

scared, and had concerted with Dodman, the Pretext he should urge for abandoning his Ship in a certain Latitude, and letting her sink; whilst he made his Escape in the Boat, were also sentenced to the Gallows by the Admiralty: And as the Insurance on the Goods in question had been fraudulently obtained, the Admiralty had relieved the Insurers from the same, declaring the Contract to be null and void. One Abraham Verneuil, late Master of the Ship St. James, and four other Persons of the Name of Creditor, were ordered by the Admiralty to be prosecuted for Crimes of the same Nature.

N E W Y O R K.

April 3. By Capt. Ramadge, who arrived here about ten Days ago from Leoganne, we have Advice, that about two Months ago Capt. Dickinson, in a Bermudean Sloop from Jamaica, having been drove on the Coast of Hispaniola, was taken by a French Guarda Coasta, and carried into Leoganne, where they confined the Captain thirty Days, pretending his Papers were counterfeit, and endeavouring to condemn him as a Pirate; but not being able to do it, they at last let him go, without any Satisfaction.

The Sloop Moses, Capt. Ireland, who arrived here last Week from the Musquito Shore, sailed from this Port in November last; and the Day after the sail'd, met with a very violent Gale at N. W. which split their Mainfail and Squarefail all to Pieces, and took them three Days Time to mend them again; which they had no sooner done, than another Gale tore their Jib to Pieces also. About the 8th of December they met with another bad Gale, which did them some Damage, and drove them into a deep Bay, about 20 Leagues to leeward of Barracoa, on the Island of Cuba: Before they could get out, a Spanish Guarda Coasta came up to them, took them, and carried them into a River, where there were no Inhabitants, where they kept them eight Days, plundering them of all their Cabbin Stores, and were about doing the same to the Cargo; but the Englishmen finding their bad Condition, conspired together, and rose suddenly on the Spaniards; whom they soon overcame and secured; then they went on board the Guarda Coasta, to plunder; and after cutting and destroying their Sails and Rigging, weigh'd Anchor, and made off: After they had got out of Danger of a Pursuit, they gave the Spaniards their Canoe again and let them go, and then made the best of their Way on their Voyage.

We have Intelligence from the Je-seys; that some Men who belonged to one of the Vessels that attempted to carry off some of the Money belonging to the Spanish Wrecks at Ocascock in North Carolina, were last Week apprehended, and committed to Amboy Goal, as 'tis said, by Order of the Government.

Last Thursday Capt. Bennet, in a Sloop from the Bay, run on the East Bank, and was cast away.

P H I L A D E L P H I A.

April 11. From Maryland we hear, that a Convict Servant, about three Weeks since, went into his Master's Houfe, with an Axe in his Hand, determined to kill his Mistress; but changing his Purpose on seeing, as he express'd it, how d—d innocent she look'd, he laid his Hand on a Block, cut it off, and threw it at her, saying, Now make me work if you can.

N. B. 'Tis said this desperate Villain is now begging in Pennsylvania, and 'tis thought has been seen in this City; he pretends to have lost his Hand by an Accident: The Publick are therefore caution'd to beware of him.

From Bucks County we hear, that a Convict Servant, one John M'Cauley, imported here last Fall, has broke open and robb'd several Houses of Goods to a considerable Value; but being apprehended at a Ferry, is committed to Prison.

Yesterday the Tryal of Samuel Saunders, for the Murder of Simon Gurtie, came on at the Supreme Court; when the Jury return'd their Verdict Manslaughter.

When we see our Paper fill'd continually with Accounts of the most audacious Robberies, the most cruel Murders; and infinite other Villainies, perpetrated by Convicts transported from Europe, what melancholy, what terrible Reflections must it occasion! What will become of our Posterity! — I here are some of thy Favourites, BARRACKS! Thou art called our Mother Country; but what's good Mother ever sent Thieves and Villains to accompany her Children; to corrupt some with their infectious Vices, and murder the rest? What Father ever endeavour'd to spread the Plague in his Family!

— We do not ask Fish, but thou givest us Serpents, and worse than Serpents! — In what can Britain shew a more sovereign Contempt for us, than by emptying their Jalls into

our Settlements; unless they would likewise empty their Jalls upon our Tables? — What must we think of that B—, which has advis'd the Repeal of every Law we have hitherto made to prevent this Diluge of Wickedness overwhelming us; and with this cruel Sarcasm, That these Laws were a gainst the Public Utility, for they tended to prevent the Improvement and Well Peopling of the Colonies! — And what must we think of those Merchants, who for the sake of a little paltry Gain, will be concern'd in importing and disposing of these abominable Cargoes?

We hear that the Caterpillars appear already in such great Numbers in several Places of this Province, that it is to be feared (unless some Method can be fallen on to clear the Trees of them) they will infirely destroy the Fruit.

A N N A P O L I S.

About ten Days ago, the Body of Mr. Abraham Woodall, of this Place, (who us'd to go by Water in a Boat), and the Body of his Negro Man, were both found drove ashore on the other Side Patuxet, and it is suppos'd they had been drowned about 5 or 6 Weeks; but the Boat is not yet found, and is suppos'd to be sunk.

Thursday last John Swen, was tried for Horse Stealing, found Guilty; and received Sentence of Death; but is since Pardoned.

Last Friday the two young Negro Wenches were executed here; pursuant to their Sentence for burning a Tobacco Houfe some Time ago.

Last Saturday a Negro Fellow named Sharper, who was tried and concern'd some Time ago in Dorchester County, for a Rape on a White Woman, but by Means of some flaw in the Proceedings of the Court could not be executed, was again tried here and concern'd, and is to be executed where he committed the Crime.

Jac<sup>s</sup> Snell, for stealing sundry Goods; John Hart for stealing Bacon; and J. W. for stealing Rum; were all found Guilty, and burnt in the Hand.

Yesterday Morning the Grand Jury were discharged.

On Friday last, John Steadman a Scotchman, aged 54 Years, was tried for the Murder of his Wife on the 27th of February last. Her Body was much bruised in many Places, in particular on her Throat, where it was prov'd there were the Marks of a Man's Thumb and Finger, and on her Breast the Mark of a Man's Hand; and other Parts much hurt. He confess'd at the Bar, that she died in his Arms; but said she died in a Fit. There were twenty Evidences, against him, which prov'd many as strong Circumstances as the Nature of the Thing would admit, and the Jury found no Difficulty in bringing him to Guilty. And he was this Day executed, but denied the Fact to the last Minute; and was afterwards hung in Chains on a Gibbet near this City.

Monday last, David, alias Daniel Sullivan, an Irishman, about 23 Years of Age, who had been twice transported into this Country) was tried for the Murder of Donald M'Keanie in Baltimore County on the 26th of February last; and found Guilty; and was this Day executed here with Steadman, and his Body afterwards sent to be hung in Chains near the Place where he committed the horrid Fact. He acknowledged the Crime, and said he did a Roman Catholic; but spoke very little at the Gallows.

On Wednesday next Jeremiah Swift, who murder'd Mrs. Hatbriley's Children at Elk Ridge, is to be carried thither and there executed, and afterwards to be hang'd in Chains near the Place where he committed the Fact.

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