

nor, if the Scalp be brought in; and if taken alive and delivered to the Government, the Sum of 105 *l.* like Money; and for Females and Children, if kill'd, 50 *l.* and 55 *l.* if taken alive: And such as shall, at the Charge of the Government, go out and kill any, to have 65 *l.* for a Male, and 78 *l.* if taken alive; and for Females and Children, if kill'd 37 *l.* and if taken 39 *l.* and a suitable Reward for any kill'd in Fight, &c.

We have a Report in Town, that Capt. Cleves, Comander of a Bristol Privateer, and another Privateer in Confort with him, have taken the two South Sea Ships lately mentioned in this Paper, and carried them to Newfoundland.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

This Morning arriv'd here the Brig. Martin, Capt. Florence, from Boston, who came into the Bay with the Virginia and Maryland Fleet, convoy'd by a Man of War; several of the Ships are since arriv'd here, and in South River,

In the London Prints of the 15th of July, amongst other Articles of News, is the following.

#### Extract of a Letter, dated Ostead, July 5.

'This Morning at One o' Clock we were alarmed by a most terrible Fire of Cannon, which proved to be a Sea-Engagement close under our Cannon. Two 20 Gun Ships, viz. the Bridgewater Man of War, Lord George Graham, the Sheerness Man of War, Capt. Gordon, and the Tender commanded by Lieut. Ferguson, were close engaged with the Real Privateer of 28 Guns, the Princess de Penthièvre of 26 Guns, and a Dogger of 18 Guns, all from Dunkirk, who had under their Convoy the following Prizes which they had taken in the North Sea; viz. the Mary, Capt. Hill, from Newcastle for Carolina; the Cambridge, Capt. Duncan, the Baltimore, Biggs, and the Sea Horse, Williams, late Randell, from Virginia for London; two Bremen Ships for Bristol; and a Scotch Vessel with Corn.

The Engagement lasted 'til past Five, when our Men of War run the two great Privateers ashore, and the first 4 large Prizes, and secur'd the two Bremen Vessels; the Dogger Privateer got clear from our three Commanders, who bore the Fire of three Privateers, as also of the Prizes, which are all Ships of Force, and fired as much as any of them; and they all almost Yard Arm and Yard Arm. Capt. Gordon sustained the Fire of three Privateers for above half an Hour, when he was obliged to sheer to stop a Leak; then the Lord George Graham came up and chock'd them fast ashore: But I must tell you that it was high Water, and they came so close to the Shore, that the two 20 Gun Ships are also ashore with them. The French also behaved well; after Lord Graham had run the two large Privateers ashore, and himself also, they continued firing at each other for near a Quarter of an Hour, before the French would strike their Colours.

I have just been down the Strand where they lie. On board the Real Privateer there are about 40 Men killed and wounded; on board the Princess de Penthièvre, about 30 kill'd, and as many wounded, and their Sails so much shatter'd that they are like Sieves. As to our Loss, it is a Thing almost not to be credited, being so trifling; notwithstanding the terrible Fire they sustained. Capt. Gordon is wounded in the Foot by a Splinter, and has one Man killed and two wounded; and on board the Tender not one hurt. We are in great Hopes the Men of War will be got off next Tide, notwithstanding they are both dry. The Real's main Mast is staided all over with Blood, which came from their own Round Tops; The said Privateer had on board fifteen or sixteen Ransomers.

Yesterday came Advice, that the above Ships are all safely arriv'd at Dover.

#### Extract from the Votes and Proceedings, of the Lower House of Assembly.

September 2, A. M. The following Address was presented.

To his Excellency Thomas Bladen, Esq; Governor of Maryland.  
The humble Address of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency,

IN your Message to this Houle, you were pleas'd to say, "that One Pound of Tobacco per Poll has been Assessed, and Levied from the Taxable Inhabitants of this Province, by virtue of an Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province for the better Defence and Security thereof.*" In Answer to which permit us to observe, that the said Act being a temporary Act by a Clause of continuance for Three Years and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the said Three Years, was, at a Session of Assembly held at Annapolis the 14th Day of May 1719, by an Act then Pass'd, continued in Force for Three Years and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the End of the said Three Years (*Body of Laws, Fol. 209.*) And at a Session of Assembly held at the said City the 10th Day of October 1722, by a clause of an Act then Pass'd (*Body of Laws, Fol. 235*) entituled, *An Act directing how the Taxes shall be adjudg'd against such as neglect to appear at Musters,* was again continued by the Words following, viz. "And be it further Enacted, That an Act, entituled, *An Act for ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof,* made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty-sixth Day of April, Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen, is hereby Reviv'd and continued in full Force."

We humbly conceive, that the last recited Act of 1722, being a supplementary, explanatory and dependant Act on that of 1715, and the continuing Clause of the latter, viz. "for Three Years and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the End of the said Three Years," not being Repealed, but Reviv'd and Continued therewith, and there not being any Expressions to shew it to be the Intention of the Legislative Power, that the Act of 1715 should be perpetual, we apprehend the same has been long since Expired: And altho' this be our Opinion on that Point, we take leave further to observe to your Excellency, that if the said Act were in it's full Force, yet it does not appear to us, that your Excellency, and the Honourable Board, have acted agreeable to the letter, meaning, or intention thereof.

It gives us great Concern to have any cause of Complaint against or Difference with, your Excellency and that Honourable Board, and therefore truly wish, and hope to find, that the Welfare and Ease of the People may and will be the Means and Rule of Acting.

We therefore hope you will agree with us, that it is a high Infringement on the Liberties of the People of Maryland, to Levy any Taxes on them under colour of Law, as not only we, but our Constituents generally conceive has been done in this Case.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,  
Sloop Chester, James Earle, from Boston.

Cleared for Departure,  
Snow Cumberland, William Smith, for London;  
Brig. James and Martha, John Bramley, for Virginia;  
Sloop George, John Dunn, for Virginia.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS.

STOLEN,  
ON Tuesday the 17th Instant at Night, from a large Flat, belonging to Dr. Charles Carroll, in the Cove at Annapolis, a large Grapnel Weight, about Thirty Pounds. Whoever will discover the Thief or Thieves, so that they or any one of them be brought to legal Punishment for the same, shall have Five Pounds Reward, paid by the said Carroll.