

BOSTON, August 18.

Extract of a Letter from Capt. Peter Collas, dated Antigua, June 18. 1747.

Twenty days after my Departure from Boston we fell in with two French Privateers of Martineco, one of 10 Carriage and 18 Swivel Guns, with 117 Men, the other of 8 Carriage and 20 Swivel Guns, with 130 Men; the former engaged me, the latter look'd on, as if he had a prize with her.

I fell in with them in the Night and only exchange'd a Broad-side 'til next Day; the Night being clear and little Wind, could not discharge my Shot of them. However, they did not come up with me 'til half an Hour past 10 o'Clock next Day, when he came within Pistol Shot. Thus did we engage 'till between five and six in the Afternoon, some times with Stern-Charges and some times with Broad-sides and Swivels, of which I had ten, and ten Carriage, with Plenty of small Arms, Cartridge and Language, &c. which we made use of during the Engagement.

But my Bane was the want of Men, of which we had but 18, three of whom were sick, one of them died about twelve Hours after being taken, the other Half left sick at Martineco, He for enabled me in Hull and Tackling, that its almost incredible, he shot my Sails to Pieces, cut my Shroud, Halliards, Sheets, and Braces, Ties and Lints; my Foremast shot thro' and thro' my main Top-mast shot away above ten Inches from the Cap, several shot between Wind and Water, all my Breast Work shot away, I had Booms rigg'd out that he could not board me, but finding I could not work my Vessel any longer, I took to my close Quarters: The people being tired out and the Ship unmanageable, by reason of the Tackling's being shot away, and finding the Ship sinking, we came out of our close Quarters, and I went aft and struck the colours, when I had in the Morning sail'd to the ensign staff. He fought under a bloody Flag: for a great part of the Time, thinking to intimidate and frighten me to strike.

After I had struck to him he said he'd give me no Quarters, upon my Swivels and small Arms about an Hundred. I tarried four days at St. Piers, and was courteously treated. A little Time after I was brought into Martineco, there being a Storm at St. Piers, my Vessel parted her Cables and drove out to Sea, with only four Negroes on board, all her Guns in, and her main on shore, about 30 Barrels of pickled Fish in the Hold, and have heard nothing of her since. They have a great Number of Privateers out of Martineco and 14 Prizes were brought in while I was there. Five of us sail'd from Bolton together, and all taken but one. I was sent up to Barbadoes in a Schooner, and in our way thither we met with Commodore Legg with a 70 Gun of the Line cruising for the French Fleet: He had taken only three Privateers in the Cruise, he took us all out of the Flag of Truce, and kept all but Maiters, &c.

ANNAPOLIS.

By Capt. Alynne, (in the Schooner *Swallow*, just arrived here) was sail'd with the Fleet from *St. Christophers*, we hear, that the Governor of *St. Eustatia*, had sent to the General, and Commodore of the English Fleet, to take under his Convoy the Dutch ships that were bound to *Holland*, he having received Orders from the Company, for the ships from that Island not to sail except they had an English Convoy.

We are also informed, that Commodore *Lee* was gone home in the *St. George*, a 70 Gun ship, which he commanded; his Trial at *Antigua* being ended, after a great Expence to the Island to bring it to a final Issue, tho' to no purpose, for the Gentlemen who gave in the Charge against the Commodore, inadvertently included the President *Capt. Pocock*, and *Capt. Bourber*, two of the Members of the Court, as Guilty of Male Conduct since they have been on that Station and under the Command of said Commodore.

Last Saturday one *John Lewis*, in *Dorchester County*, riding quarter Race, his Horse flew the way, and flung him amongst three Saplings, by which accident he was kill'd on the Spot: It is said he had scarce a whole Bone, above his Hips, left in his Body.

A few Days ago a Man in *Cecil County* murder'd his own child, a pretty little Girl, about 2 or 3 Years old, by dashing to pieces; but he has made off.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

OST, on the last Day of the Fair, on the Race-Ground near this City, a very good Castor Hat. The Person who finds and brings it to the Subscriber, shall have Five Half-Crowns Reward.

JOHN MURRAY.

STRAYED or Stolen, about the 26th of September, from the Subscriber then at *Port-Tobacco* in *Charles County*, a young middle sized bright Bay Gelding, with a black Mane and Tail, a natural Pacer, has a Saddle spot on his off side, a thin Neck, is shod Before, and Branded with a T about an Inch in length on the near buttock and shoulder.

Also with him strayed, or was stolen, a middle-sized dark Bay Gelding, Branded on the near shoulder with a P, and on the near Buttock with an I, belonging to Mr. *Jere. Chase* of the aforesaid Place.

Whoever brings the said Horses to the Subscriber in *Annapolis*, or to the said Mr. *Chase* or to Mr. *Edmund Porteus* of *Charles County*, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, or Twenty Shillings for either of them, and reasonable Expences, paid by the said Mr. *Chase*, or

MATTHIAS BORDLEY.

ANDREW BUCHANAN, Wig-maker and Barber, keeps his Shop right over against the Sign of the *Indian King* in *Annapolis*, where any Gentlemen may be furnish'd with all sorts of Wiggs made in the best and newest Fashions: And those Gentlemen who shall be pleas'd to favour him with their custom for Shaving, may depend on being duly attended, with good Razors, by

Their humble Servant,

ANDREW BUCHANAN.

N. B. There is likewise an *Evening School* kept at the same Place by the subscriber, who Teaches Writing, and Arithmetic, from six o'Clock 'til Nine.

JAMES BROWN.

STRAYED, or stolen, about the latter end of August past, from the Subscriber, of *Annapolis*, a middle sized Bay Gelding, Branded on the off Buttock I. and on the off Shoulder C. has a star in his Forehead, and a snip on his Nose, and has a long Tail. It is suppos'd he is gone towards *Elk-Ridge* where he was bred by *John Campbell*, Planter.

Whoever brings him to the Subscriber shall have Fifteen Shillings reward, and no Questions ask'd.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

Annapolis October 1747.

RAN away from the Subscribers, of the City of *Annapolis*, on Sunday evening, the three following Convict Servant men viz.

David Rawl a West Country-Man, about 30 Years of Age, a Shoe maker by Trade; about 5 Foot 9 Inches high, walks something stooping, has short black bushy Hair, but it is suppos'd he now wears a Wig or Cap, having taken both with him: He had on when he went away, a light coloured Kersey Coat with broad white metal buttons, with a Country Cloth Jacket dyed Yellow, a pair of Leather Breeches pretty much worn, a pair of Osnabrigs Trowsers, a pair of speckled Country made stockings, a pair of old Shoes, and an Osnabrig Shirt.

Lewis Evans, a Welshman, about 25 Years of Age, who understands the driving of a Team very well, but may pretend to be a Tanner, he having served three Years to that Trade (as he says.) Talks thick and stops often in it; is about 5 Foot 12 Inches high; walks very upright, a thin Visage, a pretty good Complexion, a down-cast Look, but a very likely well proportioned hellow; Had on when he went away an old Felt Hat, a black Crape Handkerchief, an Osnabrig Shirt, a Country Cloth Jacket, a pair of new Sheepskin Yellow Breeches, a pair of Country made Stockings, and Fall Shoes; and took with him a Frock made of Duck. And

Samuel Coleman, an Englishman, a Baker by Trade, a thin faced man, about 30 Years of Age, a very ugly Fellow; about 5 Foot 9 Inches high, walks something stooping, has a stoppage in his speech, Yellow Complexion, pretty large Nose, very much mark'd with the Small Pox: Had on when he went away, a black Wig, an old Hat, an Osnabrig Shirt, a blue Pea-Jacket, a pair of Check Trowsers, and a pair of old Shoes and Stockings.

Whosoever secures the said Servants, or any of them; any where, so as they may be had again, shall receive, with reasonable Charges, the Sum of Forty Shillings for each Man, paid in that Currency where taken, by us

THOMAS KING,
THOMAS WILLIAMSON,
JOHN CHALMERS.

N. B. The said Servants went the *Paraske Road*, about 13 Miles from this City, and 'tis suppos'd would either go to *Philadelphia*, *Monaca*, or the back parts of *Virginia*; and 'tis very likely they have got false Passes. The said *Coleman* can write a very good Hand.