

The above Association was signed by six thousand three hundred eighty-seven Persons.

Newport, Rhode-Island, March 21.

Last Wednesday arrived here the Brig. Defiance, a Privateer of this Place, commanded by Capt. John Dennis, who, on his Cruize the 30th of January last, took a French Ship of 20 Guns, and 82 Men, bound from Port Lewis to Leoganne, on Hispaniola, for Convey: This Ship was then in Company with two other Vessels of Force, which were all smartly engaged together for some Time; but she being the largest, Capt. Dennis made a bold Attempt, and boarded her, which the other two observing, soon made off, and escaped. Capt. Dennis had 15 Men killed, and 15 wounded; seven of those killed were white Men, among whom is Mr. Calder, the Captain's Quarter-Master, the other eight are Blacks: The wounded Men are all in a likely way to do well: The Enemy had 20 Men killed, and as many wounded. The greatest Loss was occasioned by the accidental firing of some large Quantities of Powder, which the Frenchmen had set ready for their Use in the Cabbin or Storeage, just as they had struck; and by the splitting of a Swivel Gun on board the Privateer, which killed 4 or 5 Men, and wounded more. Her Cargo is said to consist of 500 Hogheads of Sugar, 57 Hogheads of Indigo, with other valuable Effects. She was parted with 4 Days ago, and is hourly expected in here. [We hear this Prize is since arrived safe.]

It deserves to be observed by those whom it may concern, that in the whole Course of the War, our Privateers have captured more from their own Guns than the Enemies, Accidents excepted.

BOSTON, March 24.

The Beginning of last Week arrived at Rhode Island from Antigua, in 5 Weeks, Capt. Erskine, in a Sloop belonging to this Town, who came hither by Land Yesterday, and informs, That in November last, being bound from Philadelphia to Louisburgh with Provisions, &c. off of the Isle of Sables, he met with such high Gates of Wind and severe Weather, that he was obliged to stand away for Antigua.— That the Kinsale Man of War, that came from England, Convey to the Vessels bound to Louisburgh the last Fall, with one of the Store Ships, meeting with bad Weather, were blown off the Coast and got to Antigua very much shattered. The Kinsale was obliged to throw all her upper Deck Guns overboard, &c. but was refitted and sail'd again.— That Admiral Townshend with 9 or 10 of the largest Men of War, was sail'd from Antigua, but upon what Design was not certainly known, he refusing to take any Merchant Ships under his Convey: But as the Kinsale, with Money and Stores on board for Louisburgh, sail'd with him, it was generally thought he was bound for that Place. That the Store Ship for Louisburgh was refitting, and when ready, was to sail under Convey of the Comet bomb.— We hear likewise, that Capt. Mills of this Town, who was taken by the French and carried into Martineco, is come Passenger in Capt. Erskine, and informs, That the French have a great Number of Privateers cruising from Martineco; and that while he was there, which was not a Fortnight, 13 English Vessels were taken and brought in.

ANNAPOLIS.

A few Days ago arrived in Rappahannock River, in Virginia, the Ship ———, Capt. Lee, from London, which Place he left the latter End of January, and the Downs sometime in February. A Gentleman who saw Capt. Lee, informs us he has just been at the Tower, who was

Difficulty, that the Guards who conveyed him to the Tower, could preserve him, and the Officers taken with him, from being King torn in pieces by the enraged Populace. That the French King has demanded him; but on being refused, a Stop is put to the Capt. ——— That the Pretender's eldest Son in Scotland, with his rebellious Rabble, were driven back into the Highlands; and calling at Glasgow in their Way, had demanded of that City a Contribution of 60,000*l.* That Scotland is in a manner encompassed with English Men of War, which renders his Escape almost impracticable: Whilst our Land Forces were in eager Pursuit of him, and of consequence daily straitening his Quarters. ——— That a great Number of Dutch Vessels are detained by the French, in the Ports of that Kingdom; and that many of the English Men of War are narrowly watching their Motions.

Capt. Lee has brought in a great many Goods for Virginia and Maryland; and further informs, that the Reports which have been so industriously spread, to the Prejudice of Mr. Hyde's Character, are altogether false, and without Foundation: That Capt. Allingham, in a Ship for Patuxent, and Capt. Biggs, in a large India Man for Patuxent, both in that Gentleman's Employ, were soon to sail for this Province. Capt. Addison was ready to sail for Potomack.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS; Cleared, Sir Italian Merchant, Alexander Reid, for London.

The Letter signed Q. B. relating to the Scheme for an Inspecting Law (inserted in Number 49 of this Paper), not being received in time, must be postponed 'till next Week.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Anne-Strundel County.

WHEREAS it has been a Custom for some Time past, with some Clergymen of this County to receive Tobacco of their Parishioners for their 40 per Poll, without the knowledge or consent of the Sheriff of the County, which has occasioned great confusion and uneasiness between the Sheriff and People, and renders the Pay of the public Dues very difficult: And whereas, I am informed that the like Practice is now carrying on by the said Clergymen. These are therefore to request the Inhabitants of the County, that in order to avoid any future confusion and uneasiness, to forbear the like Practice; for that no such Payment will be allowed them in Account with

WILLIAM THORNTON, Sheriff,

ALL Persons who have had any Dealings with the Subscriber, are desired to come forthwith and settle their Accounts, and pay the same, or give their Notes. As he designs for Great-Britain, in June next, he hopes all those concern'd will take Notice of this Advertisement, and thereby prevent further Trouble.

DAVID ARNOLD.

RUN away from the Subscriber at the Head of South River, on the 26th of February last, a Mulatto Fellow named John Jones, about 26 Years old, has a Deep Dimple in his Chin and a likely pleasant Look, and is a mighty Singer; he had on a Pair of Leather Breeches, good Shoes and Stockings, a brown half-thick Jacket under a Country Cloth one, and good Check'd Shirts. It is thought he is concealed by a Negro Fellow called Jones, who passes for his Father, belonging to Daniel Carroll of Marlborough, and lives at

have him again, shall have forty Dollars.

STEPHEN HIGGINS.