

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 1783.

H A G U E, April 30.

It is thought that the courier sent off to Paris by their high mightinesses, with their last orders for signing the preliminaries, will return to-morrow or next day. In the mean time the letters from Paris of the 25th, mention nothing positive on this head, excepting a report current, that the signing was very near at hand.

LISBON, April 20. An American of distinction, who has for some time past resided in this capital, was admitted a few days since to a private audience of the queen, and had a pretty long conference with her majesty. It is asured, that the articles of the treaty of commerce, which is upon the tapis between our court and the United States, are nearly agreed upon; and that it will be conclusively settled on the arrival of a commissioner from congress, who is speedily expected in this capital.

HAMBURG, May 9. It is reported here, that the king of Sweden, intends furnishing the empress of Russia with 12,000 foot, and 11 ships of the line, which are to be ready in three weeks.

May 10. The last letters from Russia and Poland, seem to clear up all doubts respecting the secret designs of the imperial courts against the Ottoman Porte. It is decided that hostilities shall take place the beginning of the month of June; and prince Potemkin, who is at present with general Branicki, is to repair to the army, to take upon him the command.

L O N D O N, April 1.

The late archbishop of Canterbury, before his death, had fixed upon a particular spot in the church for his burial place. When the men came to remove the flagstones, and had dug deep in the vault, they found a large wooden box; in it was a large coffin of stone, which contained, on being opened (preserved in a spirit from its volatile smell, not unlike the spirit of Hartshorn) the corpse of the bishop of Ely, buried above 200 years, in high preservation, his hat, which was of velvet, and full trimmed, was under his left arm, he was wrapped in fine linen and had on his shoes and stockings; his face was perfect and his limbs flexible; his beard was of a remarkable length, beautifully white. They were so particularly careful to prevent its being disturbed, that no one was permitted to view it but in the presence of the reverend doctor W——, the late archbishop's chaplain. The date of the coffin plate is 1570, which makes it 213 years since his interment.

May 10. A few days ago a seaman having an agent's draught for upwards of 60 pounds on a banker in Lombard-street, desired to have the whole money in guineas. This being complied with, Jack was desired to count it; but this he positively refused for some time, till the clerk desiring he would count it over for his own satisfaction, Jack began, one, two, three; but could get no further than nine for the soul of him. Begin again, said the clerk. Jack then proceeded as far as thirteen, where he made a dead stand as before, when the clerk recommended a third effort, Jack swore most dreadfully, if he would not let him take the whole in a lump, he would leave it behind him, as he'd be damned before he'd count money for any man.

May 13. Gaming anecdotes. Mr. ———, the brewer, lost a short time since at Br-kes's, seventy thousand pounds, all his drays, dray horses, coppers, casks, and waste butts, with his iron hoops, which were the last stake. Mr. Fox, who was present, and partook of the spoils, moved that an annuity of £. 500 per annum should be settled upon the unfortunate brewer, to be paid out at the general fund, which motion was agreed to nem. con. and a resolution was entered into, at the instance of some gentlemen, that every member who should be completely ruined in that house, should be allowed a similar annuity out of the same fund, on condition they are never to be re-admitted as sporting members, as in that case the society would be playing against their own money. This is one proof at least, against the general opinion universally adopted out of the circles of gaming, that gamblers are divested of all generosity; at the same time it reflects great honour on Charles, for being the promoter of such beneficent acts.

When Mr. Fox first erased his name out of Br-kes's book, upon his being appointed secretary of state, many of the members expressed their astonishment, as they considered his post there, at least, equivalent in point of emolument to his present place. George S——n being present observed, in reply, "that Charles had now a much deeper game to play; that he must struggle and cut with all the world, pass with Holland, brag with France and Spain, and give up the game to America, after having made so many lost deals."

Political deaths, casualties, and other events.

D E A T H S.

IN St. Stephen's chapel, of a lingering and slow fever, which it bore with patience and resignation for many years, the Confidence of the people. The body was interred in Coalition Vault, near Convulsion Monument, under the north aisle.

Abroad, where she has resided a long time, the right honourable Lady Americanus subjection, second daughter of Lady Britannia, and lineally descended from the ancient house of Magna Charta. This lady, some time since, conceived a violent affection for a Frenchman, who, after swindling her out of a considerable sum of

money, prevailed on her to marry him, which marriage occasioned her irreparable loss to this kingdom.

Of a pain in the bowels and limbs, occasioned by a severe cold, caught on the night of adjusting the preliminaries of peace, the late Cabinet. The patient struggled hard in the agonies of death, and parted life with infinite regret. Antecedent to the hour of dissolution, the funeral preparations were made in the Upper House, and episcopal absolution given to the expiring sinner. The lamp of life went out at five o'clock in the morning. The body now lies in state.

Of a broken heart, the Constitutional Virtue of the British Senate. She was beloved and adored whilst living, and in her death is lamented with the most heart-felt sorrow.

Of an apoplexy, or an epilepsy, Mrs. Animosity, a lady who long lived between two of the greatest senators in the world. The body is to be opened in a few days, that the bowels may be embalmed, and the heart buried in a golden urn.

At a fashionable rout, where she was playing in a party at whist, Mrs. Reputation. Her death was occasioned by supping with Mrs. Envoy, the preceding night, on a dish of felon mon-gout slander.

In child-bed, last Sunday, Mrs. Sincere Devotion, an heavenly woman of the most religious disposition. She was delivered of twins, who received baptism immediately, and were called, the one, Lord's Day Card-table, the other, Sunday's Rout. Both these pious bantlings are likely to do well. They were sent to nurse in the west end of the town.

Of an unknown disorder, the Intention of a noble Lord to destroy the E O Tables. The faculty purpose opening the body.

Of a treasury fever, the real spirit of the Reform Bill. It was an infant that just tasted the cup of exultation, turned his head aside and expired. It is succeeded in title and estate by an illegitimate offspring.

In the common council of the city, Peccation Jobb, Esq; he was a person long in favour, but being discovered in various pilfering tricks, the detection broke his heart, and he died of a melancholy fever.

Casualties and remarkable occurrences.

On Monday last a terrible fire broke out in the new Political meeting house, which was not extinguished at ten o'clock on Thursday. Every engine was at work, but the flame raged so violently, that it could not be got under. There was not an article in the house insured.

On Tuesday the chariot of a demirep broke down; but by the assistance of lord M——d, who was then passing in his parchment carriage, it was carried to an eminent shop in Carey-street, where it is to undergo a thorough repair.

Last week a lady, called Public Expectation, was, to the astonishment of every body, nocturnally and diurnally brought to bed of a disappointment, and is supposed to have several more of the same evanescent infants in her womb.

A madman, known by the name of Methodism, was carried before the sitting magistrate, and convicted of robbing several poor women of their money and understanding. He was ordered for trial.

On Thursday an author was openly convicted of a most ungrateful paragraph against actors and actresses, who were the means, and the only means, of preventing dramatic damnation on a recent occasion.

Public Applause; long confined to the castle of Andalusia, is so well pleased with his situation, that it is thought he will make it a constant abode for life. Several attempts have been made to release this, hitherto, indiscriminate fellow, to all of which, except that of Miss Rosina, he has not paid the smallest attention. He has confessed that he killed, and he prattled with fifty fair maids, without a serious attachment to any; but she, and her fellow warbler, have made a very strong impression upon him.

The Bird of Paradise, on the wing last Thursday night, struck against a pigeon, which she immediately seized, took home, and plucked and picked it to the bone. These fowls of prey, it is said, will shortly be all confined to a certain district.

May 17. Yesterday lord Northington took leave of their majesties at St. James's, on his going to Ireland.

Yesterday his excellency count d'Alhemar, the new French ambassador, was introduced to her majesty. As were also the duc de Chartres, duc Fitz-James, and count Conflans, lately arrived from France.

The quantity of hemp imported in Great-Britain last year from Russia, was 136,000 tons, which is 16,000 tons more than were ever imported into this kingdom in one year before.

The French are so sensible that a considerable marine establishment is necessary for keeping up their consequence in the political scale, that, contrary to their former system; it has been determined to lessen their army, and apply the savings towards building a navy. Accordingly two new docks are making, one of which is to be in the channel, the other in the bay. A new code of laws is also forming for regulating their marine, by which great encouragement is to be held out to induce the nobility to bring up their children to the sea; a service heretofore held by them in no respectable light.

The French fleet suffered considerably, and one of their line of battle ships was wrecked in the same gale which dismasted the superbe. The l'Orient, of 74

guns, was lost in Trincomale bay, after the action of the 2d of September, and it was confidently reported that the French fleet was gone to Acheen to refit.

May 23. Some instructions on Wednesday passed the seal, which were immediately sent off to the duke of Manchester, at Versailles; and it is said that full powers were given a few days ago, under the great seal, to David Hartley, Esq; to conclude a commercial treaty with the ambassador from the United States of America at Paris.

Last week goods to the amount of £. 40,000 were entered at the custom-house, for Virginia and Maryland.

The dust lately kicked up in the cabinet, originated about the disposal of the two parks and the buck-hounds. The Foxites remonstrated; and lord North (as he had done for ten years before) treated their remonstrances with contempt. The Butean influence prevailed, and the six thousand a year was divided between lord Sandwich and his son; lord Hinchinbroke; thus much for the coalition; how long are the people to be amused with the ridiculous idea of a whig administration.

In the gale of wind last Monday, the Ganges man of war, of 74 guns, broke from her moorings at Spit-head, and got on shore; but, very fortunately, and contrary to expectation, she was got off the next tide, without receiving any considerable damage.

May 26. Orders have been issued to the colonels of the different regiments which are not already disbanded, and which were intended to have been disbanded, to desist from the prosecution of the measure until further notice.

Mr. David Hartley having completed the business of a commercial treaty with the states of America, has been for some days past expected in town; and on his arrival the result of his negotiations will be laid before parliament.

The public bank established last year at Philadelphia, has risen into eminent credit and consequence, and is likely to be of the highest advantage to trade and commerce. It has been aided by silver specie (chiefly in crown pieces) from France, to upwards of five hundred thousand louis d'ors, which, together with a vast circulation of Spanish and Portugal gold and silver, and but too many of our British guineas, is rapidly rising this newly established bank into great consequence and extensive circulation.

Mr. Harford, the proprietor of Maryland, has taken leave at court, and sets off in a few days for Maryland, with assurances, every thing he has been deprived of in that country will be restored to him.

The duke of Manchester is one of the most popular public characters that has visited Paris for many years. The name of Montague is highly pleasing to the French people in general, who treat him with the most singular marks of respect, whenever he appears in public.

K I N G S T O N, (Jamaica) June 4.

Early on Wednesday morning, the 11th instant, a most villainous attempt was made by some person or persons (as yet unknown) to destroy the boiling-house of Mr. W. Hall, sugar refiner, by fire, but which, by the interposition of Divine Providence was happily frustrated. The relation of the discovery is as follows: Mr. Killick, the boiler, having awoke about twelve or one o'clock, and imagined it rained, and recollecting he had left a hoghead with some sugar exposed to the weather, immediately got up to remove it; on opening the door, he perceived the boiling-house on fire; it had just begun to flame; with all imaginable haste Mr. Killick ran to the spot, and with some lime-water which was luckily near at hand, he was enabled to extinguish the fire: had he slept a few moments longer, the assistance of all human power would have proved ineffectual to have saved the buildings of Mr. Hall from being entirely consumed, and in all probability (as the breeze was very high) the fire would have extended to a considerable distance. On examining the place where the fire began, two large pieces of rag were found in the guttering, under the eaves of the boiling-house, burnt to tinder, and in which it is supposed some fire had been concealed, and put to the wall-plate of the building by some evil-minded person or persons, and apparently must have been lodged there near 30 minutes, as the wall-plate was much burnt.

N E W - Y O R K, July 23.

When captain Colvill left Bristol, which was the 27th of May, it was reported there, that the definitive treaty between Great Britain and America, was signed, but not published in the gazette.

Captain Colvill on his passage spoke with the following vessels, viz. July 1, lat. 40, 36, long. 54, with the ship Irish Volunteer, Peter Dillon, master, from Larnac, in Ireland, with 350 passengers, for Philadelphia; on the 11th, lat. 38, 10, long. 64 1/2, with the Jenny, Robert Kerr, master, from Glasgow, for this port; and on the 17th, with the Swallow packet, from this port for Falmouth, 80 leagues E. by S. from Sandy Hook.

A ship and a brig were to sail from Bristol for this port a few days after captain Colvill.

Tuesday last the ship John, captain Nath, arrived here from Oporto, he informs us, that the Algerines are again beginning to commit depredations upon the Portuguese, as several of their corsairs were cruising off the rock of Lisbon; and that some ships of the line, belonging to his Portuguese majesty, were sailing to go in pursuit of the infidels.