

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1783.

LONDON, May 7.

THE Assiento treaty is the first revival of commerce between Great-Britain and Spain, after a war between the two powers. It wholly concerns that trade which is carried on by vessels under the English flag, from the coast of Africa to South-America, whither slaves are sent for working the mines. The American states have had agents at Madrid near two years, who have been endeavouring to finish a negotiation of this sort; but hitherto, a jealousy of a sovereign state in the western world, has prevented the Spaniards giving that countenance to American independence which they may now find necessary, and therefore nothing decisive has yet been concluded on. It is more than probable the Americans, however, at some future period, will engage the whole of this trade to South-America, as their situation will enable them to supply the Spaniards much cheaper than any European can pretend to. The Spanish jealousy of this rising empire, therefore, should check them, the Americans will become one of the principal slave-traders in the world.

May 14. A woman who has for more than 40 years been a common beggar in the neighbourhood of Stepney, Ratcliffe-croft, Shadwell, and Wapping, was found dead on Sunday at her lodgings in Gravel-lane, and upwards of £.200 in silver and copper found in her apartment.

When the marquis of Titchfield (now the duke of Portland) was upon his travels, he was introduced to the king of Prussia, and the conversation turning upon the political contentions and animosities then prevailing in England, "If, said Frederick, I were to sit upon your throne for three days, I would teach you what it is to have a king." Upon which the spirited young nobleman replied, "Please your majesty, I do not think you would be able to keep your seat on the English throne for three hours."

The following case must appear surprising to the gentlemen of the faculty: On the 4th of February last, Mr. Brouncker Thring, attorney at law, at Knock, in Wiltshire, was cut for the stone just as he was entering the 70th year of his age, and had stones extracted from his bladder, nearly of an equal size, measuring almost three inches round, and he is now perfectly recovered.

May 22. His royal highness the bishop of Osnaburgh being trained up to arms, the German divines call him the head of the church-militant—a soldier and a priest.

Intelligence extraordinary.

Monday the coroner's inquest sat on the body of Common Sense, who was supposed to have killed herself; when a number of circumstances were brought in proof of her having committed this rash action; notwithstanding which the verdict was brought in lunacy; among other circumstances that appeared before the inquest, was her having persuaded a multitude of people to be stewed at a masquerade in the middle of a hot May.

The court of mayor and aldermen, in offering a reward for preventing wanton boys from cruelly treating burned cattle, manifested a most charitable concern for their brethren the citizens of London.

A few days ago was committed into the custody of the Bank of England, a large sum of money that had elapsed from the treasury.

Bill of mortality for last week.

Died, of a broken constitution, Poor Old England! Wounded, fifty reputations, by stabs from private assassins. Strangled, ten common councilmen, with eating turtle soup.

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A large tract of land called AMERICA: whoever shall bring it back again to Mrs. Britannia shall receive thirteen stripes reward.

Burnt, the books of a public office to screen the delinquents.

Starved, ten poor wretches, in the Royal Work-houses.

Chilled, by mismanagement, several public charities. Bitten by a mad dog, Public Taste. Died raving mad, Modern Patriotism.

Anecdote of king Charles II. King Charles one day having a sum of money on the table, and Killigrew coming in, King Charles said, "Killigrew, if you can make a rhyme to what I am going to say, I'll give you this sum of money—" My belly grumbled and I f---d." Then Killigrew answered, "A fool and his money is soon parted;" and deliberately pocketed the whole sum.

May 26. The provinces of Virginia and Maryland, the country from which we used to receive the most valuable returns, has been the reservoir from which the American army has been constantly recruited; this circumstance alone would be sufficient to impoverish them, without having felt at home the dire calamities of war; but they have seen the enemy's army marching through the country, destroying their plantations, carrying off their slaves, and burning their houses. What produce then can be expected from that quarter? Carolina and Georgia too have long felt the horrors of war, and been in too unsettled a state to attend to the cultivation of their lands; therefore, let them want goods ever so much; they have no property to give in return. The provinces to the northward, who have

felt the calamities of war less are left in want of our manufactures, as they live more within themselves and procure most of the necessaries of life at home.

June 12. From the authority of several skilful investigators into the ill-fated cause of Mr. Spalding's death, it appears evident, that it was undoubtedly owing to a highly noxious effluvia, either rising from the putrid bodies in the Indiaman, or the great quantity of the medical plant called ginseng, part of the cargo; his death must have been instantaneous, from the highly active and exalted state of the putrid air, otherwise it must rationally be supposed the unfortunate gentleman would have adopted the ingenious mode of preservation, that of cutting the rope which suspended the weight from the centre of the diving bell, which, on being separated from it, must have instantly rose to the surface of the water. The sudden death caused by foul air in the cellars, and other subterraneous air in the regions of the sea.

On Monday last as fifteen men were at work at a coal-pit at Covert, in the county of Somerset, a sudden damp arose and immediately took fire, by which accident thirteen of the men were burnt or suffocated to death, and the other two much hurt.

Saturday a man went into a public house at Stockwell, and called for a pint of beer, which he drank and paid for, and going afterwards into the back yard, took an opportunity of stealing two young pigs, four days old, which he put into each coat-pocket, and was going off undisturbed; but the old sow, forcing the sty, pursued him, and taking him fast by the coat, was the means of the robbery being discovered, and the two young squeakers restored to the inconsovable mother.

A correspondent informs us that a very elegant and superb phaeton was yesterday shipped off for his imperial highness the grand duke of all the Russias, from her imperial majesty's coach-maker, and is sorry to find it could not be publicly seen for the satisfaction of the curious in arts, owing to the shortness of the time from its being finished to its being obliged to be shipped; he has favoured us with the following description: The panels are of the highest polished silver, which form a perfect mirror, and the first of the kind that has been attempted in this or any other kingdom; the enrichments are the initials of the grand duke and duchess, P. M. in elegant oval frames, with the imperial crown and other ornaments in metal, water gilt, and well executed. The lining is white satin, richly embroidered, the trimmings are gold lace and fringes, with green satin festoon curtains. The carriage is elegantly formed with curious workmanship in metal, wood, and iron, overlaid with party-coloured gold.

A new field of politics will shortly be opened among the Americans. The jarring interests of the different colonies, now they are become independent states, will become more apparent than ever. Every man for himself is a good American proverb (as poor Richard says) their clove union was caused only by their resistance to Great-Britain. The cause being taken away, the effect will cease.

The tobacco trade is a prodigious nursery for American sailors, therefore we should strive to raise up rivals to them in that article. Among all the kingdoms in Europe, where we have the least influence, there cannot be a doubt but that this island would produce not only enough to supply our home consumption, but even some for exportation. There seems yet some obstacles in the way of cultivating that weed to any considerable extent in Britain. Our inhabitants make use of about 35,000 hogheads per annum. The customs-house accounts make it 10,000 less, but there is so much smuggled, which would give employment to 150 sail of British ships, and 1500 seamen, were we to import it; but by growing it here there would then be no occasion for them; a matter of serious consideration to this kingdom, which must truit her existence to her oaken ramparts.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) August 9.

The good consequences of the peace are now universally felt: since the first of this month beef and turtle, which used to be sold at a shilling a pound, have been vended in the public market at seven-hence half-penny; mutton, from 1s. 8d. has fallen to a shilling; veal, from 1s. 3d. to 10d. and fish, from 1s. 3d. to 7d. the price of almost every other necessary of life has decreased in nearly a similar proportion; so that whatever reason many may have had to wish for a continuance of the war, the middling and lower classes of the people must rejoice at its termination.

Since our last arrived his majesty's armed brig Kappel, from New Orleans, having on board the persons concerned in the revolt against the Spaniards in the province of Louisiana, who, after being condemned to death, were pardoned by the Spanish governor, Don Galvez, in compliment to his royal highness prince William Henry; and the ship Jane, Rais, from Antigua.

Q U E B E C. August 7.

Since our last the German auxiliary troops embarked on board 25 transports, and began on Sunday morning to fall down to Bique, where they are to rendezvous, and from thence sail for Europe, under convoy of his majesty's ship Pandora, captain Inglis; they consist of the following regiments and corps, viz.

- Troops of Brunswic, under the command of major general Riedesel.
Riedesel's dragoons, commanded by major de Bauman.
Prince Frederick's battalion of grenadiers, by colonel Prætorius.
Riedesel's regiment of infantry, by colonel de Hille.
Rhetz's ditto, by major de Louke.
Specht's ditto, by major Ehreckrook.
Troops of the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, under major general de Loos.
Losberg's regiment, commanded by major general de Loos.
Troops of Hesse Hanau, under colonel Lentz.
Company of artillery, commanded by major Pzuzfuch.
Corps of chassours by colonel de Creuzoourg.
First battalion of the hereditary prince of Hesse Hanau, by colonel Lentz.
Troops of Anhalt Zerbst, under colonel Raufshemlat.
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S A L E M, August 28.

Since our last captain George Osborn arrived here from Quebec. He sailed from this port about ten weeks since, with a cargo for that place; but on his arrival, he was not admitted to an entry at the custom-house, the officers pretending that they had received no authentic intelligence of the conclusion of peace. Captain Osborn, however, finally obtained a permit, allowing him to trade; but finding it not for his interest to make use of it, he left the place without breaking bulk.

B O S T O N, September 1.

Captain William Harris, who arrived here on Friday last, in 9 weeks from Breadport, in England, on the 9th ult. spoke the Nonfuch, Robert Cauldfield, master, bound from Baltimore for London, in lat. 44. 15. N. long. 44. 00. W. all well—and on the 9th, in lat. 43. 35. long. 56. 0. W. spoke the Fame, bound from Philadelphia for St. John's; all well.

Monday last being the anniversary of St. Louis, his excellency the governor, his honour the lieutenant governor with their families, the count general and vice-count of France, the count d'al Verme, (a nobleman of Milan now on his travels through the United States) and a number of ladies and gentlemen of character, dined at the Castle.

At 12 o'clock, a royal salute of 21 guns were given in honour to his most christian majesty. After dinner, his majesty's health, and that of the queen and royal family of France, were drank, with every mark of respect and affection due to so faithful and illustrious an ally.

P R O V I D E N C E, August 30.

A letter from Princeton, received by yesterday's mail, mentions, that on the 14th instant the question was debated in Congress, whether that honourable body would return to Philadelphia, and resume their deliberations in that city? when it was resolved in the negative, six states voting against the measure.

N E W - L O N D O N, September 5.

Last Wednesday evening a large sloop which lay at anchor at the mouth of this harbour, where she arrived a few hours before from Connecticut river, and bound to the West Indies, took fire and was burnt down. The fire it is said, communicated from the cabouse to a bundle of hay, while the people were in the cabin, and before it was discovered had got to such a height that all attempts to extinguish it were fruitless. She was owned by Mr. Cruger in St. Croix, and commanded by captain Marshal. Only two persons were on board who were taken off by the boats from the shore.

C H A T H A M, September 10.

Tuesday and Wednesday night, the 2d and 3d inst. the frost was so severe in these parts as to destroy that prospect of exuberance we had. Indian corn is considerably hurt, and, it is said, near two thirds of the buckwheat is entirely destroyed.

Several renegades, formerly belonging to this state, but late in the British service, being now discharged, have had the effrontery to make their appearance in this county; but after receiving proper discipline, have been ordered to return from whence they came.

N E W - Y O R K, September 10.

Two American vessels, it is said, lately arrived at Lisbon, laden with flour, but were not permitted to sell or land their cargoes, as the Portuguese wish to be the carriers of such American produce as may be necessary for their consumption.

Monday arrived the ship Nancy, captain Thomas Hammond, in 10 weeks from London; she is one of a fleet, partly already arrived, which makes 8, out of 12,000 tons of shipping destined for this port, to carry off the garrison, stores, &c. the other 4000 are hourly expected.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, Sept. 11.

Extract of a letter from Scotland, to a gentleman in this city, dated May 10, 1783.

"Many applications of this kind (letters of introduction) may be expected, unless the late throwing out of the American intercourse bill for three months indicates a resolution of renewing the American war, which God forbid.

"If the loyalists, on whom pensions are now settled by government, should be suffered to remain in your