

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.

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THE Advantage of a NEWS-PAPER, whereby whatsoever is useful and entertaining, at home or abroad, is communicated to the Public, being so universally known, renders it unnecessary to recommend a Thing of the Kind; however, since it might be look'd upon as unfashionable to usher one into the World, without a Word or two by way of Introduction, we shall, without tiring the Reader's Patience, and in as concise a Manner as possible, give some Account of our Design, which, however Ludicrous in itself, we must submit to the Candour of the judicious Reader.

OUR Intent therefore, is to give the Public a Weekly Account of the most remarkable Occurrences, foreign and domestic, which shall from time to time come to our Knowledge; having always a principal Regard to such Articles as nearest concern the American Plantations in general, and the Province of Maryland in particular; ever observing the strictest Justice and Truth in Relation of Facts, and the utmost Disinterestedness and Impartiality in Points of Controversy.

AND in a dearth of News, which, in this remote Part of the World, may sometimes reasonably be expected, we shall study to supply that Defect, by presenting our Readers with the best Materials we can possibly collect; having always, in this Respect, a due regard to whatever may conduce to the Promotion of Virtue and Learning, the Suppression of Vice and Immorality, and the Instruction as well as Entertainment of our Readers.

WE take this Opportunity of making Application to our Learned Correspondents, whose ingenious Productions, if with their pen any Time be favoured, will ever find a Place in this Paper, and lay the Printer under the greatest Obligations; provided whatever is transmitted of this Kind, be consistent with Sobriety and good Manners.

TO render our GAZETTE useful, as well as entertaining, we shall present our Readers with the best Directions in the Art of Navigation and Hoop, especially the former, in the plainest Manner; which we hope will be of public Advantage to the Colonies in this Situation of Affairs, when we can't always be certain of Supplies, and they are not to be had at all; and that the Generality of the People are not able to do for them.

AS the prosecuting and carrying on an Undertaking of this Kind has been much wished for, and long desired, and has been attended with considerable Trouble and Expence; we doubt not of meeting with a due Encouragement from the good People, in a sufficient Number of Subscriptions, whereby the Printer may be enabled to carry on and continue it to the Public Advantage.

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