

morning; and at that time there lay under Cape Freail, five large privateers and a sloop, lately the Hornet, all ready to sail. And in the harbour six large ones, that would be ready to sail in about a fortnight, one of which mounted 50 guns.

We are told that an augmentation of 8000 men will be made next spring to the English troops in the Low Countries, in case the winter does not bring on a successful negotiation.

October 20. Last Friday night, about Eleven o'clock, the corpse of lieutenant general Guelt, who bravely defended Edinburgh castle in the late rebellion, was interr'd in great pomp and solemnity in the cloisters, Westminster Abby.

There is advice that seven British men of war are cruising in the North Seas, in quest of several of the enemies privateers that are cruising in those parts, to intercept some English ships richly laden, homeward bound, expected North about.

Edinburgh, October 20. The taking of herring is begun in the bay of Ayr, from whence we have advice, that the value of the herrings caught in two days of last week amounted to 1000*l.*

Dublin, October 6. A few days ago 15 Spanish prisoners made their escape from Kinsale, by undermining the wall of the prison.

Last week some Jew merchants of great wealth arriv'd here from Holland, in order to settle in Ireland.

Vice-admiral Schryver, with 6 Dutch men of war, sailed from Spithard for Holland.

Sept. 26. Three men were committed to Wood-street compter, and the sexton and gravedigger of St. Andrew's Holbourn to Newgate, for stealing 150 leaden coffins out of that church; among which were those of Dr. Sacheverel and Sally Salisbury.

CHARLES-TOWN, South Carolina, Nov. 23.

By a gentleman just arrived from Frederica, we have advice, that lieutenant Colonel Heron, on hearing that the Adventure, one of our station ships, is so disabled, that some time must elapse before she can be in a condition to put to sea again, and that the Aldborough, our other station ship, which sail'd for New England some months ago, is not yet returned, by which our coasts were, and are left defenceless, and our trade exposed to the daily depredations of his majesty's enemies at St. Augustine, who fail not to make good use of the time that our men of war are absent from the coast, or in port, where (it is well known to them) they generally remain pretty long; has ordered a detachment of the regiment there to serve as marines on board the Duke of Cumberland privateer of that place, a fine sloop of 14 carriage guns, 20 swivels, and 120 men, commanded by Capt. Davis, and the Heron her tender, of 10 carriage guns, 16 swivels, and 80 men, commanded by Capt. Campbell, which were to sail from Frederica yesterday, purposely to come off this bar, where they were to wait a few days to convoy off this coast, such merchant ships as shall be ready to sail from hence and are willing to put themselves under their protection; and after they have convoyed those vessels, they will proceed on a cruise. And we are assured that Capt. Davis, with the above privateers and the Walker, a large schooner, which he is also fitting out with the utmost expedition, will hereafter constant y cruise (as much to protect our trade as for his private benefit) backwards and forwards from this bar to that of the enemy's port a-ore-named.

This gentleman also informs us, that in the late bad weather upwards of 30 vessels have been lost on the Florida shore, within 60 leagues of St. Augustine; among them are the sloop Dolphin, Stephen Stephens, from this port for Antigua; the sloop Elizabeth, Hilman Hutchins; and schooner Sea Flower (flag of truce) of this port; a flag of truce of and from this port for Cape Francois Capt. Seymour, on his return with English prisoners; and a Spanish flag of truce, on her return from this port. Capt. Jewer for St. Augustine, is also lost.

We have fresh advices from St. Augustine, that a brig, which was cut out of Okerecook inlet, is fitting out there to cruise off this bar, in concert with the schooner Charming Nelly, late of this port, which is also fitting out, and that they would be ready to sail about the first of next month, when Monsieur Bruneau is also to sail in the schooner.

December 21. Last Saturday evening, a Spanish privateer brig, (by hoisting her guns, and concealing most of her men, so that she looked most like a merchant vessel) decoyed Mr. Esnor, one of our pilots, 'til he came within call of her, but detecting the fraud, and making off instead of boarding her as he promis'd, had immediately above 50 small arms discharged at him, yet happily got in safe, being very near the bar; the privateer is described, as a small low built stern'd vessel.

December 28. Since our last, the government have impressed

two Bermuda sloops into its service, to go in quest of the Spanish privateer brig, that now cruizes on our coast: They have been fitting out ever since Tuesday last, and are not yet ready to sail.

The Confidence privateer, capt. Gordon, arrived on Saturday, being cruiz'd by the above brig, as also some other vessels. The Confidence had taken a prize, but has lost her, with 20 hands.

On Saturday arrived a sloop from Providence, by which we learn, that capt. Carr, in a Rhode-Island privateer, had fallen in with part of a fleet from France bound for Cape Francois, and had taken and carried two of them into that port, one of 500, and one of 300 tons; that capt. Thompion, in a small privateer of the same place, with only 35 men, had also carried in there two large ships of the same fleet; and that a sloop from Philadelphia for this port, which had been taken by a Spanish privateer, is re taken and carried into that port, by capt. Gardner.

The same day came advice, that the schooner Dorchester, of and for this port, for Providence, is taken and carried into St. Augustine; as also a brig, from Winyaw in this Province, for the West-Indies, Capt. Mace,

January 6. We hear, the Frederica privateers have been sail'd some days from that port, but having received some damage at sea, put into Edisto, from whence they put to sea again last Monday.

The two vessels taken into the government's service, are not yet sail'd. And, we hear, that on Friday last the brig, which occasioned the fitting out these vessels, was seen steering to the southward, in company with three ships, supposed to be her prizes.

Mr. Hugh Cartwright of this town, is fitting out a privateer schooner, call'd the Cartwright, and commanded by capt. John Souther, which will be ready to sail in a few days.

January 11. The Frederica privateers arrived off this bar last Wednesday from Edisto, and sail'd again the next day to cruze.

On Friday last the Nonpareil and Pearl (the two sloops that were taken into the government's service, to protect the trade) sail'd, and at the same time took some outward bound vessels under their convoy; and in about four hours after they had sail'd, they took a small Spanish privateer schooner (that bore down on the fleet) of 2 carriage guns, 6 swivels, and 25 men, which is just now arrived.

The brig, Yucatan, Andrew Knox master, who sail'd from this port the 15th of November last, bound for Boston, having met with a violent storm off Martha's Vineyard, was obliged to put pack in a very shatter'd condition, and on Monday last arriv'd off this bar, when he had the misfortune to be taken by the schooner above mentioned.

By a vessel just arrived from St. Augustine, we hear, that the Spanish privateer brig, which lately cruiz'd off this bar, is lost near the bar of that place.

PHILADELPHIA, February 9.

By Capt. James from Jamaica, we have advice, that six of the French fleet that was bound to Hispaniola, are brought in there, one of which mounted 18 guns, and 45 men, was taken by Capt. Esom in a little schooner belonging to New-York, carrying six guns, and had 45 men; which prize is said to be worth 15,000*l.*

As capt. James came out, he saw a ship, which he took to be the bandour of this place, going in with a large prize French ship.

By a letter from Providence, dated December 18, we learn, 15 sail of the aboveaid French fleet were carried into Bermuda.

NEW-YORK, February 15.

Just now arrived here a flag of truce brig, in 19 days from the Havannah, with about 20 prisoners: They inform us, that the ship Dragon privateer of this port, took a rich sloop the 12th of December last, which was retaken by a Spanish privateer Brig, the 16th, and carried into the Havannah: They likewise say, that 20 privateers are now fitting out there, with orders to cruze on these coasts this spring.

ANNAPOLIS.

Yesterday his Excellency the Governor was pleased to nominate and appoint BENEDET CALVERT, Esq. Collector of his Majesty's Customs for Patuxent District, to be one of his Lordship's Honourable Council of this Province.

We hear from Chester-Town, that a few days ago died there Col. Charles Hynson, who was many Years Chief Justice of Kent County, Deputy-Commissionary, and formerly one of their Representatives.

The last End of February, a valuable Negro Fellow belonging to Mr. Kirby, of Kent-Island, falling a Tree, it fell upon him and crush'd him to Death.