

going out at some Distance to look for their Cows which had stray'd, and not soon finding them he desired her to return Home, which she did; and tarrying a short Time she went out again to look after her Husband; but as she was crossing a Field, 6 or 7 Indians arose out of the Bushes, seiz'd her and kill'd her with their Hatchets. Her Husband having heard her cry out, hasten'd to her Relief, and, seeing them scalping her, presented his Gun at them, which missing Fire, he took to his Heels and escap'd to the Garrison: A piece of Cannon being discharg'd to alarm the Towns adjacent, the Indians made off, leaving the dead Body cut in several Places with their Hatchets and a Handkerchief cram'd into her Mouth. The Woman was a Person well esteem'd, and has left 2 or 3 small Children. Her Corps was brought Home and decently inter'd.

We are also informed, that last Tuesday was seven night Capt. Burns, with a Guard of 4 Men, going from the Garrison at Brunswick to forward some Letters hither, were first upon by 10 Indians, and the said Captain and one of the Men were kill'd, another was taken Captive, and the other two escap'd.

And on Tuesday last a young Woman at Berwick, named Morrell going out at a small Distance from a House, was seiz'd by some of the Enemy Indians, who barbarously kill'd her with their Hatchets, and then scalp'd her.

Yesterday arrived here Capt. Fones from London, but last from Portsmouth in 6 Weeks, by whom we have Advice.—That on the 25th of March about One in the Morning, a Fire broke out at one Mr. Eldridge's, a Perriwig Maker in Exchange Alley in Cornhill, which proved most terrible, about one hundred and twenty Houses being consum'd before it was extinguish'd, about twenty of which were in Cornhill, and the rest in Birchin Lane, Exchange Alley, George Yard, and all the Avenues leading to them, notwithstanding all possible means were used to stop the Flames, there being upwards of fifty Engines, very well mann'd, and in general pretty well supplied with water: The London Assurance Office; the George and Vulture; three Ton's; Swan and Fleece Taverns; and Tom's and the Rainbow Coffee Houses in Cornhill; Jonathan's and Garraway's in Exchange Alley, the Marine, Sword Blade; and Pennsylvania Coffee-Houses in Birchin Lane; and a great Number of Offices belonging to Brokers and Insurers, besides Tradesmen's Houses, were all reduced to Ashes: and the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill, is very much damaged.—It is impossible to express the Consternation and Confusion of the Inhabitants, any more than to give a Computation of the Loss, as it was one of the richest spots in the City of London.—There are several Persons missing, and as it is very certain there were some People killed, it is to be feared they are among them.

We have also Advice, that the Russian Troops were arrived at Holland, the Place of their Destination.

That the Congress was met at Aix la Chapelle.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.

Sunday last arrived here the Otter man of war, Capt. Ballet, in 7 weeks from Portsmouth, who is station'd here for the Protection of our Trade; so that we have reason to hope (particularly from the Character of the Commander) that our Coast will soon be clear'd of the Privateers now infesting it. Capt. Ballet came out with the Virginia Fleet, under Convoy of the Hector man of war, but parted with them about 600 leagues off. In his Passage about 300 leagues off, he met, and had a smart engagement with a very large ship for 4 Hours, and would have carried her had not night come on. He had one of his Hands kill'd, and 7 or 8 wounded.

By letters from London there is advice, that the Hon. James Hamilton, Esq; our Governor, is to embark for his Government some time this Summer. And,

By a letter from London, via Boston, we learn that the chief damage done by the Fire was in regard to the buildings, for that all the most valuable effects of the Inhabitants, with the books of accounts, &c. of the Bankers and Merchants, had been saved: And the Ministry had dispatch'd an express to the Hague to certify the Truth of this, lest the French partizans should misrepresent the affair to the injury of our public credit.

The captain and People of the Providence Brig, mentioned in our last to be taken in the Bay, are come to Town, who were all stripped by the Frenchmen of every thing they had that was valuable.

Tuesday last arrived here the sloop Three Brothers, from Providence. She was taken the 17th Instant, just off the Falls

Cape, by the French Privateer mentioned in our last, formerly the Clinton of New York, who had near 30 English Prisoners on board, taken out of three English Vessels on this Coast; among others, capt. Burk, and his crew, late of the Brig. Richa, who sailed hence for London about two weeks since. The French at first took all the People out of the Three Brothers on board the Privateer, except George Porteous, who was one of her owners, his Wife, his Son, and an old man, and put three French Sailors into her, with orders to proceed to the Capes of Delaware, where the Privateer was then going. It coming to blow hard, they lost sight of the Privateer, on which Porteous took the Helm, and brought the Vessel into the Capes, and with the help of the old Man and Boy, overcame the Frenchmen, took in a Pilot at Lewes, and brought up the Vessel with the three Frenchmen Prisoners. Porteous has deposited, that the Clinton had with her a French sloop, and a Spanish schooner, which he was informed were her Concerts.

Saturday last arrived here from a cruise, the Privateer Brig Trembleur, capt. Bowne, of this Place, and brought with him three Prizes, a ship and two Snows, bound for old France from Martinico, laden with Sugar, Coffee, Cotton, Cocoa, &c. reckoned very valuable. Capt. Bowne has in all taken 6 prizes during this cruise. He informs us that the Vessels in Martinico are block'd up by commodore Pocock, who with some of his Squadron cruise continually before that place: That sometimes they take the advantage of the night and come out, but commonly fall in with either the men of war or the English Privateers cruising that way.

Last night there was a report in Town, that the enemy's Privateers were as high up as Bombay Hook, and had taken two Shallops there.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 12.

Extract of a Letter from Madeira, dated April 13, 1748; which came by the Bobby, Capt. Loyal, who is arriv'd at Norfolk.

"We had here the 1st Inst. a little after Two in the Morning, a dreadful Earthquake, two or three Shocks of which continued about a Minute: Some People were kill'd, many Houses thrown down; and the Walls of all others crack'd and split surprizingly; had it been repeated with the same Violence, few of the Buildings would have been left standing."

May 19. Since our last his Majesty's Ship Loo, of 40 Guns, Capt. Aubrey Commander, arrived in Hampton Road, from Jamaica; and we hear is to stay to protect the Trade of this Coast, 'til the Return of the Fowey, or till he is reliev'd by some other Man of War.—There came with Capt. Aubrey, Capt. Pearse, (Son of Commissioner Pearse) who is going to Boston, to take the Command of a new Man of War, built there for his Majesty's Service.

ANNAPOLIS.

At the Provincial Court, which ended last Thursday, William Appleby, formerly mentioned, had his Trial and was acquitted. Last Thursday Mr. William Middleton was elected a Representative for Charles County, in the room of Mr. John Curtis, deceased. And on Monday he came to Town, and took his Seat in the House.

Last Monday about Noon, a Fire broke out in the House of Mr. John Maccabbin, a few Miles from this City, which consumed the same, and almost all the Furniture, besides a considerable Quantity of Paper Money.

Yesterday an Express came to Town from Philadelphia, and proceeded on his Journey to Williamsburg: We hear his Business is, to get a Man of War to cruise off the Capes of Delaware for the Privateers which infest those Parts. We hear of several Vessels being taken by them, as high up as Reddy Island. One of which is Capt. Billing's from Boston for this Place, who was first chas'd into Delaware, and afterwards taken: We are likewise inform'd, that two other Vessels from Boston for Maryland, (whose Names we have not learn'd) were taken in the like Manner.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Col. Adam Muir, deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment, to prevent Trouble: And those who have any Demands on the said Estate, are desired to bring their Accounts that they may be adjust'd, by
THOMAS MUIR, Executor.