

went off in its Fall. By this Time the Alarm reached the King who being exactly inform'd of all that had happen'd, order'd the Cardinal Infant to be confined, which is the last Circumstance of this Affair, that had reached Lisbon when our Letters came away. It is very probable that this Affair may be attended with very important Consequences, since the King will see him self under a Necessity of providing effectually for his own Security against such as have so little Regard either to Duty or Decency.

October 30. We are inform'd, that his Majesty has been pleas'd to order a general Pardon to be prepar'd for passing the Great Seal of Great Britain, whereby his Majesty extends his Mercy, on Consideration of Transportation for Life, to all those common Men amongst the Rebels, amounting to 16 in 20, who by drawing Lots were preserv'd from Trial.

Exeter, October 29. We hear from Taunton, that at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Somerset, held at the Castle there, which ended the 11th inst, Mary Hamilton, otherwise George, otherwise Charles Hamilton, was tried for a very singular and notorious Offence: Mr. Gould, Counsel for the King, opened to the Court, that the said Mary, &c. pretending herself a Man, had married fourteen Wives, the last of which Number was one Mary Price, who appeared in Court, and deposed, that she was married to the Prisoner, some little Time since, at the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert in Wells, and that they were bedded as Man and Wife, and lived as such for about a Quarter of a Year, during which Time she, the said Price, thought the Prisoner a Man, owing to the Prisoner's using some vile and deceitful practices, not fit to be mentioned.

There was a great Debate for some Time in Court, about the Nature of her Crime, and what to call it; but at last it was agreed, that she was an uncommon notorious Cheat, and as such was sentenced to be publickly whipp'd in the four Towns following, Taunton, Glaffenbury, Wells, and Shipton Mallet; to be imprison'd for six Months, and to find Sureties for her good Behaviour for as long a Time as the Justices of the next Quarter-Sessions shall think fit; and she was accordingly whipp'd about Taunton a few Hours after.

NEW YORK, January 26.

On Thursday last as a Negro Fellow was coming into Town with some Hay on a Sledge, drawn by a couple of Horses, the Horses unhappily took a sudden Fright, and ran away; and in their mad Career first struck down and pass'd over a Man, who had thereby several of his Bones broke, and Head bruis'd and torn in so terrible a Manner, that his Life was despair'd of; they then ran against two small Children, one of which was so miserably bruis'd, that it expired in a few Minutes; but the other, tho' much hurt, is like to do well.

Friday Night last, about 9 o'Clock, a Fire broke out on board the Ship William, in our Harbour; which at first View seem'd to have a terrible Prospect; she having began to blaze out furiously, and lying a-ground between two other Ships at a Distance from the Shore, in the Ice, which was not strong enough to bear a Man, and yet almost too hard to break thro' with Boats; it was thought by most People that all three would be burnt if not more; however our Inhabitants exerting their usual Vigour, they notwithstanding the great Difficulty and Danger, at length got an Engine to play upon her, and so happily extinguish'd it: The Fire is said to be occasioned by a Boy's going to Bed in the Cabbin, and leaving a Candle burning.

ANNAPOLIS.

The General Assembly of this Province, which stood prorogued to the last Tuesday in March, is further prorogued to May next.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, *Clair'd*, Schooner Deborah, James Stitchall, for Boston; Sloop Eagle, Richard James, for ditto.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD very reasonably, in Annapolis, Sorrel Horse, with a good Saddle; as also a very good Cow: Whoever is inclin'd to purchase the same, may apply to the Printer hereof, and know further.

WHEREAS, a certain John Flack, on the 1st Instant, borrowed of the Subscriber, Overseer to William Manning, Esq; at the Mill Plantation near Annapolis, a small Bay trotting Horse, a Bridle and an old Saddle, without a Pad; in presence of going to the late Dwelling-Plantation of Mr. Mordac Hamilton, deceased, but has never since been heard of. The Horse has a Star in his forehead, a black Man's, with a Switch Tail, and is branded on one Buttock, or Shoulder, (but which is not certain) thus O; he has also the same Brand under his Mane. The said Flack is a short well-set Man, with black Hair; and had on a Felt Hat, loop'd up with white Thread; two Cotton Jackets, one dyed with Sumack Berries, the other of a yellowish Colour; a Pair of Leather Breeches, light colour'd Worsted Stockings, and French Ball Shoes.

Whoever will secure the said Flack, so as he may be brought to Justice, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward; and whoever will bring the said Horse, Saddle, and Bridle to the subscriber, shall have the same Reward, paid by

RICHARD MOUNT.

N. B. The said Flack frequently changes his Name, as he lately did by subscribing his Name John Swath, to an Instrument in Writing between him and Mr. William Gouane. It is also imagined that he has got a Pass.

STRAYED from Portobago in Charles County, on the 22d of December last, a dark colour'd Horse about 14 Hands high, hath a thin Mane, a short Sprig Tail, and pricks up his Ears, Branded on the near Buttock R D. Paces pretty well, and is about five Years old.

Whoever brings the said Horse to the Owner, living near Annapolis, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, and all reasonable Charges.

FRANCIS MAPP.

Will Sail for MADEIRA.

The latter End of this Instant February, The Schooner Hollister, JOHN FISHER, Master, Belonging to Chester-Town on Chester-River;

ANY Gentlemen inclinable to Write for any WINES on Freight back, may depend on it's being taken in at the common rate given in Madeira.

N. B. The Captain will have Orders not to sign Bills of Lading for the Delivery of any Quantity less than Twenty Pipes, at any other Port or River than Annapolis, or Chester. Letters left at Mr. John Brice's in Annapolis, will be taken care of; and be sure of going in the Vessel.

Philadelphia, February 3, 1746.

ON the 11th of last month was committed to the goal of this city, a person who called himself John Bland, on suspicion of his having stolen a Negro boy, a stallion, and a gelding, which he brought with him to this place. He is well set, about 24 years of age, fresh complexion, and light brown hair. The Negro is a likely lad, named Peter, about ten years old; by whose account it appears, that he was stolen by the prisoner from his master, one Giffen, who lives at a place called Pon Pen, in South Carolina.

The stallion mentioned above, is a sorrel, about 14 hands high, with a white mane and tail, branded on the near buttock R W. The gelding is a light roan, about 14 hands high, has a short tail, and looks as if lately cut with a knife; he is branded on the near shoulder T B in one, and on the near buttock D B in the other, they have both saddle spots, and are natural pacers.

The prisoner above mentioned, since his commitment, confess'd his true name to be Utter Perkins; and that some time in May, 1743, he made his escape from the Sheriff of Baltimore County, in Maryland. It also appears by a Letter found about him directed to one Louns, that he has broke prison in some part of South Carolina. And a person who has been here, and knows him well, informs, that he has, for a long time, been a noted horse-stealer in Virginia and South Carolina; and that a very great reward has been offer'd for apprehending him.

NICHOLAS SOULT, Sheriff.

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