

Nov. 23. The African man of war, said to be taken by an expedition, is arrived at Plymouth.

December 1. The famous hire man of war, capt. Daniel, has been and brought into Plymouth, the Castor, a French man of war of 30 guns and 300 men; she was one that escaped rear-admiral Hawke's squadron.

The Step taken at the League of forbidding the insurance of French ships, is such a one as gives pleasure to every true Briton; and is what the State could never be brought to submit to in all the wars during the reigns of king William and queen Anne.

We have the satisfaction of being inform'd, that the prohibition of French wines and brandies is so strictly observed by the Merchants, that it is with the greatest difficulty they have agreed to admit of prize goods of that sort being imported from England. They write from Berlin, that his Prussian majesty has granted free passage to the Russian troops through his dominions, and offered to furnish them with provisions and other necessaries. The marquis de Valori, the French minister, had so little apprehension of this, that he was on the very point of laying before the king a plan for stopping the progress of these forces, in the frontiers of Silesia.

Thursday arrived an express from Falmouth, with advice, Mons. de la Bourdenay, late commander in chief of the French king's ships in India, was seized the 4th instant on board a Dutch ship call'd the Statianse Friendship, capt. Decker, and from St. Eustatia to Holland.—The above ship put into Falmouth the 22d instant by contrary winds, and it being observ'd that this gentleman was on board her, application was made to capt. Bladwell, commander of his majesty's ship Mercury, who went with a proper number of men to search the ship for him: The commodore at first denied himself, but, examining his pockets, he was discover'd; and, with his ferry and another officer, was brought ashore, and on their arrival had the liberty of the town of Falmouth.

Monsieur Bourdenay was the commanding officer when the French took Madras or Fort St. George in India, where he got riches, which, we hear, he put on board a Portuguese ship Paul de Loange, where he put in to victual and water the French men of war, on his voyage from India to Martinico; at which island he arrived with the French squadron of five men of war, the beginning of last September, and quitted his command and went to St. Eustatia to get a passage for Holland. The Loving Sally, from Maryland for London, with 200 heads of Tobacco, is drove ashore near the Needles, and

From the Sherbourn Mercury, January 11.

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On, February 2. His majesty's ship the Triton, capt. Bladwell, has taken and carried into Portland road, a French ship belonging to Brest, of 12 carriage and 12 swivel and 70 men; being the second Prize in a few days: His majesty's ships the Romney and Amazon men of war, going to commodore Moyton's squadron, have taken a French East India Ship, outward bound, and a French Privateer, and brought them into Plymouth.

A letter from Plymouth, dated January 26, there is advice that his majesty's ship Surprise, capt. Webb, has taken the Noailles privateer, of Granville, of 22 guns, and also the ship Le Palme, fitted out at Brest, of 12 guns, bound to some part of the West-Indies with a crew, and retaken a snow, bound to this place from Antigua.

Extract of a Letter from a foreign Minister at the Hague, dated January 30.

The last advices from Paris mention nothing that looks like, or even facilitating the conferences at Aix la Chapelle. The ministry at Versailles, who to be sure do not want to see that they are divided in sentiments, plainly perceive the discontent and reproaches of the court of Madrid, and nothing else in view, than to oblige the crown of France, in this campaign, if possible, an establishment for Don Carlos, and to disengage the republic of Genoa, to the end that

they may act with efficacy against the king of Sardinia. July, To obtain the restitution of Gibraltar, either by the treaty of general pacification, or otherwise, to the crown of Spain. 30th, To enter into the views of that crown, by endeavouring to put in execution an expedition to the West-Indies, towards which, France is to furnish a certain number of men of war.

ANNAPOLIS.

Wednesday Evening last, a Fire happened in a public House belonging to Mr. John Wood at Prince Frederick Town, in Calvert County; which entirely consumed the same, with most of the Furniture: The Fire in the mean time communicated itself to the Court-House, which was adjacent, and could not be prevented from laying that commodious Building in Ashes; but by the Diligence of the People, the greatest Part of the Records were preserved.

Last Thursday the Honourable BENEDICT CALVERT, Esq; Collector of his Majesty's Customs for Patuxent District, &c. was married to Miss ELIZABETH CALVERT, only surviving Daughter of the late Honourable CHARLES CALVERT, Esq; deceased, formerly Governor of this Province.

Extract of a Letter from Biddeford, to a Gentleman in Virginia, dated February 22, 1747-8.

" Instead of lowering the Tobacco Duties, as was generally expected, a Subsidy Act is just now pass'd; viz. a Duty of 5 per Cent on all Poundage Goods, to commence 1st of March next; by which new Law, Tobacco is to pay one Penny per Pound more at Importation, which must cramp several Merchants in the Out Ports; for their Importation cannot be so large, nor the Planter vend such Quantities; tho' all is to be drawn back on Exportation, yet one Penny per Pound is fix'd on all inland Tobacco: The Tobacco is to be warehoused, the Merchant-Importer to keep one Key, and Custom-House Officer another. A heavy Tax! but the Government is to raise ten Millions for the Service of this Year.—A Congress will soon open at Aix, and it's generally feared that we must buy a Peace.—Thirty thousand Russians are on their March for our Aid.—The Earl of Chesterfield has resigned the Place of Secretary of State, which is given to the Duke of Bedford; and the Earl of Sandwich is to be first Lord of the Admiralty.—Privateers take many of our Ships.—Our Court is sending an Envoy to that of Berlin.—I fear the Planter will be charged with greater Commissions, as the Duties on Tobacco are enlarged.—The Prince Stadtholder exerts himself exceedingly; sticks at no Expence to raise Troops."

This No. 157, the MARYLAND GAZETTE enters into the 4th Year of it's Age.

- Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
- Ship Lyon, Richard Courtney, from Bolton;
 - Sloop Dolphin, Humphry Woodberry, from Boston;
 - Ship Falcon, Thomas Spencer, from Biddeford;
 - Ship Richard and Sarah, Samuel Gray, from Gibraltar;
 - Snow Britannia, Jonathan Strange, from Biddeford;
 - Ship John and Henry, John Jackson, from Whitby.
- Cleared for Departure,
- Shallop Charming Polly, Thomas Tyler, for Virginia;
 - Snow St. Andrew, Thomas Johnson, for Glasgow;
 - Schooner Virgin, Alexander Cumming, for Boston;
 - Ship Ogle, John Brown, for Liverpool.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

ABOUT the Year 1727, or 1728, one Francis Main, who was then a well-set Lad, about 14 Years of Age, had dark-brown Hair, and a Scar over one of his Eye-brows, came from London into this Province, as a Servant, in the Ship Grove, Capt. Babb, who loaded in Bay's River.

Now if the said Francis Main be living, and will apply to Jonas Green, Printer, in Annapolis, he will hear of something greatly to his Advantage: And if he is indebted to any Persons in this Province, he will hear of a Friend who will extricate him from any Difficulties of that Kind, let his Debts be what they will.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, in Annapolis, Brisk likely Country-born Negro Wench, about 18 or 19 Years of Age, who is a good Spinner; with a Child, about 18 Months old. WILLIAM REYNOLDS. Very good Nutmegs, by the Pound, or Ounce, to be Sold by the said Reynolds.