

immediately began to fire upon the City. We are informed that the English design to return hither again, in order to bombard this City, and reduce it to Ashes.

L O N D O N.

Extract of a Letter from Durham, November 3.

"A Highlander came lately to Hexham, and after staying there some Time; inlisted himself among the Militia; but happening to get drunk, amidst His Chaps began to wish well to the Pretender's Cause; upon this He was immediately secured, and has since confessed he was sent by the Pretender, to bring an exact Account of the Number of the King's Forces that were to march against him, and of the Number of Militia and other Persons who bear Arms in these Northern Counties: And that another was sent to Newcastle at the same Time, and upon the same Errand.

October 7. By a private Letter, dated the 21st of July, from Rattan, near the Bay of Honduras, to a Merchant of this City, we have Advice of the great Benefits and Convenience that is already perceived will accrue from being possessed of that Island; which is no more than three Hours Sail from the Spanish Main. There is to be a fine a Harbour, that no Wind can hurt any Vessel in it; at the Entrance whereof is a Fort that mounts 24 Guns, 2 Pounders, and 12 Guns, 12 Pounders: A new brick Castle is erecting; there is already a little Town built, consisting of 150 Houses, which are inhabited, and carry on a Trade to Tractillo.

Extract of a Letter from Newcastle, November 3.

"Last Monday in the Afternoon a Man begging at Brentford, was known by some Soldiers, who caused him to be apprehended, and carried before a Magistrate; and upon searching him, a Lieutenant's Commission in the French Service was found in his Pocket; whereupon he was committed into safe Custody."

Our ENTRIES last Week should have been CLEARANCES; which Mistake was occasioned by a Blunder of Mr. (little) Smith's.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Annapolis, March 17th, 1745, 6.

WHEREAS several Reports have been industriously spread, that Mr. Samuel Hyde, Merchant in London, was become Bankrupt, and many plausible Circumstances made use of to gain Credit to the said Reports; and particularly, that Col. Taylor of Virginia had certain Advice of it, and acquainted Major Champ therewith: And altho' all the said Reports appear now to be false and malicious, yet many of the Correspondents of the said Mr. Hyde were so far alarm'd as to commence Actions in several County Courts in this Province against him, in order to Attach his Effects, before there was any possibility of undeceiving them. But as all concerned may now be fully satisfied of the injustice done to them, as well as to Mr. Hyde's Character, I hope they will stop all further Proceedings, and thereby prevent the necessity of removing the Causes to the Provincial Court, which will be attended with a great deal of Expence; which Expence, I wish those, who have been unwarily and (I really believe) with reluctance, drawn, by the Sathood and malice of ill People, into the commencement of the Suits, would have themselves

No Hearing, the Report which came from Virginia, that Col. Taylor had received Advice that Mr. Hyde was Broke, and that the Colonel had, by Letter, advised Maj. Champ thereof. I dispatched a Messenger, with a Letter to Col. Taylor, requesting him to let me know whether he had received any such Advice; to which he returned me an Answer in these Words, No Letters that I have received make any mention of Mr. Hyde, and am sorry to contradict Mr. Skinner, as I cannot recollect that I ever mentioned that Gentleman to Maj. Champ, tho' had heard a rumour of his being Broke, and understood that Report to have come from Maryland.

When I wrote to Col. Taylor, I did not know the Person's Name who had spread the Report; and believe I called him Skyr, or Skinner, but since have been informed that his Name is Skyrin. B. TASKER.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, Mar. 4, 1746.

THE public School of this County being vacant, any Person qualified for a Master, according to an Act of Assembly of this Province, on his Application to the Visitors of the aforesaid School, will meet with suitable Encouragement. Signed per Order, JOHN LLEWELIN.

STolen or strayed from the Plantation of the Subscriber, near the lower Falls of Potomack, a middle siz'd black Gelding, with a hanging Mane, and a Bob Tail, branded on the Oil Buttock. Whoever will bring the said Gelding to the aforesaid Plantation, shall have twenty Shillings Reward, and three Pounds if stolen, on securing the Thief, so that he may be brought to Justice. BENJ. STODDERT.

Baltimore County, Maryland, March 14, 1745-6.

THE Subscriber intending to depart this Province for London, this Summer, desires all Persons who have any Affairs to settle with him, either on his own Account, or on Account of Mr. Jonathan Forward, Merchant in London (for whom he is Agent), to come and finish the same by the roth Day of May next, or else they may expect Trouble. He also advises those who have any Demands upon him, to send them in, and they shall be paid.

He has a Parcel of very sortable European Goods, to the Value of about 300 l. Sterling, which he will sell very cheap, either for Bills of Exchange, Paper Money, or Tobacco.

He is also empowered by the Executrix of Capt. Daniel Bovey, late of Baltimore Town, deceased, to demand and receive the Debts due to his Estate: Whoever is indebted thereto, is required forthwith to discharge the same. DARBY LUX.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on Friday the 14th of this Instant, a white Servant Man named Thomas Wood, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has a fresh Complexion, short brown Hair, and one of his fore Teeth broke: His Apparel, when he went away, was an Olinabrigs Shirt, a white Kersey Coat with white Metal Buttons, a white Cotton Waistcoat and Breeches, grey Stockings, Country-made Shoes, and sometimes wears Trowlers; he is a West-Country Englishman, and speaks the Language peculiar to the People of that Part of the Country: He goes by the Name of John Wilson, and pretends he has served 5 Years in the Country; and has got a Pass, which he has forged, of which he is very capable, as he writes a good Hand, and is a sly cunning Fellow. He has a spare Shirt, and a Pair of