

ANNAPOLIS.

On the 15th ult. arrived at Oxford the Ship Cunliffe, Capt. Johnson, and the Ellis and Anne, Capt. Ashburner, both of and from Liverpool.

In our Gazette, Number 4, we mentioned an Engagement between the Cunliffe, Capt. Pritchard, and a French Privateer; we have since received a full Account of that Action, wrote by a Person then on board, and Printed at Liverpool; and the said Captain having been some Years an Inhabitant of this Province, we hope the following Particulars, extracted from the said Account, will not be unacceptable to our Readers.

Homeward bound from Virginia, on Monday the 7th of January, 1744-5, about 7 o'Clock in the Morning, 9 Leagues to the Northward of Cape-Clear, we made two Sail right a-head, Wind S. S. E. and thick hazy Weather; the one a large Snow, the other a Ship deeply laden, supposed to be her Prize. At a Quarter past 8, the Snow load'd her fore and main Top-masts, haul'd up her main Sail, hoisted a French Jack upon her Ensign Staff, and bore down upon us: We then made all clear and ready for fighting, and hoisted English Colours. Having obstinately engag'd 'til 12, we turned one Reef of our Top-masts, to make him bear harder, he being to Windward, and our Ship very stiff. He rolled to Windward much, and shipped so much Water, that he was obliged to let fall his Bow-Ports always so soon as he had fired the Guns. About 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon the Captain was shot in the Head by a Musket Ball, as he was leaning over the Side of the Quarter-Deck, Hero like, to see if the Guns were pointed so as to do Execution; he dropt down immediately, and before we could carry him to the Surgeon, another of our small Number was shot in the Thigh: Notwithstanding this, and our Ship being in a most miserable Condition, we were all resolv'd to get clear or die, and Shot flew about as thick as Hail; 'til we hoisted the bloody flag at the main Top-mast Head, to shew that we would neither give nor receive Quarter, and at the same Time gave 3 Huzzas; whereupon he hoisted a white Pendant on his main Top-mast Head, which a lucky Shot fired from our Round-house soon brought down. He did not salute us above twice after this, which we return'd; and about 5 o'Clock he grew quite sick of the Game, and left us. We then made the best of our Way home, after repairing some material Damages as well as we could, and arriv'd safe at Liverpool on the 18th of January, with a valuable Cargo. Our Ship had but 38 Men and Boys, none of which shew'd the least Sign of Fear during the Engagement; and was deeply laden: The Privateer had 20 Carriage-Guns, besides Swivels, and 200 Men. By this we may judge, that French Superiority in Number is in no wise adequate to true English Courage. The Merchants are making a pretty Collection for the Ship's Crew, which may encourage others to do the like.

The following Epitaph, designed for Captain Pritchard, not more worthy of him than he of it, we shall (after first acknowledging the Favour received from the Gentleman who transmitted us the Copy of it), here present to our Readers,

EPI T A P H.

Reader, whoever thou art,
Whether Land-man, or Sea-man,
Be grateful, and bestow,
Not Tears, but just and well-earn'd Praises
Upon the Memory of him, whose Remains lie here,

Captain JOHN PRITCHARD,
Ever Honest, Faithful, Industrious, in his Trust;
A true BRITISH Sea-man;

In Life Uncensur'd and Unreproach'd;
In Death Gallant, Heroic, Triumphant;
Master of the Ship Cunliffe, equipp'd for Trade, and not for Battle.
In the Passage home from Virginia, deeply laden,
He was attacked on the 7th of January, 1744,
By a French Privateer, strong, fleet, and greedy of Spoil;
Defending his own Liberty, and the Merchants Property, from
those inveterate Foes

To the Commerce and Welfare of his Country,
With great Bravery and Intrepidity,
He was mortally wounded in the Head by a Musquet-Ball:
The Enemy repuls'd, his Cargo safe, his Vessel steering into this
her Port,

His own Duty faithfully and resolutely discharged,
With Success and Glory he expired

On the 17th of January, 1744, Aged 39.
His gallant Crew, worthy of such a Master;
His grateful Owners; All,

To whom the Trade and Navigation of Great-Britain is dear,
So applauding here below the finishing of his Course,
As we trust his great Lord and Master will do above; —
Well done, thou good and faithful Servant!

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

R UN away the 3d Instant from the Subscribers, in Prince George's County, an English Convict Servant-Man, named John Reed, by Trade a Blacksmith, middle siz'd, about 30 Years of Age, full faced; had on an old Fearnothing Jacket; an Onabrigs Shirt and Trowsers, very black: He took with him a large natural-pacing Sorrel Horse, with a large Blaze on his face, about 5 Years old, with an old Saddle and Bridle. Whoever secures the said Servant, and brings him to either of the Subscribers, near Rock-Creek, shall have 3l. Reward.

THOMAS OWEN,
KENNEDY-FARRELL

R UN away from the Subscriber, living in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, on the 18th of June last, a Servant Man named John Galloway, by Trade a Shoemaker, is about 25 Years of Age, of a middle Stature, well-set; has short sandy Hair, his Face much freckled, the fore Finger of his right Hand is useless, and two Joints of his little Finger are cut off: He stole and took with him a middle-siz'd sprightly Bay Mare, branded on the near Shoulder D, and K on the off Buttock, with a long switch Tail trimm'd, and a standing and hanging Mane; he also took a Hunting-Saddle with Leather Hooves, and a Curb Bridle. He had sundry Cloaths, viz. a light-colour'd Shagg Duffel double-breasted Coat; a brown Camblet Coat and Breeches, a white Grogram Vest, check'd Trowsers, a white Shirt, a Castor Hat with silk Lining, and new Shoes.

Whoever secures the said Man, with the Mare and Cloaths, so as the Owner may have them again, shall have Seven Pound Reward, Current Money of the Province he shall be taken in; besides what the Law allows, and reasonable Charges, paid by

HINSON WRIGHT.