

...tions had bills are frequently printed and handed about England—America has many friends in Holland, &c. &c. &c.

...Sunday a schooner arrived here from Guadaloupe, and brings an account, that four store-ships with provisions for the French fleet at Martinico, had arrived at St. Eustatia; they sailed in company with 20 Spanish and French ships of the line, in order to reinforce the count d'Estaing.

...The River privateer packet, of six carriage masts, besides swivels, bound from New-York to Halifax, laden with rum, sugar and molasses, is taken by captain Sweet of Salem, and carried into that port.

TRENTON, June 2. On the 20th ult. the brigantine Delight, capt. James Dawson, from Tortola to New-York, mounting twelve guns, with twenty-nine hands, came aboard in a fog on Beach's beach on Cape May. Her cargo consisted of upwards of 80 hogheads of rum, some sugar, &c. Soon after she came aboard, our militia took possession of both vessel and cargo, and sent off the crew under guard to Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8. Extra of a letter from a seafaring town in Massachusetts-Bay, dated May 16, 1779.

Privateering was never more in vogue than at present—two or three privateers sail every week from this port, and men seem as plenty as grasshoppers in the field; no vessel being detained an hour for want of them. We have near a thousand prisoners on board the guard-ships in Foston, and a great balance due to us from the enemy. Cruisers from New-York, &c. are daily brought in, and often by vessels of inferior force; our privateers men being as confident of victory, when upon an equal footing with the English, as these were of gaining it of the French in the last war.

June 10. By a gentleman from Virginia we learn, that captain Sheldier having formed a company of hunters to join colonel Clark, on their way surprised two Indian towns, and killed about two hundred of the savages.

We are just informed, that the Hornet and Monmouth privateers have taken a sloop of fourteen guns and sixty men, bound from New-York on a cruise.

The Golden Grove, a fine ship of thirty guns, fitted out in Jamaica, with two or three other English privateers, have been lately taken by the French cruisers, and carried into Hispaniola.

On the 26th ult. the brig Monmouth, of 14 guns, captain Ingersol, fell in with the privateer sloop Jenny, captain Noble Caldwell, of 12 guns, within sight of Sandy Hook, whom he soon obliged to strike to the American flag. Captain Caldwell, his doctor, and five or six men were wounded, one of which soon after died. Captain Ingersol did not lose a man. Captain Caldwell had with him the prize schooner General Arnold, from Sineuxport for Boston, who got into New-York.

All officers in the marine department, residing to the southward of Hudson's river, who have heretofore been taken by the enemy and permitted to come out from them on parole, before the 15th of May last, are exchanged, and are at full liberty to act in such department as their duty to their country calls them.

Extra of a letter from Port au Prince, dated May 16, 1779. The French are making great captures, and daily bringing them to this and other parts in the island. A few days since arrived the Prudent and Active frigates, with seven prizes; one of 30 guns, one of 20 guns, several brigs and a sloop. I presume they will shortly deprive these islands of all their cruisers. They take many vessels of equal and superior force, being well manned. I lately saw an action near the island of St. Barthelemy between 5 French frigates and 5 British; they fought but a short time, the latter bearing away; the French frigates did not give chase, having a number of prizes with them. We learn that count d'Estaing is still at Martinico, and admiral Byron at St. Lucia; and that the land as well as maritime forces at St. Lucia drop off very fast.

Affairs abroad strike a great damp on our enemies, and we think the war will not be of long continuance. America will secure her trade and independence. The inhabitants in the British Islands are starving for bread. I have met with several gentlemen lately from Jamaica, who inform me they get no supplies, and they wish heartily to conciliate measures with America; but it is now too late, the current of vengeance is turned upon the head of the destroyer. The people of this island have a great affection for Americans, and wish you perseverance. May God grant success to your arms.

Extra of a letter from St. Eustatia, dated May 21. Yesterday a ship arrived here in fifty-one days from Amsterdam, in which came passengers two French gentlemen, who inform, that on the 24th of March advice was received there, that the court of Spain had acknowledged the independence of America; and consequently would join France in the war against Great Britain. All the letters from Amsterdam by this ship, confirm the above intelligence.

Two ships of the line were lately sent from France to the coast of Africa, in order to destroy all the forty frigates, &c. belonging to the English, which they effectually performed, keeping possession of one fort only, in which they left a garrison of 300 men; they took 7000 negroes, and a considerable quantity of ivory and gold dust, which they carried to Goree; the loss of which is of great consequence to the British trade in those parts. The above two ships have since joined

count d'Estaing at Martinico, who has now a fleet of 19 sail of the line and a number of fine frigates, with which he has been three times off St. Lucia, but admiral Byron did not think it prudent to come out and attack him. The French fleet in Europe daily becomes more formidable, and they have by this time forty sail of the line cruising in the channel. The chevalier de Fabry, with twelve sail of the line, is in the Mediterranean. The utmost diligence is used at Brest, Rochfort and Toulon, in building and fitting out line of battle ships; as also a number of frigates, which will carry 38 and 44 pounders; and the greatest encouragement is given to people of all ranks, according to their merit and capacity.

IN CONGRESS, June 7, 1779. Resolved, That the commissary-general of prisoners be authorized from time to time to pay to the order of officers and soldiers in captivity, any sums not exceeding the amount of their pay and subsistence, in order to enable them to assist their families; and that he make monthly returns to the pay-master-general of their accounts respectively.

Extracts from the JOURNALS OF CONGRESS. CHARLES THOMSON, secy.

May 20. A letter of the 19th, from the hon. Sieur Girard, minister plenipotentiary of France, was read, enclosing a note from Don Juan de Mirailles, respecting three Spanish ships taken by privateers and carried into Massachusetts-Bay.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a committee of three; the members chosen; Mr. Burke, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Lovell.

May 21. Resolved, That these United States be called upon, in addition to the sum required by a resolution of congress of the second of January last, for their respective quotas of forty-five millions of dollars, to be paid into the continental treasury before the first of January next, in the proportion following:

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Amount. Includes New-Hampshire (1,500,000), Massachusetts-Bay (6,000,000), Rhode-Island (750,000), Connecticut (5,200,000), New-York (2,400,000), New-Jersey (2,400,000), Pennsylvania (6,700,000), Delaware (450,000), Maryland (4,680,000), Virginia (7,200,000), North-Carolina (3,270,000), South-Carolina (5,550,000), and a total of 45,000,000.

Georgia, being invaded is hereafter to raise her proportion.

Resolved, That the said several sums, or any greater sums, which shall be paid by any of the states into the continental treasury, shall be passed to their respective credits on interest, on the same terms as are prescribed by the resolution of congress, passed the 22d of November, 1777.

May 22. The committee to whom was referred the letter from the minister plenipotentiary of France, with the note from Don Juan de Mirailles, dated May 18th, 1779, brought in a report; whereupon

Resolved, That the resolutions of congress passed on the sixth day of March last, relative to the controul of congress by appeal in the last resort over all jurisdictions for deciding the legality of captures on the high seas, be immediately transmitted to the several states, and that they be respectively requested to take effectual measures for conforming therewith.

Resolved, That the following letter be written to the minister plenipotentiary of France, and signed by the president:

Sir, Congress having taken into consideration your letter of the 19th of this month, I am directed to assure you, that as soon as the matter shall in due course come before them, they will attend very particularly to the case of the vessels stated in the note from Don Juan de Mirailles to have been falling under the flag of his Catholic Majesty; and captured by armed vessels under the flag of the United States; and that they will cause the law of nations to be most strictly observed; that if it shall be found, after due trial, that the owners of the captured vessels have suffered damage from the misapprehension or violation of the rights of war and neutrality, congress will cause reparation to be made in such manner as to do ample justice and vindicate the honour of the Spanish flag.

That congress have every possible disposition to cultivate the most perfect harmony with his Catholic Majesty, and to encourage the most liberal and friendly intercourse between his subjects and the citizens of these United States; but they cannot consistently with the powers intrusted to them, and the rights of the States and of individuals, in any case suspend or interrupt the ordinary course of justice.

NANAPOLIS, June 12.

On Saturday last, captain Earle, in the schooner Baltimore Hero of 12 guns, bound to St. Eustatia, in company with the brig Lively, captain Bell, the Lady Washington, captain Greenway, and four pilot-boats, fell in with two of the enemy's privateers, of 12 guns, with two prizes, off Rappahanock. Captains Earle and Bell engaged them for two hours and a half, and would in all probability have taken them, had not two brigs and schooners of the enemy bore down on them. After re-taking one of the prizes, which they sent into Rappahanock, they made the best of their way up the Bay, being chased up as high as Point-no-Point. The Baltimore Hero had three of her men slightly wounded, and was much damaged in her hull, sails and rigging. Two of the Lively's men were mortally wounded; and she is also much shattered.

By his EXCELLENCY THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq. GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND. A PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS the House of Senate stands adjourned to the third Monday in October next, and the House of Delegates stands adjourned to the last Monday in September next, and affairs of high importance and concern proper for the consideration of the General Assembly requiring a meeting as soon as well may be, I have therefore, with the advice of the Council, appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of July next for the meeting and holding of the General Assembly of this State, of which the several sheriffs are hereby enjoined to give public and due notice.

Given at Annapolis this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. THOMAS JOHNSON, By his Excellency's command.

G. O. D. S. A. M. E. T. H. E. S. M. A. D. Y. S. The printer craves that persons who have received the Maryland Gazette without orders, should send them to the printer, or to the printer's agent, before the expiration of next month, or they will be sold.

To be SOLD for PUBLIC VENDUE, on Monday the 28th day of this instant June, at the house of George Manpin in Annapolis, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, the new GALLEY ANNAPOLIS, and the SCHOOER GENERAL'S MALLWOOD. A number of four pounders of Derry's make, will be sold at the same time either with or without the vessels.

Petersburg, Virginia, June 21, 1779. For. A. D. B. The ship BERNIER, now lying at Broadways near Petersburg, in this State, is a London river built, capable of carrying 500 hogheads of tobacco, and a very good sailer; is well found with cables and anchors, completely furnished with every material necessary for a voyage, and may be got ready for sea in a fortnight; besides a complete suit of sails, she has a number of spare sails, and a quantity of rigging. The sale will be by public auction, on Thursday the first day of July next, at Mr. Bradley's tavern in Petersburg, where an inventory of her materials may be seen, and on board the ship. At the same time will be sold about 250 hogheads of prime upland tobacco that was prepared for her cargo; of which 60 are on board, the residue are in this town, and in the vicinity of Richmond, on James river. J. X. Paid

Annapolis, June 18, 1779. The partnership of BERRY and company being dissolved, all persons having any claims against the said company are desired to bring them in to the subscriber, as no further notice will be given. J. X. Paid ROBERT BERRY.

June 12, 1779. NOTICE is hereby given, that sundry inhabitants of Cecil county intend to petition the next General Assembly to pass a law, empowering the justices of the said county to lay off a lot of land in some convenient situation, at or near the Head of Elk, for a gaol and court-house, and to contract with some proper person or persons to build a good and sufficient gaol thereon, and to assess at their next levy court, upon the real and personal property in said county, a sufficient sum of money, by ensuing yearly assessments, to build a gaol and court-house thereon; and that in the mean time the county and orphans courts and county elections shall be held at some convenient house at the Head of Elk. J. X. Paid 300 Dollars

June 14, 1779. WANTED, in All-Hallows parish, a CLEVERMAN of the CHURCH of ENGLAND, recommended for his sobriety, to whom a general salary will be given, and the use of a small glebe, on which is a neat and convenient house. Signed per order, JOHN JACOBS, register.

LEFT, at the time the British fleet went up the Bay, in August 1777, at Newington, Rope-walk, a CROSS-CUT SAW. The owner may have it again on proving property and paying the charges of this advertisement. J. X. Paid

Worcester county, Maryland, May 18, 1779. NOW in the gaol of this county, a NEGRO man called COLLINS, belonging to a gentleman (he says) living in New-Virginia, whose surname is Bell, and that he left him at Dover, in Kent county, in Delaware, some time in October, 1778; he is a small black fellow, about 25 years of age. His master is desired to come and pay charges and take him away. BENJAMIN PURNELL, Sheriff.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD. Annopolis, May 10, 1779. LOST by the subscriber, the time when lost, by certain one State Loan-Office Certificate for 699 Dollars, No. 43, dated 24th July, 1778, payable to Mrs. Jean Stewart in three years from that date. Any person, on delivering the above mentioned Certificate to the subscriber, or to Mr. Benjamin Harwood at the Loan-Office in Annapolis, shall have the above reward immediately paid them; and if offered for sale, those to whom it may be offered are requested to stop the same, and to make the person offering give an account how it came into their possession. It can be of no use to any but the owner, as payment is stopped at the Loan-Office. J. X. Paid JAMES DICK.