

## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

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*Extract of a Letter from the HAGUE, dated July 26.*

UR last letters from the Netherlands hold us in suspense, in relation to the restitution of that country: People have a long time flatter'd themselves, that this would have been immediately effected; but according to all the advices which we have lately received from thence, it does not appear to be very near; the French, on

the contrary, are making dispositions which do not denote a speedy departure.

If the republic of Genoa is to be congratulated upon being deliver'd from the unhappy situation it was in, there is also reason to console with it, upon taking into consideration that wherein it is at present: It's coffers being exhausted; the credit of the bank of St. George ruin'd to all intents and purposes: It's commerce is extremely diminished by the retreat of many foreign merchants, who supported the best branches thereof: It's manufactures of Velvet and Paper are now got partly into the hands of the inhabitants of the little republic of Lucca, which will thereby be put into a flourishing condition; and partly into those of the merchants of Leghorn, who have drawn away the best workmen from Genoa, and established in the Grand Duchy a great number of manufactures of velvet and paper, and other merchandize, which were principally fabricated in Genoa. And these evils, which are scarcely to be remedied, the Genoese have brought upon themselves, by too precipitately entering into a war, which they were not under an absolute necessity of doing.

Upon lord Hyndford's acquainting the empress of Russia that the preliminaries of the peace were sign'd; her Imperial majesty made answer, *That she received the news with the more satisfaction, because she always desired with impatience to see peace restored to Europe; and that if she had any regret, it was only to find that her troops would by that means be deprived of the opportunity of showing their bravery, and zeal for the service of the Maritime powers.*

Edinburgh, June 27. We hear that the fire in the wood of Glentanner is not yet extinguish'd, notwithstanding some hundreds of people are cutting and clearing the way, in order to stop it, it is reckoned that there are three miles of it consumed; and incredible damage done to the young trees. The two fellows who set it on fire are fled.

Thursday last was brought up from on board a ship at Leith, and last from London, an Egyptian mummy, sent as a present to the advocate's library by the right hon. the earl of Moreton. As the antients embalmed the dead bodies of their kings and great persons, 'tis said to be some one of those, and to be between two and three thousand years old. It is deposited in a coffin said to be of sycamore wood, wrapped in a linnen cloth, dipped in a composition prepared to preserve the body from corrupting, and adorned with several hieroglyphics gilt.

L O N D O N.

July 2. The heat was so excessive on the 23d ult. N. S. in the neighbourhood of Paris, that a great many nories fell down in the road betwixt that city and Versailles, several whereof died. The thermometer rose to 89 degrees, which is higher than has been known for these 100 years past. The next morning there was a most furious tempest, which lasted from two 'til four o' clock, in which time so much rain fell, that most of the cellars in Paris had in them two feet water.

*Extract of a Letter from an English Gentleman at Leyden, to his Friend in London.*

"A few days ago I returned from Cleves, the chief town of that dukedom, under the dominion of the king of Prussia; it is one of the most agreeable and pleasantest places I have yet seen. Near this place is a very large park, most delightfully adorned, not only with it's lofty trees and fine vistas, but also

with it's curious fountains and grotto's. In this park, some few years ago, Dr. Schutte, a member of his Prussian majesty's college of physicians, discovered a chalybeate spring; and upon examination of it, the same is found in every quality to be much superior to that of Spaw, but with this difference, that in regard of it's extraordinary quality, of being impregnated with a extreme fine volatile spirit, it cannot to any benefit be exported from thence. As his Prussian majesty neglects nothing that will contribute to the grandeur and profit of his country, he has caus'd the people of Cleves, upon the discovery of this beneficial spring, to erect handsome houses, and very convenient artificial baths, for entertainment and profit to strangers who shall resort thither, and whom he indulges with all the liberty imaginable, to make the place agreeable and frequented. This superior advantage in every respect to that of Spaw, begins to spread, and has already drawn together a great concourse of gentry, increasing considerably every season, which begins in the month of June."

July 25. We learn, that his majesty, in going from Herenhuat to hisover, in his coach, was overturned; but providentially received no hurt.

*From the GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE for June, 1748.*

FROM NORWICH, June 26, they write, that many orchards are almost ruin'd by great swarms of flies, both fruit and leaves destroyed, and the trees look more languid than in winter; tho' in the spring, never was there a more promising appearance of great plenty. These insects also make great havoc with the walnut trees, and all field plantations.

On Sunday the 12th of June happened a violent storm of thunder and lightning, with hail in some places. — At St. Andrew's church, near Chelmsford, a lad was kill'd by the lightning in the church, during divine service: A waterman on the river lost the sight of an eye by a flash. — At Strettham, in Surrey, the lightning singed the hair off a boy's head, wit out hurt; and the painting of a landscape over a chimney piece, and the gold off the frame; but did no farther mischief. — At Addington place, in Surrey, fell hail stones seven inches in circumference, rebounding two feet from the ground; which much damaged the gardens and windows. — The day before, a grazier riding to Boroughbridge fair, was struck dead, with his horse, by the lightning. — A person also at Ferberidge, and another, with his horse, in the East riding of Yorkshire had the same fate on Sunday. — At Fulbrook park, near Warwick, a flash set on fire and burnt the house, barns, stables, and ricks; and singed the master's hair, as he sat in the house. — By the same tempest the steeple at Aylesbury was so damaged, that it must be taken down and rebuilt. — Near Reading was a storm of broken ice, in flat pieces about two inches broad. — The heat at Paris was so great the same day, as to confine the people within doors, and was followed by a terrible storm of hail. — At Hammersmith, a man being taken out of the Thames, where he had laid under water a quarter of an hour, and expos'd for dead, was recover'd to life by advice of a woman spectator, directing the rolling of him on the grass.

*There having been of late some extraordinary Instances of the Effects of the Lightning, it may not be amiss to publish the following Account of a pretended Miracle, which happened at Rome some Time ago.*

A Woman called Angelica Cecconi, of 36 years of age, went to the church of the Augustine friars, where the miraculous blood of St. John of Solentino was expos'd; and being at her prayers to be delivered, by the Intercession of that saint, of a great pain she had had for some time in her breast, was struck with lightning, which burnt her head dress, her hair, shift, and some parts of her body, and threw her at two paces distance flat upon the ground, whereby she lost her speech and senses in such a degree, that every body thought she was dead. One of the fathers came with the wonderful reliquit in his hand,

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