

declaring in his Favour, the Foreigners were repuls'd; and it was in their Retreat they fell on the Deceas'd and kill'd him.

The same Day a strolling artful Fellow painted himself so as to seem entirely emaciated and worn away by the Black Jaundice, and being laid down in Francis Street, got a great deal of Money from such as were moved by the melancholy Appearance he made, till some one suspecting the Imposture, raised the Mob about him, who washing him at a Pump, and finding him a well looking hale Fellow, brought him to Newgate, where he now remains.

York, August 26. On Wednesday last the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Lord chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and the Hon. Mr. Baron Clarke, arrived here, and went that Evening to the Castle, to open the special Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery, in which the Archbishop of York, the Marquis of Rockingham, Lord Viscount Irwin, and twenty five others, were appointed Commissioners.

On Thursday the Judges went to the Cathedral, where they heard a most excellent Discourse from the High Sheriff's Chaplain, who took his Text from the 25th Chapter of Numbers, Verse the 5th, *And Moises said unto the Children of Israel, Stay ye every one his Men, that were joined unto Baal peor.* We are assured the Grand Jury have requested the same to be printed.

The Charge was given by the Lord chief Baron, and a great Number of Gentlemen appeared upon the Pannel.

Copy of a Letter from Capt. David Littlejohn, of the Ship Robinhood, dated at Gibraltar, June 25.

"This serves to acquaint you, that on the 19th Instant I fell in with Cape Spartel, off of which I met with one of his Majesty's ships bound to Faro, but had no Time to write. In my Passage from Barbadoes to the said Place, I had several Skirmishes with the Enemy of little Consequence. About three Weeks before we sailed from Barbadoes, a Sloop bound to Gibraltar and the Misfortune to be taken by the Row Gallies or Algazires; on board of her there happened to be some Irishmen, who wanted to make up their Misfortune on the Ruin of some of his Majesty's Subjects, and for that Purpose enter'd on board the said Gallies, and gave Information that I was daily expected, and that I was richly laden, which gave them Encouragement to equip their two Gallies and a Barcolongo in the best Manner they could, and with the bravest Fellows they could find. These three are all the Privateers they have at Algazires, which have done all the Damage in the Gut this War. Long before I got to their Coast, about 5 Hours after I left the Man of War, she standing to the Westward, and I to the Eastward. I got up a-breast of Tariffe, the Place of their Abode, where it fell calm; and not being able to work my Ship, I hawled my Sails up; by this time they got Sight of me, and made all the Way they possibly could with their Oars after me: Half an Hour after Three were within Gun-shot of me, and keeping right in my Wake, I could not bring a Gun to bear upon them, except those in my Cabbin, which, tho' they did some Damage, they did not mind, but rowed up like resolute people, determined to conquer or die, for which the Captain and several of his Officers had taken the Sacrament at Algazires, rather to bring me in, or die in the Attempt, which we had on the People of the Market Sloop next Day. Their Form of attacking me was, the Barcolongo to lie right a-stern, plying me hot with her Cushee-Pieces, and 30 Men abaft with small Arms, and the two Gallies, one on each Quarter, with small Arms at small Arms, and with what Cannon they had, plying me close for one Hour. We returned the Fire as well as we could in such an Inequality of Numbers, with our small Arms; our great Guns being render'd useless, the Barcolongo having Stern'd for a little while, and then she was sunk.

Steerage; this Opportunity they intended to embrace to board us with a general Huzza; but luckily, in that critical Minutes I called half a Dozen of my Men, and ran a Gun out without a Tackle or Breeching, loaded with Double Round and Partridge, and an Iron Crow, and in spite of their Fire I discharged it at the Barcolongo, struck abaft her Mizen-mast, and carried away her whole Quarter and Poop, with all the Marines that were there, on which the rest of the Crew ran into the Bow to keep her from sinking; whereupon I got a Gun to bear on her from my Steerage, which did her a great deal of Mischief, and the few left alive got out Oars and row'd off. Having thus demolished the Barcolongo, my People kept continual Fire on the two Gallies, who engaged us still under each Quarter, and boarded us three times, but we destroyed them as fast as they enter'd. They were so furious, and had such Machines for Destruction, that they let us on Fire twice, blew up me and several of my Men with the Powder Flasks which fell on Deck, all which we got the better of, and after a long Dispute of two Hours, few of them being left alive, the rest took to their Oars, and left us. My brave Men proposed to follow them with the Boats, and bring the Galley into Gibraltar, but I was unwilling to second so rash a Design, after so brave a Defence of me and our Properties, their Courage, under God being the Cause of our Victory, Too much cannot be said in their Praise; all to a Man behaved wonderfully, and, by a sort of Miracle, not one of us are killed, but hardly one without Wounds, and Mr. Trail, my Mate, has in particular his Leg broke, tho' on Shore, and like to do well, as I hope all the rest will. The Market Boat from Algazires Yesterday brings Word, that only one of the Gallies was come in with 5 men, and the other supposed to have sunk. There were 120 men in these two, and the Barcolongo had 36 men killed outright, and 22 more received extreme Unction, not expecting to live a Day; they have done a deal of Damage to my Rigging, and drove in my Stern. The Gentlemen Insurers are obliged to us for destroying a Nest of Rascals, who have done a deal of mischief this Way.

ANNAPOLIS.

The SPEECH of his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland, at the Prorogation of the General Assembly of the said Province, on Wednesday November 12, 1746.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I cannot part with you, without assuring you of my Satisfaction for the Readiness you have shewed, in making such a Provision for the Subsistence of our Troops, as I hope will be sufficient for them at this Juncture.

No other Business being urgent at present, I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the last Tuesday in March next; and you are to take Notice you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

The following ACT was passed this SESSION:

An Act for issuing and paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly, the Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds Current Money; in Bills of Credit: As also for the Payment of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling Money, for purchasing Provisions for his Majesty's Forces raised in this Province, and other Purposes; and for continuing Part of an Act therein mentioned.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Schooner John and Mildred Willcock Macky, from Virginia.