

TO BE SOLD,

BY the Subscribers, on Wednesday the 18th Day of May inst. for ready Sterling Cash, or good Bills of Exchange, a Tract of Land lying at the Head of *South River*, in *Anne-Ann* County, called *What you will*, containing 375 Acres; and a good Tide made to the Purchaser.

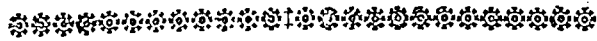
WILLIAM CHAPMAN, junior,
RICHARD BURDUS.

MR. *Thomas Harrison*, Merchant, late of *Baltimore* County now gone to *England*, having lett with mee the Subscriber, a Power of Attorney, to act for him in his Absence: These are therefore to desire all Persons indebted to the said *Thomas Harrison*, to come immediately and Discharge their respective Debts, which will prevent further Trouble and Charge.

JAMES WALKER.

TO be Sold on board the Ship *Sandwich*, *James Cowley* Commander, lying in the North-West Branch of *Patuxent* River, a Parcel of white large-grain Salt, at the following Prices, delivered on board; viz. 500 Bushels together, at 18 d. Sterling, or 3 s. Currency, per Bushel; 100 Bushels, at 20 d. Sterling, or 3 s. 4 d. Currency, per Bushel; any Quantity less than 100, at 2 s. Sterling, or 4 s. Currency, per Bushel. Any Person inclinable to purchase, may apply to the Captain on board the said Ship, or to the Subscriber in *Baltimore-Town*.

DARBY LUX.



Rhode-Island, April 7. 1748.

BY several flags of truce just arrived from the French settlements on *Hispaniola*, we have the following agreeable intelligence, viz.

That on the 7th ult. rear-admiral Knowles, with a British squadron, consisting of eight ships of the line, one of eighty, two of sixty-four, and the rest of sixty guns, having on board fifteen hundred land forces, anchor'd off Port Louis, and immediately acquainted the governor that he design'd to demolish his fort, (which was on an island regularly built and strong, mounted eighty guns, some forty-two pounders) who return'd for answer, that he was prepared to defend it.

The next day enter'd within the fort the *Cornwall*, after her the *Canterbury*, in which was the brave admiral Knowles, with his excellency governor Trelawny of *Jamaica*, and was follow'd by the other ships, receiving a smart fire as they pass'd the fort, without returning a single gun: As soon as they were all anchor'd, the signal was given to fire, which they all did, and continued briskly cannonading the fort, and playing their cohorn mortars, without any intermission for an hour and an half, which intirely silenced the fort: The admiral sent to know the reason, and received the pleasing answer from the governour, that they were unable any longer to defend it.—He then ordered them to march out, and hoisted the English flag.—'Tis said his majesty's ships received very little damage in the action; but that the slaughter was very great on the enemy's side, for out of six hundred men in garrison, but one hundred and thirty escap'd, upwards of three hundred being kill'd, and the rest wounded. There happen'd but two twenty gun merchantmen at that port, both which were sent to *Jamaica*, laden with cannon and stores taken from the fort, which was blown up.

He has acquainted the inhabitants, that he is determin'd to destroy every French fort upon the island, and to sink, burn and take into his possession all their shipping; to effect which he keeps frigates constantly cruising before their other ports, and had actually block'd up the port of *Cape Francois* by four frigates, where lay upwards of one hundred sail of ships, and that the inhabitants were greatly terrified and distress'd; and as the fort he has already so easily taken was esteem'd the strongest on the island, 'tis highly probable he may without much difficulty, having so considerable a naval force, accomplish his great design.

The master of one of these vessels, in twenty-one days from *Leogan*, who arriv'd the 6th instant, says, the people were in daily expectation of (and dreaded) a visit from mr. Knowles: That knowing the weakness of their forts, they had dismantled them; and for their better security were planting their cannon

in the intrenchments they were digging round about the town: That the general had sent absolute orders to the commanders of about 100 sail of ships laden with sugars, which lay at *Porta Prince*, further up the bay than *Leogan*, to repair under the fort at *Petit Guavas* by a certain day which he had fix'd, otherwise he should give orders to burn their ships; but they as absolutely refus'd to obey, submitting their ships to the general's pleasure, and remonstrated to him, that they were all obliged by charter party or policys of insurance; not to leave that harbour without convoy, therefore were determined to continue there at all adventures, not daring to risque the insurances their owners had made, tho' they had but the weak defence of a battery of eight guns, 18 pounders, and two or three of their strongest merchantmen anchor'd at the principal entrance of the harbour, and three of their oldest ships ready to sink in order to stop up another passage into that harbour; and that they had vessels at almost all their out ports; which they thought would inevitably fall a sacrifice to admiral Knowles.

We are certainly advised, that mr. Knowles has discovered the utmost humanity, in not suffering the inhabitants to be plundered, or the least insult to be offered them; that great numbers of Negroes had deserted the plantations, expecting to have been received on board the men of war, but that he had return'd them to their masters; which the French in general applaud as a singular instance of generosity.

'Tis the glory of this admiral, that whilst he is endeavouring to mortify the ambition and pride of the most laughty monarch in *Christendom*, he seems at the same time determined invariably, and in the most sacred manner, to preserve the rights and properties of the inhabitants of *Hispaniola*.

What is it that his generous and benevolent conduct, in conjunction with governor Trelawny, presages? Won't it give us a pleasing prospect of the reduction of this valuable and important colony to the obedience of his Britannic majesty? Or at least will it not, at the sealing of a peace, effectually secure to us our darling conquest of *Cape Breton*?

Supposing providence should have reversed the glory of the British flag for mr. Knowles, in happily succeeding this great enterprize, would he be thought of no more consequence to his country than a *Monkey*, a *Parrot*, or a *Lap Dog*? Or would it be call'd the effect of *frenzy* or *madness*? Or rather by its proper name, *A genuine and true courage*?

I am persuaded his very adversaries would think 'twas high time to lay aside the too common and injudicious custom of judging of things by their events, and allow that admiral Knowles is in every respect qualified to have the chief command. I will ask but one question more, i. e. Whether it would not be prudent and advisable for the author of a late free, unreserved and opprobrious character, seasonably to revise and retract it, lest the judicious should hereafter be of opinion he had incur'd the odium of a *rash*, calumniating Scribler.

A Description of PORT-LOUIS.

PORT-LOUIS is situated 12 leagues to the eastward of *Cape Taberone*, which is the S. W. cape of *Hispaniola*: As to its harbour, its capable to contain 250 or 300 sail of merchant ships, being a bay of about a league and half deep; its entrance better than a league broad, has an island in the center of the harbour bay, upon which is the only fort that defends the harbour, excepting the small battery of 8 cannon on the west point of the entrance, where there is a look-out kept. The fort is on a low sandy island, the walls of which is wash'd in some places by the sea, and is regularly built, mounting between 60 and 70 cannon; those facing the entrance are thirty-six pounders. The town contains about 60 houses, of a fit manner, like the generality of the *West-India* houses; the inhabitants have a great proportion of negroes among them; the commandant of the castle and town-house is situated on a rising ground over the town; 'tis a place of no great trade of itself; being more properly a rendezvous for privateers, and a good place for loading of the sugar ships for *Old France*, which amounts to the number of 40 or 50 sail in a year, and have their sugars brought thither from the other part of the island in small craft, as there is no other good harbour near that part of the island in the possession of the French; its harbour is capable of receiving men of war, or ships of almost any burthen, having from 5 to 10 fathom of water.