

Sept. 9. Last Saturday his excellency the chevalier de la Luzerne, the new minister plenipotentiary from our august ally, his Most Christian Majesty, to these United States, and Monsieur Marbois, the secretary to the commission, with their suite, set out from this town, where they have resided about 4 weeks, on their journey to Philadelphia.

The appointment of personages so respectable to these offices is a proof of their importance, and of the high estimation in which these states are held by their allies.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.  
Hulker, on a cruise, Sept. 1, 1779.

S I R,

"This day we gave chase to a vessel which appeared off our lee bow—Her strange appearance led us to form various conjectures concerning her, but we were confident she was a vessel in distress. Upon hailing her she proved to be the remains of a brig from Boston, bound to Port-au-Prince, with lumber, commanded by captain William Clark. She was wrecked in the lat. of 36, on the 25th of August last. She had her mainmast carried away, and part of her weather quarter, the latter they filled up with shingles, stuffing oakum between, and rigged up a jury-mast; and although they kept burning continually for near 40 hours she sailed with the sea. One of the pumps being carried away and the other not freed, they were obliged to work up to their necks in water, till all hands were faint and ready to expire. Several of the crew were washed overboard, and one of them drowned. Their books, quadrant, and every maritime implement necessary for navigating her, were washed away. They hoisted some hogheads of water out of the hold, which had the happy effect of lightening her, and after a series of intense fatigue they put off, wishing some vessel might pick them up. They lost all their provisions except a little salt pork and a few biscuits, which were several days soaking in salt water; their fire was also extinguished, and all their efforts to create fuel were frustrated. We met them in the lat. of 39: 2, and spying us a few hours before in chase of another which we captured, they manned their boat and rowed after us, making signals of distress, which we were prevented from discovering owing to the object we were pursuing. So that night came on before we arrived to their relief. The captain informed me they had no expectations of surviving long, they were so attacked with a violent dysentery, and had been some days without tasting provisions. We gave them every article which they required, and would have had them remain with us till we went into port; being apprehensive that they were in a dangerous situation; but the captain, anxious to preserve the vessel and cargo, was determined to venture in her again: he acknowledged with a grateful heart the kindness he received from captain Geddes, and took his leave. He has since been overtaken by a squall, which did some injury."

Captain William Clark, in the above wreck, arrived at Great Egg-Harbour on Saturday the 4th instant, being towed in by captain Stillwell of that place.

Extra of a letter from Nebemiah Hubbard, Esq; Hartford, Sept. 9, 1779.

"By a vessel lately arrived at Bedford, commanded by captain Waddel, we are informed, that he sailed from the cape in company with a French fleet, consisting of 25 ships of the line and frigates, with 6000 troops on board, commanded by the count d'Estaing, and that in latitude 25 and longitude 70, where he parted with the fleet, he was informed the count was bound to Georgis, and from thence to the northward."

Extra of a letter from captain Samuel Nicholson, of the Deane frigate, to the marine committee of congress, dated Falmouth, Sept. 3, 8 o'clock, 1779.

"Gentlemen,  
"MY last to you was of the 29th of July, dated from Hampton in Virginia, and on the same day I left the cape with two Virginia state ships, their tender, and 13 sail of merchantmen. The state ships and tender quitted us soon after we left the cape.

"On the 2d of August we discovered two sail, and gave them chase; they endeavoured to separate our convoy, but we were fortunate enough to take them both, being privateers from New-York, one the Tryall schooner of 10 guns and 37 men, and the other the Fly:

ing Fish, mounting the same and 32 men; the former commanded by captain Warling, and the latter by captain Blair, both which were sent to Philadelphia under the command of Mr. Long a pilot, and Mr. Porter of the Boston.

"On the 9th instant we chased and took the ship Glencairn, from Glasgow, mounting twenty 18, 9 and 6 pounders, bound for New-York, and laden with goods, &c. she had about 30 men, and commanded by captain M<sup>c</sup>Caul.

"On the 12th, we came up with the Sandwich packet, from New-York, bound to Falmouth in England, mounting 16 guns and 60 men, commanded by captain Hill of the navy, who was going home with dispatches, which he threw over, and had on board lieutenant. col. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson of the 73d regiment, major Gardner of the 16th, with his wife and child, which we let remain on board her, on account of better accommodating, captain Ross of the 71st regiment, captain James of the navy, and Mr. Robertson, purser of the Swift, also Mr. Powell and Mr. Ashley, merchants, besides the officers of the ship.

"The 23d, we chased and took the brigantine Venture, from Madeira, commanded by captain Leake, mounting two guns and about 15 or 20 men, and laden with about 150 pipes of wine (Madeira) bound for New-York; she was dispatched for Bolton, in care of Mr. Day, midshipman of the Boston frigate; by her we learnt the declaration of Spain against England.

"Captain Tucker on the 24th was preparing to quit me, but just on the moment of parting we discovered a sail bearing down upon us, upon which we agreed to keep together till we saw who or what she was; and thereupon gave her chase, which continued till one o'clock next morning, when she struck without firing a gun. She proved to be the Thorn, a sloop of war from Portsmouth in England, pierced for 18 guns and mounting 14, was copper bottomed, and complete in every respect as a ship of war for six months, and only ten months old, had 135 men on board, and commanded by captain Wardow, bound for New-York; she was going with the spanish manifesto and other dispatches, which were destroyed.

"Upon my coming into this river, I found the Sandwich packet lying here, who had got in about four hours before us, having fallen in with Sir George Collier's fleet returning to New-York; but they took no notice of him, and he got clear.

"On board the Glencairn a person says he had in charge a box, which was to be delivered to some persons in New-York, but upon our coming up with them and the ship striking, threw it overboard; upon which we sent immediately after it, and with difficulty got it before it sunk, when upon examination we found it contain materials for counterfeiting our currency, consisting of types, paper with silk and ifinglafs in it, &c. We have however determined to secure the person, as we believe him to be the sole intender of the villainy; The box we have on board, and shall bring it with us to Boston.

"I gave the command of the Thorn to Mr. Yeaton, my first lieutenant; he is an excellent officer, and with he might be appointed to the command of her."

P. S. I saw the merchantmen a hundred leagues to the eastward of Bermuda.

Published by order of congress,  
CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 24.

A LIST of CONTINENTAL AGENTS licensed by the governor and council, to purchase in this state for the army, according to the act of assembly for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

August 26, 1779. Patrick Ewing, assistant commissary of purchases for Cecil county.

Sept. 3. Henry Hollingsworth, Cecil, deputy quarter-master general for the eastern shore.

7. James Calhoun, Baltimore, deputy quarter-master general for the western shore.

10. Ephraim Blaine, deputy commissary general of purchases in the army of the United States.

Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt, assistant deputy commissary of purchases for Queen-Annes, Talbot, and below.

Nathaniel Potter; ditto; for Caroline.

Richard Dallam, ditto, for Harford.  
Robert Buchanan, ditto, for Baltimore.  
Thomas Richardson, ditto, for Montgome-ry, Prince-George's, Charles, and St. Mary's.  
George Burdick, ditto, for Frederick.  
Moses Rawlings, ditto, for Washington.

13. Charles Patten, deputy quarter-master general for Frederick.

14. Richard Butler, deputy quarter-master for ditto.

Nicholas Tice, ditto for ditto.

17. Henry Wright, jun. assistant deputy forage-master general for all the counties of the eastern shore of this state except Cecil.

John Greer, assistant deputy quarter-master general for the lower part of Frederick and upper part of Baltimore counties.

Henry Shryock, ditto for Washington.

David Poe, ditto for Baltimore. Paid

Extra of a letter from Philadelphia, dated September 17.

"We have just received accounts of the count d'Estaing's being on the coast the enemy at New-York are apprehensive of this, and this day's news is, that an embarkation has taken place at New York of 6000; and that the refugees are in the greatest dread of being blocked up; and it is expected a general embarkation will take place very soon."

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, Aug. 2, 1779.

RESOLVED, That no private act shall pass this house upon any petition whatever, unless notice is given by the petitioner or petitioners in some gazette printed in this state eight successive weeks, and by advertising at the court house of the county where such petitioner or petitioners reside, at least eight weeks before the session of assembly to which application is made, that a petition is intended to be preferred, mentioning in such notice the substance of such petition, and evidence of the notice be produced upon hearing such petition.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Montgomery county, Sept. 14, 1779.

ON Thursday the 14th day of October (if fair, if not the next fair day) will be SOLD on the premises, the LAND and PLANTATION whereon I now live, containing 350 acres, upwards of 200 of which are cleared and in good farming order, about 18 acres of meadow now in grass and more may be made, a considerable part of the meadow is now watered at pleasure. This land lies about 16 miles above George-Town, is level, well wooded and watered, and is for the size as complete a farm as any in the county. The improvements are, a convenient brick house, kitchen, barn, still-house, mill house, and horse-mill, which is very convenient for chopping or grinding of grain, and the best cider mill in the state. The other improvements are many and very convenient. There are three English stills, which will be sold either with or without the land. Likewise at the same time will be sold some negroes, a very good waggon and gears almost new, a quantity of whiskey and wheat, and a considerable stock of horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, and many other articles.

JAMES PERRY.

N. B. Should the purchaser want a larger quantity of land, there is now for sale a valuable well improved plantation, containing 500 acres, which very conveniently joins on the above land. These two plantations would make a most complete farm.

THERE is at the plantation of John Ferguson, in Prince-George's county, a stray dark bay MARE, about 12½ hands high, docked, and branded on the near buttock d1, appears to be about 4 years old. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. 100 Dollars

Annapolis, September 9, 1779.

THE subscriber wants a number of COARSE SHOES made, for which good wages will be given; shoemakers may take them out in quantities.

A CURRIER will meet with encouragement by applying to

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH,

OF whom a good price may be had for coarse shoe thread. 3