

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1784.

LONDON, July 5.

THEY write from Aix-la Chapelle, that a young lady, named C..., married to M. d'E..., jun. president of the parliament, has been found dead in her bed with her throat cut. She was not twenty four years of age. As her purse only was missing, and her jewels had not been touched, it was suspected that the murder was committed by some robbers. The lady's woman and the domestics have surrendered themselves prisoners. But now, the letters from Provence have cleared up the matter. A domestic has confessed the whole; he cut off the head of the unfortunate lady, by order of his master, who forcibly held her during the barbarous operation, after having attempted in vain to strangle her with three handkerchiefs. Eight days before, he had attempted to poison her. Fifty louis d'ors have been promised to any cavalier of the marshal's suite that can overtake him and bring him here. The parliament have put every engine at work to get him, if even he should have retired to Nice. They have resolved not to break up for the vacation, in order to attend solely to that affair, and prosecute it with vigour. The president d'E... is but twenty six; he lived publicly with a widow, whom he wished to marry. This is the sole reason that induced him to commit the horrid deed. Comte de Vergennes made 250,000l. by stock jobbing, in England, on occasion of the peace. A letter from Vienna, dated the 21st of May, says the emperor is determined for the future to have a garrison of near 30,000 men always at Vienna; and the monasteries which have been late abolished, will furnish buildings enough to convert into barracks. Recruiting has begun again, and military preparations go on briskly. Among the many counsels daily arriving, one who lately came, seems to have brought some dispatches which greatly affected our monarch; a council was immediately held, which lasted all night, and the courier was dispatched in the morning. Letters from Amsterdam concur in the apprehensions of an immediate rupture arising between two great northern powers, in which Great Britain will be obliged to take a part. It is reported that the Persians have made themselves masters of Balloera and Bagdad, and that they have laid waste all the environs. This will render the passage to India by land extremely dangerous. The captain pasha has sailed from Constantinople, with a squadron of seven ships of war, three galleys, and some vessels, on an expedition of importance. Many other vessels were under orders and preparing to follow him. The Prince of Wales of 90 gun, ordered to be built in the King's yard at Portsmouth, is the only new ship laid down since the conclusion of the war. The French have been more diligent; at Toulon they have laid two new ships, on which they are going to build two ships of 80 guns. At Brest they have already laid down, since the commencement of the present year, one of 74 and one of 64 guns. The Spaniards have, in the same period, begun to build the Phoenix, of 90 guns, the St. Michael, of 80, and Diligente, of 70; but the Dutch, who are now to be reckoned among the list of our natural opponents, have been the most industrious, having, in the course of the last twelve months, begun nine new ships of the line, viz three at Amsterdam, two at Rotterdam, one at Flushing, two at Middelburgh, and one at Helvoetsluys. An Italian philosopher, in the dutchy of Milan, who resides in that country, has made a discovery in fattening cattle, which is likely to prove a great fortune to him. He has many tubs and pans of different preparations, from which to extract air, and observing that an ox came often to him and licked up the stuff in one of the pans, and then went to feed, and repeated it several times, it caught his attention to mark the effect, fearing it might hurt the beast; but to his surprise, it was so far from being attended with any ill effect, that the ox fattened with uncommon celerity, as he completely supplied him with his favourite dish. The beast was fatter in two months than the rest of his companions were in six. Surprised at this result, the philosopher, the ensuing season, put ten head of oxen to fatten, giving the ingredients to all or them to lick; and they fattening as quickly as the former, the profits were so great, that he immediately contracted with various graziers to enable their cattle to fatten in the same manner, as his own, and the regular success was so great, that the discoverer is likely to prove one of the greatest fortunes in Italy. It is remarkable, that the fat thus gained is as firm and good as any other. Thomas Reed Ward, Esq; of Dinsdale, near Yarm, last week sold a six years old cow, which at four years old had two calves, and at five years old had four, being six calves at twice (all full grown) within twelve months and the cow was milked till near Martinmas last. This prolific and thriving animal was exceedingly fat, and though a very little cow in point of height, was supposed to weigh upwards of eighty stone; and, with more time, it is believed she might have been so much fed as not to be able to rise when laid down. KINGSTON (Jamaica), July 7. By late accounts from Antigua we learn, that several attempts had been made during the last month, to set fire to the town of St. John's in that island by some concealed incendiaries, but they had all as yet been happily frustrated; the inhabitants, however, were still under dreadful apprehensions, nightly patrolling the

town, in order, if possible, to discover the perpetrators of this iniquitous piece of business.

July 10. Vice-admiral Gambier sailed from Port-Royal for Great-Britain, on Thursday morning, in his majesty's ship Europa, of 50 guns, attended by his majesty's sloops Swan, Ariel, and Porcupine.

July 17. Accounts have been received from the north side, of the pimento walks having suffered very considerable damage by the late rainy and squally weather, many trees being entirely stripped of their blossoms, which must necessarily occasion the ensuing crop to fall greatly short of what was expected.

Several attempts have been lately made to set fire to houses in and near Lewally; but discoveries being timely made, the iniquitous designs were happily defeated. Two Jews, and several negroes, were apprehended on suspicion; but, on their examination before a magistrate, nothing appearing to criminate them, they were of course discharged.

Letters received from Port-au Prince, confirm the account of the late dreadful fire at that place; and further mention, a storm having lately happened there, which did considerable damage in different parts of the country and to the shipping in the harbour.

July 24. By the depositions of two seamen who brought the schooner Providence (formerly commanded by Robert Ferguson) into Port-Royal harbour, it appears that the said schooner, being on a voyage from this island to that of Curacao, put into an unfrequented harbour on the Spanish main, commonly called Bay Honda, where captain Ferguson, with four of his hands went on shore, leaving only two men on board to take care of the vessel. Shortly after they landed, they were attacked by a numerous body of savages well armed, who without the least provocation fired upon them; whereby two seamen were shot dead on the beach, and captain Ferguson mortally wounded, though he made shift to escape from his murderers and got on board the schooner, but died the next day in great agony. The persons who were left on board the schooner can give no account of the other two men, but that they were separated from their companions by the Indians, and perhaps suffered a more lingering death, as they never saw them afterwards. The two deponents who were eye witnesses to this most tragical scene, without being able to afford their unfortunate comrades the smallest assistance, very much to their credit navigated the vessel back to this port.

An anonymous paper of the 15th of June, mentions his majesty's ship of war Experiment having sailed from Grenada to St. Vincent's, with the light infantry company of the 60th regiment, to assist in curbing the insolence of the Caribs, who have become extremely troublesome to many of the planters, having been furnished with arms and ammunition from Martinico.

Last Tuesday night, a white man who calls himself Ford, entered the dwelling house of John Woodruff, Esq; in the parade, attracted by the sound of money which that gentleman was then reckoning, and found means to conceal himself, with an intention, it is supposed, of getting possession of some part of it; but being fortunately discovered before he could put his design in execution, he was apprehended, and committed to gaol.

MONTEGO-BAY, July 17.

We learn from Hispaniola, that a change has taken place, on is about to do so, in the higher departments of the government of that island. M. de Belcombe and M. de Bongaris, governor and intendant, are to be succeeded by the comte de Damas and M. de Guillaume, in those stations.

Thursday arrived at Lucea, the ship General Elliot, captain Cornwall, from Philadelphia, in 25 days.

NEW-HAVEN, August 25.

Tuesday the 17th instant, in the afternoon, there was the most violent tornado or hurricane, ever known in the memory of the oldest person living in this part of the country. By the best accounts we have been able to procure, it began at a place called Shippane Neck, between New-Milford and Woodbury; its course was nearly from N. W. to S. E. and the greatest violence of the wind about 30 rods wide. In the parish of South-Brito, in Woodbury, ten dwelling houses, five barns, two grist mills, and a saw mill, were either wholly destroyed, or greatly damaged. The house of the reverend Jehu Minor was entirely demolished, and he buried in the ruins, from which he was taken out so much wounded that his life is in great danger. The planks of a new bridge firmly spiked down, were torn off and carried a considerable distance; a number of orchards entirely destroyed, and the largest trees in the forest levelled with the ground. In short, nothing withstood its fury, and destruction marked its whole progress. It was attended with the most tremendous thunder; the lightning struck in a great number of places, and five stacks of hay in Southbury were set on fire and consumed.

NEW-YORK, August 27.

The present rage for balloons, in England, has induced the manager of the Haymarket theatre to write a farce, called, A MUGGUL TALE. The story of it is briefly this: a doctor having invented an air balloon, prevails on a poor cobbler and his wife, for the sum of 5 guineas to take an aerial flight in it. The doctor, however, not being sufficiently skilled in the command of his machine, is carried, contrary to his intention, from

Hyde Park-corner, the place where they set out, to the gardens of the seraglio of the great Mogul.

On the machine falling in the gardens, the ladies of the seraglio acquaint them with their dangerous situation; and the Mogul, who is described as a man of feeling and humanity, intends himself some diversion, by ordering his attendants to inspire those unfortunate travellers with an idea of his tyranny and cruelty. The travellers are in consequence of his directions brought before him in his grand saloon, and are encouraged by his attendants to assume airs of consequence, in order to increase the monarch's regard for their importance. This produces a very laughable scene, as the doctor assumes the character of ambassador from the king of Great-Britain, the cobbler is described as the pope, and his wife Fanny as a nun, enjoined to travel with them by way of penance for a number of transgressions. The Mogul orders his titles to be read in a very pompous manner, by way of enhancing his greatness, and terrifying the unfortunate culprits, which concludes with saying he has one hundred wives. The ambassador reads his master's titles, as king of Great-Britain, Middlesex, Essex, Herefordshire, Westmoreland, &c. &c. and concludes with laying his master has one good wife, a number of fine children and many thousands of loving subjects. There are many laughable circumstances to render this farce agreeable; and among other strokes, one of the Mogul's officers, whom the cobbler charges with having stolen the great seal, which had a very good effect on the risible faculties of the audience.

August 30. The ship Eagle, which arrived here on Friday last brought about 200 passengers, healthy, and most of them young people, of decent appearance and good moral character, and the greater part of them useful mechanics and farmers.

August 31. We hear from Boston, that the gentlemen who lately went on a tour to ascend the White Mountains, have returned home. They ascended to the top of the mountain, and it is said they made great discoveries, which will shortly be communicated to the public. The height of the mountains are 9000 feet from the level of the sea, and 5000 from the earth. These adventurers were from six o'clock in the morning till six minutes after one in ascending.

Sept. 2. The mate of captain White, in a small schooner, bound from this port to Nova-Scotia, rose upon and killed the captain. He is now confined in Plymouth gaol, in the state of Massachusetts.

We learn from the eastward, that colonel Hall, who went into Canada to demand the surrender of the posts on the northern and western frontiers, has returned. Governor Baltham received and treated him with politeness, but assured him that the posts could not be yielded to the United States, as he had received no orders for that purpose—Great-Britain would gladly deprive us of the benefit of our internal as well as external commerce; she has not yet learned to yield a point gracefully.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in London, dated July 5, to his son in this city.

"The celebrated Dr Benjamin Franklin is in London, and looks remarkably well for one of the age of 85, and appears to be in high spirits."

A violent storm of thunder, rain and wind, passed through North Branford, in the state of Connecticut, on the 17th ult. its course from N. W. to the S. E. much damage done to fields of Indian corn, to fences and fruit trees; the lightning struck on several trees, one of which took fire; also the dwelling house of Mr. Justice Rose was struck; the lightning entered near the chimney, ran down the end of the house in direction with the windows, broke out about 25 squares of glass, appeared to leave its course below the windows, and entered the house with great violence; the window frames much shattered, the sashes left whole, a streak in the clap boards, started and broke from the roof to the lower window. There were ten persons in the house, all preserved and kept unhurt. God is our preserver, though awful in his thunder.

PHILADELPHIA, September 4.

Extract of a letter from Jamaica, dated March 17.

"A military gentleman, in his passage from Antigua lately to this island, called at St. Eustatius, where he found the inhabitants amusing themselves with burning lord Rodney and general Vaughan in effigy; the island having been delivered up only the day before to the Dutch. As he was going on shore, he was hailed from a ship in the road, and advised to return and at least change his garb, unless he had an inclination to make a third person in the conflagration. The officer took the hint, and returned to his vessel, protesting that although during the war he had more than once had the honour of being close by one of those noble commanders in a pretty hot fire, he had no ambition now it was peace, and he had the misfortune to be reduced, to aspire again to so brilliant a distinction."

Extract of a letter from Paris dated April 23.

"IN the month of February last, letters patent were issued and registered in the court of aids the 19th of March, which confirm the privileges formerly granted, as well to the city port, harbour and inhabitants of Dunkirk, as to the foreign merchants who establish themselves there. The contents are as follow: LOUIS. &c.

"WHEN Louis the XIth acquired the important city of Dunkirk, he judged the best method for forming and encouraging commerce in that place was to grant

REWARD. ... inia, July 5, 1784. ... about six weeks ... a stout lusty man ... two years of age, has ... a very roguish down ... well, is artful and ... in most parts of Vir- ... formerly waited upon ... negro lad, of about ... markable large scar of ... of one of his knees. ... their dress, as I am told ... oaths since their elope- ... ade towards Baltimore ... got on board some bay ... above reward to any ... me in Fairfax county, ... and give me notice so ... pounds for either of

RICHMOND. ... GE MASON, jun. ... olis, April 7, 1784. ... p's haying been made ... der to obtain deprecia- ... been soldiers in the ... forfeited their claim to ... or their discharge had ... navy: To prevent such ... the state of Maryland ... rates will be issued by ... person whatever, with- ... s produced, or a certifi- ... and compared to ... at the time of his dis- ... of enlistment and dis- ... in some person of good ... in Annapolis, shewing ... discharge. And at ... y been presented, the ... that he will not here- ... other than the persons ... they are issued.

RICHMOND. ... August 24, 1784. ... ms against the estate of ... e, as desired to make ... ebted are requested to ... GARY, executrix, ... SELLMAN, executor.

July 12, 1784. ... CLUB PURSE of ... D GUINEAS will ... Thursday the 14th of ... orf, mare, or gelding, ... the club. Heats four ... to carry seven stone, ... twelve pounds, six years ... and aged nine stone. ... ded to start precisely at ... n who run hories are ... dy at the post by that ... account be waited for ... eable to a resolution of ... ann's tavern, on the ... e, at one o'clock, and ... ee guineas is to be paid ... y of October.

April 5, 1784. ... OLD, ... ings, with three hun- ... s of land, within one ... arborough, in Prince- ... eafantly situated, con- ... g houses with a passage ... oining, all two stories ... ous, with great con- ... el family; there are all ... ch as a washhouse, ze- ... an, chaise house, and ... whole being built with- ... years; the land is well ... plenty of meadow and ... e springs of water; there ... ing apple trees, besides ... The premises may be ... made known by ap- ... EAD MAGRUDER.

preferred to the general ... at their next session, ... house for the inspection ... , on Patowmack river, ... the appointment of an

presented to the next ses- ... sion, for a law to esta- ... ction of tobacco in the ... the appointment of an ... ame.

Charles-Street.