

considerably than was at first imagined; the militia killed three of them, made six prisoners, and wounded a considerable number; they pushed them so closely, that they dropped a great number of their caps, coats, and other articles; and if it had not been for a large body of foot that were landed at South-Amboy, to cover their retreat, every one of them would have fallen into our hands. Their commanding officer, who was made prisoner, is lieutenant-colonel Simcoe, of a new corps called the queen's American rangers.

It is to be observed, that Simcoe, is one of the enemy's principal partizans, and that his exploits have been generally marked with acts of the most inhuman barbarity. In this expedition captain Peter Voorhees of the first Jersey regiment, unfortunately fell into their hands near Brunswick, and was massacred in the most shocking manner. Dr. Ryker and Mr. John Polhemus were made prisoners by the covering party, with several others.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.

We hear a brig from St. Kitts for New-York, with 120 hogheads of rum, is sent into Egg-Harbour by captain Gardiner of this port.

The sloop Active, captain Day, has taken and sent into Egg-Harbour the privateer Mercury, of 8 guns, captain Campbell, just out from York on a cruise. Captain Campbell and four of his men were wounded. There was not a man hurt on board the Active.

By the accounts of the combined fleets and the British fleet's near approach to each other, as mentioned under the London head, and several accounts, in different ways from New-York, we have great reason to suppose the following letter is the truth, especially as the writer got his intelligence in a way that he is fully persuaded of the authenticity of it.

Extra of a letter from Shrewsbury, (New-Jersey) October 26.

"It is reported, and with a good deal of confidence, that a packet went up to New-York, on Saturday, which brings accounts of an engagement between the two grand fleets in the channel, in which the British was worsted—The Ardent was sunk with her colours flying, and the fleet drove into harbour, where they remained blocked up in two different ports—I his report I believe to be true."

Extra of a letter from major-general Gates, to the president of congress, dated Newport, October 27, 1779.

"I have the honour to acquaint your excellency, that this island was evacuated by the enemy's troops on the night of the 25th instant, and the next morning the army under my command took possession of the town of Newport; I have further the pleasure to inform your excellency, that the enemy did not commit any wanton destruction upon their leaving the island; the batteries and defences towards the sea line, only being demolished; about fourteen hundred tons of hay, four hundred and fifty cords of firewood, six hundred cords of peat, and a large quantity of straw were left in the enemy's magazines.

"If the United States do not receive every advantage that can be made from the enemy's precipitate retreat from this island, it will not be for want of faithfulness and assiduity therein; for I assure your excellency, that neither myself nor the officers under my command, have any object but the public good.

"I am now wholly employed in securing the advantage we have gained, by fixing batteries of heavy cannon to the sea line, and in fortifying every post that commands the harbour: this is entirely engrosses all my time, that I must beg your excellency will excuse my referring you to my aid de camp, major Armstrong, for the further particulars relating to the evacuation and repossession of Rhode-Island.

"Before I close my letter I must in justice to the whole army under my command, say, that I have ever discovered in them, the utmost zeal and alertness in their obedience to all the orders I have given: civil liberty, and the rights of mankind, are well supported by such gallant men."

Published by order of congress, CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

The following articles are taken from the Charaibeian General Gazette, of September 23.

BASSETTERRÉ.

On Thursday last arrived in a cartel from Martinique, capt. tutton and the crew of the Sphinx 20 gun ship, which was taken to leeward of Barbados, on the 9th inst. by the Amphitrite, a French frigate of 38 guns; they engaged for one hour and 55 minutes; the Sphinx had 3 men killed and 4 wounded. At the same time were

taken the tender of the Furnace bomb, but the bomb, though to leeward, escaped.

On Sunday last was sent in here by the Beagle privateer, capt. Anderson, the schooner Friendship, capt. Turner, who says, that on Wednesday last, being then in lat. 20. 19. N. he fell in with two fleets, five ships of which were engaged, and others using every effort to join in the action. That the French seemed inclined to run, but he apprehended they were too close to effect their purpose. That he stayed 5 glasses to see the action; and that, when he bore away, he left them engaged. We apprehend that those French ships must have been the reinforcement intended for d'Estaing, which have fallen in with admiral Parker's fleet, as he was cruising N. E. of Barbados. We wait with impatience for a confirmation of this intelligence.

On Saturday evening last a large party of men, headed by several officers, and aided by a party of marines, pressed several seamen in town; but seeming to forget the duty upon which they came, they gave into several irregularities; for entering peoples houses, they used the people with violence, terrifying their wives and children into fits, to the no small annoyance of the public peace. Nay, so far did they forget themselves, that they wanted to enter Mr. Zouch's bedchamber, struck him several times with their swords, and at last ordered a marine to fire at him, who in all probability would have committed murder, if he had not been timely disarmed by a negro wench, who wrested his firelock from him, and threw it into the house. They pressed Mr. Thomas Atkinson, a responsible freeholder, and other people of credit, and sent them insultingly on board their ship, where they remained till next day. These acts of violence may prove injurious to his majesty's service, and ought to be restrained by the superior officers.

ANNAPOLIS, November 19.

At a meeting of a considerable number of the respectable CITIZENS of Annapolis, on Monday the 15th of November, 1779.

The honourable CHARLES CARROLL, of CARROLLTON, Esq; in the Chair.

Resolved unanimously, That the citizens of Annapolis, now assembled, highly approve of the public conduct and administration of their late Governor, Thomas Johnson, Esq;

Resolved unanimously, That the said late governor is entitled to the thanks of this assembly, and that an address to him on that subject be prepared and delivered to him.

Resolved unanimously, That Mr. John Lawrence, of the state of Pennsylvania, when in this state, soon after the passing of the law, entitled,

"An act for the better security of the government, was clearly and evidently an object within the said law, and that the proceeding which was had against him on that law was an official act of the governor and council, avowed as such by both governor and council, and warranted, directed and commanded by the said law.

Resolved unanimously, That the declaration and threat of violence to the person of the said go-

\* The 31st and 32d sections of the act for the better security of the government are as follows:

"And, To prevent this state from becoming an asylum for the disaffected fugitives from other states.

"Be it enacted, That the governor and council, or any magistrate of the county, on their or his knowledge, or on information, that any male person above the age of eighteen years, belonging to any of the United States, has taken shelter in this state, shall immediately cause such person to be apprehended and examined, and if such person cannot, upon such examination, produce a certificate of his having taken the oath or affirmation prescribed by his state, or if such person has not taken the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) which has been prescribed by this state, and refuses to take the said oath or affirmation, and shall also refuse to take the following oath, or affirmation, if a quaker, mennonist, or dunker, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly affirm, (if a quaker, mennonist, or dunker) that I do not hold myself bound to yield any allegiance or obedience to the king of Great-Britain, his heirs or successors; and that I will be true and faithful to the United States of America, and will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the freedom and independence thereof;"

the governor and council, or the said magistrate, may commit such person to the public gaol, or the gaoler and council may remove such person back to his own state, and in such manner as they may judge the most expedient; and if such person hath property in this state, he shall be subject to the treble tax aforesaid, in manner and form prescribed as aforesaid, and such person shall also be subject to all the disabilities imposed by this act; and upon every commitment of such person by any magistrate as aforesaid, the said magistrate shall immediately give notice thereof to the governor and council."

vernor, for proceeding on the said law against the said Mr. Lawrence, which the said Mr. Lawrence has at various times and places publicly made, and his late attempt to put such declaration and threat into execution, is an outrage on the government of this state, its laws and public authority.

Resolved unanimously, That it be signified to Mr. Lawrence, that his stay in this city is disagreeable to the citizens thereof, and that it is the sense of this assembly of citizens, that he ought to depart the city, and not return without permission of the governor and council.

Resolved unanimously, That so far as the said Mr. Lawrence is in so ill a state of health, that Dr. Murray, his physician, thinks he cannot remove from this city immediately without endangering his life, Mr. Lawrence ought to remain till his health is so far restored as to admit of his removal with safety.

Resolved unanimously, That a copy of these resolutions be communicated to Mr. Lawrence, and printed in the Maryland gazette.

Resolved, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Erice, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Paca, prepare the address to the late governor, and communicate the resolutions aforesaid to Mr. Lawrence.

\* Mr. Lawrence's address to the public, in consequence of the above resolves, came too late for this Gazette, but will be inserted in the next Baltimore paper.

November 11, 1779.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near Bryan-Town, in Charles county, the 12th of May, a negro fellow named HARRY, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, whom I purchased of Richard Marlow of Charles county. This is to forewarn all persons from harbouring the said negro, or taking any acknowledgment from the said Richard Marlow, or any other person, for the above named negro Harry. I also will give one hundred dollars reward to any person that will deliver me the said negro.

WILLIAM WATERS.

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.

TO BE SOLD,

A HEALTHY, honest, mulatto woman, about twenty-three years of age, with two fine girls, her children. She is an exceeding good cook, can do any kind of house work, and wash, iron, and spin cotton, well, and is a good seamstress of coarse work. She will be sold, with or without her children, to any person in Annapolis, Baltimore-town, or in the neighbourhood of either. For terms, and further particulars, enquire of THOMAS GASSAWAY, Annapolis.

Annapolis, October 22, 1779

FOR SALE.

THE UNITED STATES LOTTERY TICKETS in the third class. These go off very rapidly, from the advantage to the adventurer in this class compared with the preceding ones: the holders therefore of tickets in the second class, who purchased of the subscriber, being entitled to pre-emption in this, are requested to be speedy in their application to renew, otherwise they will be disposed of to others.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

THERE are at the plantation where Michael Murphy, deceased, lived, near Snow-dens river, in Anne-Arundel county, two young red and white STEERS, and one young COW, all marked with a crop and slit in the right ear, a crop, slit and under square in the left. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges, and take them away from RACHEL MURPHY.

October 29, 1779.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of colonel Robert Tyler, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, are desired to make them known to the subscribers; and all those indebted to said estate to make immediate payment.

WILLIAM BEANS, } execrs.  
JEREMIAH MAGRUDER, }

ALMANACKS, for the year of our Lord 1780, to be sold at the Printing-Office.