

tions are making at Ghent and other places, but to another that is to follow it, of which the marshal count de Saxe is to have the direction; and most people think that the siege of Maestricht is intended, and some say, that he has promised the king to put that important fortress into his hands before the close of the month. Our last convoy to Bergen-op-zoom was very shamefully beaten; the escorte consisted of a thousand dragoons on foot, the body of Hussars that attacked them fell short of six hundred men, and the dispute happened almost under the cannon of the place; they carried off twenty prisoners, forty-two fat oxen, fifty-two hogs, a hundred and forty-two sheep, destroyed a hundred waggons, and as much corn and pease as cost thirty thousand livres.

Offen. Feb. 3. A Calais privateer has brought in here a Danish vessel from Waterford to Rotterdam, with 2656 tubs of butter, &c. on board; valued at 10,000 guineas.

L O N D O N.

December 31. Letters from Vienna bring word, that a Resolution has been taken of forming an army on the Moselle this year, with a design of dividing the power of France, and making a powerful diversion in favour of the Allies. Prince Charles of Lorraine is intended for commander in chief of these troops; and according to the latest advices from the empire, the corps will soon be completed, as they afford great reason for believing, that the anterior circles will conform themselves to what his imperial majesty shall request, particularly as to the safety and protection of the Germanic body.

January 12. It is said that the admirals Warren, Hawke, Chambers, and Osborne, will shortly put to sea with strong squadrons of ships of war, to protect our trade, and annoy the enemy.

Extract of a Letter from Francfort, January 1.

"The French buy up all the provisions they possibly can, to put in their magazines, upon account that the circles have associated themselves; which unexpected proceeding they did not expect. When all the deputies of the Protestant Swiss cantons were solemnly assembled, the Dutch proposal of taking 24,000 men into their pay, was made and agreed to, on a division of 113 votes for it, and only 90 against it; and those troops were order'd to march in a short time."

It is said, that the earl of Chesterfield will speedily make a tour to the court of Berlin, on affairs of the greatest importance.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, Jan. 3.

"However gloomy the prospect may seem, the most discerning politicians are clear in their opinion, that a peace will prove more destructive to the republick than the continuance of the war: For if the war goes on, we have this chance, that we shall wrest from the enemy what he has conquered these three years past; or else we shall be totally undone, by his receiving an accession of strength in consequence of the new alliance we and Great Britain have purchas'd in the north. Now, it is more eligible, in the opinion of every true patriot, every man of common sense, to put all the hazard at once, and sink under the ruins of our country, than to submit to such terms of peace as may be obtain'd in our present circumstances."

A N N A P O L I S.

The General Assembly of this Province is to meet here on Tuesday next.

Mr. Green,

There was a small Mistake in my last, which I beg you would take the first Opportunity to rectify, by publishing this. The Motto was cited from Thucydides, instead of Cicero: I trusted to Memory in the Thing, and imagined the Roman had translated the Saying from the Grecian; but find I was mistaken.

I am, &c. A F R E E H O L D E R.

Mr. Green,

I Really would not have troubled you with any Answer to the Letter in No. 153 of your Gazette, sign'd Philo-Kalus, had I not been afraid that some People would have thought I had writ it myself; that Writer having (I believe undesignedly) paid me a very high Compliment, by alledging that Verses, entirely my own, are stolen from Mr. Pope. I take this Opportunity, therefore, to let you know, that a certain Reverend Gentleman, noted for his Gravity, as I am well inform'd, in a public Company, threat-

ned to expose the Verses, much in the same Manner as is perform'd in the aforesaid elegant Epistle.

Seeing then his Reverence has endeavoured to point me out (with much good Manners) as a Plagiary, he cannot take it amiss to be pointed out himself as an Original.—Author's For this Purpose, I could not forbear sending you a few Staves upon the Subject; which, for aught I know, may be sung to the Tune of the hundred and nineteenth Psalm. The Poetical Epistle, I was told, was read to a Congregation after Divine Service, and condemn'd by the Parson for the Sake of an ill-placed Compliment, which he conscientiously judged to be ironical: Now should the following Verses be likewise thought a proper Entertainment after Devotion, I submit the Music proper for them to the Clerk; and I hope Stentor will not spare his Lungs upon the Occasion: thus as Hudibras says,

They may be either said or sung.

I knew very well that the Satyr would alarm all the Durres in the Province; and if some one or other of them had not shown their Resentment, I should have thought it had not true'd them so nearly as was intended. But I would not have them imagine that I design to answer any more of them, otherwise than by a contemptuous Silence.

I am, &c. PHILo-KALUS.

AN EPIGRAM,

Occasioned by the Letter signed Philo-Kalus.

THE Parson says, my Verse I stole;
He did not steal his Letter;

It is an Original, the whole,
And much (for Sport) the better.

How would it swell my vainest Hope,
That thus my Verse seem'd theft I
But ah! they look no more like Pope,
Than his flat Prose like Swift.

Swift, said you?—hold,—whom do you mean?
Attend, and see my Drift:
It favours not the witty Dean,
Tho' like dull P—r—n S—.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

Baltimore-Town, April 30, 1748.

THE Subscriber having received Orders to purchase a Quantity of Tobacco, for Paper Money or Bills of Exchange; any Person that has good Yellow or Bright Tobacco, or clean Leaf, to dispose of; may meet Encouragement: The Tobacco to be ready for Shipping by the Middle of June, and of the following Weights; *viz.* Colours, to be from eight hundred and fifty, to nine hundred, nett, clear of the Cask; and Leaf, from nine hundred and fifty, to a thousand, clear of the Cask.

DARBY LUX.

RAN away on the 14th of April, from the Ship *St. George*, James Dobbins Commander, lying in the North-Wall Branch of Patuxco River, the three following Sailors; *viz.*

Richard Jolly, a tall thin Man, pitted with the Small-Pox.

Richard Kent, a tall likely young Fellow.

Giles Walmer, a fat lusty Fellow.

They carried with them from the same Ship a Convict Servant, named William Williams, alias Broughton, a full-faced Man, in a Sailor's Dress. It is supposed they stole a Longboat from Capt. Hamilton of the *Peggy*, 23 Feet Keel, 8 Feet Beam, with two Masts, two new Sails, and a Jibb; she had a new Grapnel, and a half worn Cable laid Rope to it; her outside and inside upper Works black, from being newly tar'd. It is thought they intend up the Bay for Philadelphia.

Whoever secures them in any Prison, so as they may be had again, shall have Four Pistoles Reward for each, and Four Pistoles for returning the Boat to the Ship, paid either by Mr. Alexander Lawson at the Nottingham Ironworks, Mr. Robert Swan at Annapolis, Dr. David Ross at Bladensburg, or

JAMES DOBBINS.

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