

against George Robertson of Faskelly, James Robertson of Blairfetty, and David Tullock of Bogtoun.

And ignoramus quoad the three following persons: viz. Robert Stuart of Killyhastie, James Gordon of Glasirum, and John Turner the younger of Turner-hall.

BOSTON, February 20.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer of Distinction at Annapolis Royal, to an Officer in Boston, dated Jan. 5, 1748 9.

"You may with certainty communicate to any of the news-writers in Boston, That there are arrived in this province three companies of the regular troops of the French of Canada, accompanied with Indians and militia to the number of 3 or 400 men, all in arms; which are conjur'd to come here to assert their right to that part of the province they pretend to have conquer'd from the rout at Menis."

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Thursday was the Day appointed for electing Representatives in Baltimore, Calvert, and St. Mary's.

In Baltimore County, Major Thomas Sheredine, Dr. George Buchanan, Capt. John Pace, (three old Members,) and Capt. Darby Lux (in the room of Col. John Hall), were elected.

In Calvert County, Mr. James Febr Mackall, Capt. James Highe, Mr. Benjamin Mackall, junior, and Mr. Bryson Bond, were elected. The three last named Gentlemen are new Members, in the room of, the much lamented Mr. Walter Smith, deceased, Mr. John Brome, deceased, and Mr. Joseph Hall.

From St. Mary's we have yet no certain Account.

On Thursday Night last a terrible Accident happened in Baltimore Town, at the House of Mr. Greenbury Dorsey; which in the dead Time of the Night took Fire, and burnt down to the Ground, with all the Furniure, and six Persons in it; viz. one Man, four Children, and a Negro Girl. Mr. Dorsey happened to be from home; and it was with great Difficulty that any Persons were saved; Mrs. Dorsey, who lay up Stairs, preserved herself and two Children, by first throwing one out of the Window, and afterwards jumping out herself with another in her Arms; tho' they are very much hurt. This melancholy Scene is supposed to be the Effect of the horrid Malice and diabolical Revenge of a Servant Man of Mr. Dorsey's, who it seems had threaten'd such a Thing, and was out of the House himself, with some things belonging to him, when it happened; and at the first Discovery, the House was observed to be on Fire below in several Places at once. On these, and other dark Circumstances, the Servant is apprehended and committed to Jail.

Last Monday, at a middling Tide, the Ship *Winchester*, Capt. Elias Le Gros, which drew XIX feet and 6 Inches Water, left her Moorings in Severn River, and went into the Bay; and this Morning weigh'd Anchor, and sail'd with a fair Wind for London.

A few Days ago, a little Boy in Queen Anne's County, happened to fall down a few steps with a sharp pointed Knife in his Hand, which stuck into one Side of his Neck, quite up to the Haft, and kill'd him.

In some of the northern Papers, the following Notification is publish'd, and is here reprinted to prevent any Impositions of the kind this way.

Our Readers are desired to beware of Counterfeit mild Dollars, of which there are three Sorts now passing, two of them dated 1741, the other 1744. Those of 1744 may be distinguished from true Ones, by the Word VTRAQUE, the R and A being too far asunder, so as to make it look like two distinct Words, VTR, AQUE. Those of 1741 may be known thus; in one Sort the Letter A in HISPAN. is much too small for the rest: In the others, the Space where the Date is placed, is much broader than in the true Ones. The last Side of the Crown, on the Left hand Pillar, is right under the word VTRAQUE, which is the title given to the Falls between the R and the A. All of them are well with'd at the Edges; but the Letters in general, do not well match, and regular as in the true Ones: They are of pale metal, containing but about Two Shillings and Eight pence Worth of Silver or the best Copper; and if a little of the Surface, which is silver'd over, be scraped away, and the Place fill'd by rubbing on, the short Hair of a Man's Head, its brassy complexion will appear: Plac'd on the End of a Finger, and struck with a small K, they all yield a shriller Sound than the true Ones. Several Germans are concerned in coining and

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all Persons who have any just Claims against the Estate of Mr. Walter Smith, late of Calvert County, deceased, are desired to bring their Accounts, legally proved, in order to be paid. Likewise all those who are indebted to the said Estate, are desired to come and pay their respective Balances; otherwise they may expect to be dealt with as the Law directs.

ALETHEA SMITH.

HOPS, at Fifteen Pence by the Hittle Pound, or at Six Shilling 'y the Half Score or Dozen Pounds, to be Sold in Annapolis, by

THOMAS FLEMING.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENUE.

By the Subscriber, at his Store in Annapolis, on Tuesday the 28th of this Instant March, for Ready Sterling Money, or Bills of Exchange,

A Fine Plantation, called *What you will*, containing 375 Acres of Land, more or less, situate at the Head of South River, about four Miles from the Landing Place, and near the Inspecting House which is ordered by Act of Assembly to be erected: There are upon the said Plantation a good Dwelling House, a good Negro's Quarter House, a Corn House, a Tobacco House, a good Orchard, &c. For farther Particulars, enquire of

JAMES DICK.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of Major Thomas Nevett, deceased, are desired, without further Notice, to pay off their respective Debts; for which Purpote William Wheland will attend on Monday, Tuesday, and We octay, in every Week, 'til the first Day of June next; by which Time it is expected that all those who have any Demands against the said Estate, will bring in their Accounts; and that they who are indebted will make Payment; which will prevent Trouble to themselves, and

Their humble Servant,

SARAH NEVETT, Administratrix.

To be SOLD,

Very reasonably, for Ready Money,

A Good Sloop, Burthen about 25 Tons, ready rigged, fit for the Sea or Bay: she is almost new, has been one Voyage to Sea, and is a very good Sailer.

Likewise a Parcel of Law-Books; a compleat Set of BOOK-Binder's Tools; also a Billiard Table, and Furniture. By

SARAH NEVETT.

Strayed from Baltimore Town, sometime last Fall, a large slim Black Horse, paces naturally very well, and has a small Piece taken out of his Ear. Likewise a middle sized Sorrel Horse, with a large Blaze, a white Mane and Tail. The Brands of the said Horses are unknown to the Subscriber.

Whoever will bring them to Baltimore Town, or to Jessup, shall receive Twenty Shillings Reward for each.

ROGER BOYCK.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Persons, that the Subscriber, living in Charles County, near Pickett's Church, makes and mends all Sorts of Jewellers and Silver Smith's Work; mends all Sorts of Watches; and engraves all Sorts of curious Seal's for Watches: And I hereby certify, that I will warrant all Gold and Silver to be good, which is marked with the following Stamp, viz. W H, by

WILLIAM HOWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in King William County, Virginia, about Twelve Months ago, a terrible Virginia born Negro Fellow, named *Jack Sparlock*, of a yellowish Complexion, and thin Village; he is now aged, and speaks good English: He has a Scar on his Face occasion'd by a Burn, and large Whelks on his Back. Whoever transports said Negro, dead or alive, to me, in Kings County, containing the said Negro, shall receive Two Pistols Reward, besides the Allowance by Law.

THOMAS DANFORD.

ANNE CATHARINE GREEN,

At the Post Office in Annapolis.

Very good CHOCOLATE, at Three Shillings and