tents, I am desirous to protect, quity at their houses, that they to be removed, nor their c erated or destroyed; that they bridges or roads, nor by any o rectly endeavour to obstruct the troops, or supply or assist those.

Every species of provision, b he paid for at an equitable rate, In consciousness of christianity mency, and the honour of foldi on this invitation, and wished fo to give it impression, and let n and it, by confirming their di ate situation of my camp—I ha the Indian forces under my dir to thousands, to overtake the Great-Britain and America. I wherever they may lurk.

If notwithstanding these endo elations to effect them, the ph remain, I trust I shall stand a God and men, in denouncing geance of the state against the messengers of justice and of w field; and devastat on, famine, horror, that a reluctant but in military duty must occasion, w return.

Camp near Ticonderoga, Ju By order of his exc. Lieut. gen.

By lieutenant-general John Burgo and fleet of Great-Britain, ag of America.

To the inhabitants of Castlet land, Tinnmouth, Pawlett, V neighbourhood, districts bor Camden, &c. &c.

You are hereby directed to townships, deputations constiti from each township, to meet on Wednesday July 16th, at will have instructions not on ragement to those who compla manifest, but also to

of James Southwood, ty, taken up as a stray, a E unbranded, the appears, blooded, she has been weeks, and is about 14 may have her again on charges.

of Alexander M. Head of South River, in a up as a stray, a dark, 9 or 10 years old, a narrow blaze down to the side of her back, and gallops. The owner offering property and paying

county, August 6, 1777.

O. L. D. On which I now dwell, hundred and thirty acres, near Port Tobacco; with seven rooms and a, and five rooms and a ue. with a brick fire, a room and lumber-room, nary, corn-house, stable, ury, a duck-house, and other out-houses. Fish producing any commodity is a considerable quantity. It can be converted into fac high, dry, and healthy, ing a fine view of Patow-Tobacco creek, and the is very convenient to two merchant church, and Ro-it is an elegant building, the other beauties of the in a mile and a half, and a half at the door, plenty frequent opportunities in in it, this seat has a delightful and happy. A. O. G. G. are desired to make a subscriber.

WILLIAM HANSON.

ALEX. OGG. are desired to make a subscriber.

against the estate of Anne Arundel county, de- tending in, properly au- at they may be adjusted, to the said estate are ear- day pay-ent, that the sub- better enabled to pay off in due time.

approved by Mr. Bail to settle the business, and money received for the binding on

COLE, Administratrix. ber's plantation, in the and, about a year ago, a calf by her side; she is in the sight, and a crop her fore legs white, has years old. The owner is pay charges, and take her

county, August 14, 1777.

bidder, and most advan- ptember next, if fair, if suant to the last will and, deceased, on the pre-

and twenty-three acres of well timbered, mixed res cleared, and under Severn and Magothy quarters of a mile from fish and oysters, conveni- and about nine miles It is adapted for a far- acres of meadow may be between three and four have been planted about English kind of fruit, elling house, with three and sundry out-houses. ing, may view the pre- Roboison, who lives ad- ill flow the same. Any taken in payment, by BURGESS, Esq; extrix. all persons who have any bring in their accounts who are indebted to immediate payment.

criber, living in Anne- Herring-creek church, go man, named Jack, near 30 years of age, he is a good carpenter, at away with a mulatto lady Belt, near Rock- late coloured mare, with feet and a star. Who secures him, so that I in dollars, and four for

JOHN WEEMS.

FREDERICK GREEN.

PATAPSCO SLITTING-MILL. THIS is to inform the public, that the subscriber's MILL is completely finished, and now at work, where he sells WAIL RODS of all sorts, SHEET IRON, thick and thin, and MOORING of any breadth or thick- ness, upon as good terms as they can be procured in any of the United States.

W. W. A number of nations are wanted, to whom great encouragement will be given, by

WILLIAM WHETCROFT. AN swy, on Saturday the 9th instant, from the subscribers, in Bladenburg, a Mulatto slave named John, or John the Baptist, which he calls him- self, he was a few days ago the property of Mr. James Brooks, in Annapolis, and have heard he was this day in that town. Any person apprehending the said slave, and will have him secured, so that the owner may get him again, shall have three pounds reward, and reasonable charges paid, if brought to Bladenburg.

HENRY BRADFORD. Upper-Marlborough, August 1, 1777. Agreeable to the will of John H. B. Esq; deceased, will be SOLD, by public vendue, at Mrs. Gibbon's in Upper-Marlborough, on Saturday the 25th of September, for ready money,

THREE and a half LOTS of ground adjoining each other in the said town, on one of which stands a very good two story brick house, three rooms below, and four above, a cellar under one half of the house, a brick kitchen, two rooms below and two above, a negro quarter, milk-house, store-house, stable and chaise-house. At the same time will be sold, two other houses in Upper-Marlborough, one where William Urquhart keeps tavern, under lease for twenty-one years, time of which are expired; the other one is now made use of as an office for the records removed from Annapolis, rents for 24l.

TSAM. CHEW HEPBURN, executor. Piscataway, July 1, 1777.

For SALE,

MY lot in Piscataway: The improvements there, on are, a dwelling-house two stories high, thirty by eighteen, two rooms below, and two above, a stone cellar the dimensions of the house, a stable thirty by sixteen; a story and a half high, and an old store-house, new covered about three years ago, and with a small expence may be made either a convenient store-house or kitchen; the lot is inclosed with locust posts and oak paling, and contains near an acre. Part of the price may be made easy to the purchaser, on giving proper security, with interest

ALEX. HAMILTON.

Annapolis, July 16, 1777. THE subscriber takes this method to inform all persons indebted to THOMAS HARWOOD and JOHN BRICE, or to himself, that constant attendance will be given in the LOAN OFFICE at Annapolis, for the purpose of receiving payment or satisfactory settlements, for all monies due them; and, as long indulgences have been given them, hopes regard will be paid to this notice, as it may prevent a great deal of trouble, and will very much oblige their

Humble servant, THO. HARWOOD, jun.

July 16, 1777. To be SOLD, at the Northampton Furnace, about ten miles from Baltimore Town,

SALT-PANS of different sizes; and will make agreeable to any orders sent to the subscriber. Salt pans to be delivered, either at the furnace or grist-wharf, by

HENRY HOWARD.

Annapolis, May 13, 1777. THE subscriber, having the management of the TAN-YARD belonging to this state, will give encouraging prices for any quantity of sound green or dried hides, delivered in this city; where proper encouragement will be given to a good tanner, and the best price paid for shoe thread, by

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH.

August 1, 1777. **SALT-PANS**, ten feet square, and fifteen inches deep, with screws ready to join and fit them up, made at Catocin furnace, about ten miles from Frederick-Town, at fifty-five pounds per ton. If different sizes are desired, they will be attempted. Carriage from the furnace to Baltimore is now at seven pounds a ton.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Anne-Arundel county, north side of Severn river, July 23, 1777.

TAKEN up adrift, the 15th of this instant, near the mouth of Magothy-river, a small whale-boat, about eighteen feet by the keel, frigate rabbit, very sharp built, her upper streak painted of a pale blue colour, her upper moulding broke in several places, having on board her two dark not fellows, much too large for her. The owner may have her again, on proving property, and paying the charges of this advertisement, by applying to

JOSEPH MERRIKEN.

Prince-George's county, July 16, 1777. NOTICE is hereby given to all gentlemen travellers, that I have undertaken to keep a FERRY, about a mile above Clifford's Ferry, on Patowmack river, opposite Alexandria, which makes it much more convenient to travellers from the northward. All gentlemen who are travelling that way may be well assured that they will meet with good boats and attendance, and, by giving their custom will greatly oblige

Their humble servant,

ALLEN HODSKINS.