

October 4. The London Gazette having confirmed an article of news, which was before given by the other Papers, concerning the French preparations for making a large Expedition at Caravelles, and opening such a port there as already gives jealousy to the people of Dunkirk, it seems extremely necessary for our negotiators to consider,

I. Whether the demolition of the works of Dunkirk towards the sea, and even the spoiling of that obnoxious port (if it can be procured) will be sufficient for our security on that side, while the French have another port so near it, which may equally annoy us in time of war, and serve the same purpose of invading or surprizing us, whenever the crown of France shall think proper to disturb our peace?

II. Whether the beginning this week while the negotiations are yet depending, at least before the effect of them be made public, be not a sort of contumacious method of setting us at defiance, and showing us that as they can over reach us in the letters, so they do not at all shrink themselves bound to satisfy us by observing the spirit and intention of treaties, which, in all that relates to Dunkirk, has ever been, that the French shall have no haven upon the narrow seas, to the Eastward of the Straits of Dover?

III. Whether it be not requisite, therefore, still to insist upon having this spirit and meaning literally specified, by the mention of some particular cape, river, or point of Latitude beyond which the French should not fortify, or open a harbour upon the narrow seas?

Newcastle, October 8. Last Week a very odd Affair happened at Sanderland. A Man having agreed to marry a Widow, whose former Husband died insolvent, some arch Fellows persuaded her, that to avoid Prosecutions, it was absolutely necessary for her to go to her intended Husband's House naked, in broad Day, through the open Streets. Accordingly, yesterday seennight, between eight and nine o' Clock in the Morning, she stripp'd herself stark naked, and in that Condition was walking over the High Street of Sanderland, to the Bridegroom; when he was so kind as to meet her about half Way, with a Smock and Petticoat in his Hand, which he slipp'd over her Head before abundance of Spectators.

CHARLES-TOWN, in South Carolina,

November 14. Friday evening arrived Capt. Boyd (late of the James and Elizabeth) from St. Augustine, who informs us that besides his ship and Capt. Macky's, the Spaniards have taken and carried in there the sloop Endeavour, of and from this port for Exeter, Thomas Matthews Master. That a brig privateer lately sailed from thence, of 14 carriage guns, and 450 men, commanded by Juan Fernandez: And that the sloop by which he was taken was fitting out again for a cruise, and would sail about this time. Capt. Boyd informs us, that they have received no advice at that place, of the cessation of hostilities between England and Spain.

December 12. The schooner John, William Holland Master, of and for this port, from Jamaica, and a brig, belonging to Liverpool, from New-England for this port, Jones Master, with Mr. Ducat (one of our pilots) on board, who has been taken thrice before, are both taken by a Spanish privateer belonging to St. Augustine, which sail'd from thence to cruise, long since the cessation of hostilities. As these make vessels taken by the Spaniards our neighbours, since hostilities have ceased every where else, and they still continue to fit out and send their privateers to cruise, 'tis to be hoped, if they are not hunted and treated as pirates, (that some other) means will be used to put a stop to their insolence.

There have been several seizures of our traders, lately made at the Havanna and St. Augustine. And of the latter place the privateer above-mentioned plundered some English prisoners (that were coming hither in a flag of truce) of their chests of cloaths, and whatever else they had.

BOSTON, New-England,

Dec. 19th Monday last, as a man was slowing away logwood in the hold of a vessel at the north end, he was stung on the wrist by a scorpion, and not applying for help untill his arm, as far as his shoulder, swelled up and mortified, and on Friday he died, not so soon as he was dead, his body swelled, and was so offensive, that they could not lay him out, but were obliged immediately to wrap him up in a tar'd cloth. These venomous insects are very plenty in this bay, of Honduras, and doubtless that no, mentioned came from that place, as it was found among the logwood.

On Monday last, all the freemen and other inhabitants of this town, gathered as we was directed, at the meeting place, for the choice of a representative in

the room of James Allen, Esq; who having incurred the displeasure of the Honourable House, had been expelled: The same gentleman was here elected by a majority of 346 votes out of 473. But what since informed, that the Honourable House have refused to receive him again; the wisdom and integrity which proceeding must undoubtedly appear abundantly from the reasons which we are informed may be proposed, when possibly this affair may be the subject of further consideration. Ourselves and several others (as we are informed) have just the sentiment of the House against this gentleman may appear, it is scarce but to surprise to every one without acquainted with the number, and quality, and circumstances of the household who voted for Mr. Allen, to hear it asserted that he was chosen by a MOB. An assertion as false as it is weak, and to weak as it is false.

January 16.
Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Jamaica to his Friend
in New-York, dated November 20th 1748.

The great Don Pedro Artobachee, just before I got on the coast of Carthagena, got a confounded drabbing by a small Dutch ship of 24 guns, and 100 men; belonging to Amsterdam. It seems the Don had been informed of a ship being on the coast, and being apprehensive it was one of our 20 gun ships, went into Carthagena, and took on board 50 more men, which made his complement 400. He then proceeded in quest of the ship, and luckily met with him about fifteen leagues to windward of Carthagena. The Dutchman, on seeing of him, soon stood ready to receive him, which they did with gallant bravery; that the Dons quitted the deck, and ran below; their sails all tore to pieces, their braces and other rigging cut; in which condition they lay near two hours; not a man daring to venture aloft to knot or splice them: At last they made a shift to brace their yards about, and run for it. The Dutchman pursued 'til dark, paying him smartly all the while. He fired near 800 shot at him, and had not the sixth part from him. We have no account what number of the Dons were kill'd. The Dutchman had only his cockpit kill'd below at his chest with an 18 pounder. So that this man was has been so great a terror to the Northern colonies, was but a meer hogbeard; and I do think that this glorious action of the Dutchman, ought to be recorded in letters of gold.

ANNAPOLIS,

Last Saturday Night, died Madam RACHEL HAMMOND, the worthy Consort of the Honourable Col. CHARLES HAMMOND, at his Plantation on Severn. Her Behaviour in every Relation was so discreet and unblameable, that the Rich had reason to esteem and commend her, and the Poor to bless God for her.

By a Letter from Barbados, of the 14th of January, via Philadelphia, we learn, that Corn and Flour were there at a low Price, the latter being sold at 14s. per Hundred, and was still falling.

We hear from Philadelphia That the Map of Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, New-York, and the Three lower Counties on Delaware, by Mr. Dennis Egan is now engraved there, and fit for Printing off; and expect by the next Post from the Northward, to receive Specimens of it, with the Proposals for Publishing it by Subscription.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

RAN away from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named *Hergull*, of a short thick Stature, and speaks good English. He has with him a likely young grey Mare, branded on the near side I.R. Whoever will take up the said Runaway, shall have a reasonable Reward, besides what the Law allows.

To be **SOLD** very cheap, by the Subscribers, near Annapolis, good old Madeira Wine, good French Claret in Hogsheads, and good Malaga Wine in Quarter Cases, for Bills of Exchange, or Paper Money.

BILLETS in the fourth Class of the Philadelphia Lottery, are to be had of the Subscriber; and those who purpose to adventure, must produce their Numbers in the third, before the 20th Day of this Instant March, paying four Pieces of Eight for each Bill; otherwise they shall be void.