are safe to their destinations, but that a long passage and contrary winds obliged him to put into Spithead, to refresh his people, and take in necessaries, &c. and that he had been treated in that port with every attention due to a commander of a Swedish ship of war."

LONDON, *Oct.* 11.

Saturday private advices were brought to town from France, and immediately sent to the king at Windsor. We learn that they contain the particulars of the intended military and naval reinforcement going to America, and that instead of 8 sail of the line and 7000 men, 12 sail of the line and 10,000 choice troops are ordered on that service.

Government have received dispatches from general Vaughan, dated at St. Lucia, with accounts that the army is in the most lamentable situation from sickness, nearly one half of the original troops being, at this time, totally disabled. What is very singular, he mentions that the 98th regiment in particular has suffered so much from the prevailing contagion, that there is not one man in it capable of bearing arms.

Extract of a letter from Amsterdam, Sept. 30.

"On the 25th a congress brig, mounting 18 guns, arrived from America in the Texel, and immediately landed two gentlemen, who, it appears, are going to Copenhagen, as resident and secretary from the congress; their names were Brown and Williams, and they were to set off from this city, on their journey to Denmark, to-morrow.

Dispatches of great consequence are said to have arrived yesterday from the continent, supposed to be an official confirmation of the queen of Portugal's acceding not only to the armed neutrality, but to an alliance with the house of Bourbon; in consequence of which, a meeting of all the great officers of state was held last night at lord Hillsborough's office, the particulars of which have not yet transpired.

The commitment of Mr. Laurens to the Tower of London, by the three secretaries of state, on Friday last, runs thus:

These are in his majesty's name to authorise you to receive into your custody the person of Henry Laurens, Esq; sent herewith on suspicion of high treason, whom you are to keep safe until he shall be delivered by due course of law: for so doing this is your warrant.

Dated at Whitehall, the 6th day of Oct. 1780.

STORMONT,
HILLSBOROUGH,
G. GERMAIN.

To Charles earl Cornwallis, constable of the Tower of London, or his deputy.

A great fire broke out on the 16th of August last, at Salonica, in the Levant, which burnt down above six hundred houses, the greatest part of which belonged to Jews, who have thereby lost all they possessed in that city.

The grand fleet are not to sail from Torbay, until the fleet for America are ready to sail, which are expected the first fair wind.

The outward bound ships, which escaped being taken on the 9th of August, were underwrote last night at forty guineas per cent.

Extract of a letter from Paris, September 26.

"The prince de Montabarrey, minister and secretary of state for the war department, has sent circular letters to the commanders of all the French and foreign regiments of infantry, acquainting them, that it is the king's intention that the different corps which the war has required to be sent to America, shall be compleated: and that to this effect, each regiment shall furnish a detachment, consisting of two sergeants three corporals, and seventy five soldiers, excepting only such regiments as have already furnished detachments for the service of his majesty's army, and which are now only to furnish a proportionate number of men. The minister recommends to prefer such men as shall offer voluntarily, declaring unto them, that they are to be incorporated into the regiments of land troops actually serving in America: and he further observes, that these detachments should only consist of men from the age of 18 to 30, or such as have been at sea, though they should happen to be older; but that if a sufficient number should not enter voluntarily his majesty's will and pleasure was notwithstanding to be executed.

"Our letters from Brest mention, that the workmen in that port are busily employed in sheathing with copper all the ships that are destined for North-America, under the command of monsieur de la Touche Treville. The second division of the army, under the command of count de Rochambeau, which is to embark on board the said squadron, consists of the regiments of Auvergne, Meustri, Rouergne, and Annalt, commanded by their colonels the viscount de Laval, count de Guibert, viscount de Guistine, and the count de Wirgenstein."

DUBLIN, *Oct.* 17. It is feared the severities exercised by lord Cornwallis on the relapsed Americans, will be attended with very ill consequences by exposing any of the American refugees who may be so unhappy as to fall into the hands of their countrymen to a like fate, and thus open a scene of blood, too horrid to reflect on.

RICHMOND, *Dec.* 16.

Extract of a letter from an officer, dated camp, New-Providence, Nov. 26, 1780.

"General Sumpter, who was on his march with 700 men against the enemy posted at Ninety-Six, was last week attacked by colonel Tarliton, who had 650 foot, and 200 horse or mounted infantry; the former finding an action unavoidable, took post on advantageous ground, well covered with plenty of good timber. Tarliton charged twice, but was each time repulsed, and at length obliged to quit the field, leaving behind 93 men killed, and 80 wounded too bad to ride. In the engagement general Sumpter received a wound in the left shoulder.

"Colonel Marian has been successful in two late skirmishes, in one, which happened the 9th instant, he took from the British, 24 prisoners, and 80 horses, arms, &c. &c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.

Last Saturday captain Durham, in a schooner, arrived here in 18 days from Cape François. Letters received by her contain the following accounts, concerning the hurricane, which has been so severely felt in the islands, viz.

"Cape François, Oct. 29, 1780.

"We learn that, besides the hurricane, they have had at Jamaica an earthquake and an irruption of a vulcano. The town of Savannah la Marr is totally destroyed, excepting only one house: many other towns and villages have met a similar fate. The town of Kingston only has escaped with little damage. Several vessels were lost in Port-Royal, one of which was a privateer of 22 guns, which was ready to have proceeded on her cruise. The English have also suffered other losses, no less considerable. Two of their ships, one of 74 and the other of 64 guns, were wrecked upon the Golden Keys, and the whole crews perished, excepting five men, who were saved by a Spanish goelette; one of their frigates and a privateer ran ashore on the isle of Cuba; some of their crews were saved by the Spaniards.

"There has been also an insurrection of the negroes at Jamaica: the governor was obliged to march a regiment to reduce them to order; such is the unhappy situation of that island. Our islands and those of the Spaniards suffered equally by the hurricane. The losses cannot be made up for a long time, and especially as the distractions of war will not admit of such reciprocal relief as would tend considerably to soften the calamities.

"The squadron commanded by M. de Monteuil, which had been driven by the hurricane into Porto-Rico, is now on a cruise, in search of unfortunate vessels as may need assistance: he has already preserved the crews of five vessels from Martinique, which were lost on the coast of Porto-Rico, and were part of a convoy of 54 sail from Europe. Seven others of this convoy are arrived at the Cape, in the most distressed situation; the fate of the others is not yet known."

Extract of a letter from Trenton, New-Jersey, to a gentleman in this city, dated Dec. 9.

"The trade of this town has done themselves the highest honour by giving a full and immediate currency to the new bills of credit, issued in pursuance of the resolutions of congress of the 18th of March last. As soon as it was known a bill was before the legislature for regulating the exchange, they took them at par with specie, even previous to its being enacted into a law. If the same disposition prevails in your city, the object is attained, and that it does I have no room to doubt, after seeing the comparative value of the old continental bills and specie fixed to a point by voluntary agreement of the citizens. The rate you have adopted prevails far and wide: the trade of your city can give it such operation. They who can do so much good, can also do a proportionate harm. Remember how much depends upon your integrity and patriotism. It is the interest of every honest man, that money should not fluctuate; it is the interest of every sharping speculator, who encreases his gain by filching from his virtuous neighbours, that it should: this is the contest. Let us attend to it, and do what honesty and our country justly require of us."

BALTIMORE, *Dec.* 19.

The loss by the inundation of the sea upon the parishes of Montego-bay, Savannah la Mar, and St. Lucea, in Jamaica, is computed at one million sterling.

The Talbot, an American armed vessel, laden with tobacco, for Bordeaux, is taken and carried into Plymouth by the British frigate Crescent.

The brig Lively, of 12 guns, and 33 men, from Maryland, bound to Bordeaux, with 96 hogsheads of tobacco, and 1 ditto of furs, is taken and sent into Bristol, in England.

An American brig of 12 guns and 36 men, laden with 140 hogsheads of tobacco, 1 of 11 sail from Virginia, bound to the Texel, was carried into Leith road on the 8th of September last, by the Pegasus frigate. The Apollo was left in chase of two more.

An embarkatian of troops was, a few days ago, taking place at New-York.—Report says that these troops, (amongst which are brigadier-general Arnold and his corps) are designed for a southern expedition, under the command of major-general Phillips.

Nine sail of men of war of the line and a number of transports, with about 4000 troops on board, are now on their passage from France to America.

THERE is at the plantation of John Gray son of Joshua, a large red and white stray BULL; the mark appears to be one under cut on the left ear only, the horns seem to have a little bit cut off the ends of them. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 100 100 Dollars

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Charles county, August 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yesterday evening and made their escape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my custody as a runaway, on the 21st of July last, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelson, (I have been since informed of Frederick county) he is a small fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinean, but speaks tolerable good English, and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his escape, an old white linen shirt, a country linen ditto, a pair short linen breeches, and a felt hat And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my custody on the 10th inst. for poisoning, he is much stricken in years, and talks bad English; had on a country linen shirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the said negroes, and secures them in any gaol, so that I get them again, shall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reasonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty. tf

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

November 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the vestrymen, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of St. Paul's parish, in Prince-George's county, intend in due time to prefer a petition to the legislature, for the support of the christian religion in that parish, for repairing the church, and other parochial charges. 5 8w

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December 14, 1780.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC SALE, on Saturday the 30th instant, at Elk-Ridge Landing,

TWO likely young NEGROES, the one a BOY and the other a GIRL. The sale to begin between two and three o'clock.

THERE is at the plantation of Ignatius Handman, at Newport, in Charles county, a large brindled STEER, marked with a crop and a hole and an under bit in the right ear, and a crop and slit in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w 2

THERE is at the plantation of John Bruce, near Piscattaway church, in Charles county, a small black BULL, about three years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a swallow-fork in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w 3 X