

has hinder'd their proceeding regularly in making their sugar, and that it has in a great measure lessen'd the prospect of their crops.

### BOSTON.

March 2. *We hear from the Eastward, that one Deering of Black-Point, having some difference with his wife, knock'd her down with a club, and kill'd her on the spot; after which he buried her at some distance from his house.*

Extract of a Letter from Barbados, January 17.

"The French are settling the island of Tobago with all expedition.—The Boston man of war went over to wood and water, but found two French men of war cruising about the island, who insisted that she should not send her boat ashore, and offered great insults to her: However the captain of the Boston went ashore, and immediately sent a sloop over with an express to the commanding officer here, which arrived two days ago; which occasioned Capt. Tyrrel, who had the command here, to sail this afternoon with a ship of 40 guns, another of 20, and a sloop of 14, for that island, to enquire into the reason of the insults which the two French men of war had offered to the Boston, which ship was to remain at that island until they had heard from the commanding officer.—This affair makes most people uneasy here, especially the traders."

March 9. *We hear from Cadiz, by a vessel lately arrived, that there is a free trade in the Spanish ports for British ships; tho' Peace was not proclaimed in Spain the 23d of January last.*

*We hear that a vessel is arrived at Rhode Island from Antigua, which brings advice, that peace was proclaimed there two days before she sailed, agreeable to the orders brought by a packet from England.*

March 16. *We have advice from South Carolina, that William Whitmore, Esq; (brother to Sir Thomas Whitmore, Bart. with whom he was chosen a member in the last parliament for Bridgenorth in the county of Salop,) is appointed governor of North Carolina.*

Extract of a Letter from Cape Fear, February 6.

"By two vessels just arrived from South Carolina, we learn, that they had lately escaped a very dangerous insurrection of the Negroes; who, with 20 or 30 white overseers; had determined upon a general massacre of the Whites throughout the province. The plot was discovered after they had many of them got together in arms, and 50 or 60 kill'd before they would submit." [As we have news-papers and letters from South Carolina of a later date, and no mention made of the above affair, we must suspend our belief of it until we have farther confirmation.]

A Letter from St. Kitt's, dated the 15th of February, mentions, that they are assured by vessels from London to Barbados, that the peace was not yet proclaimed, nor like to be; so that a fresh war was expected: That the same news comes from all the French Islands; and that admiral Knowles is absolutely ordered for the security of the Windward Islands.

Extract of a Letter from Charles-Town, in South-Carolina, February 17.

"Peace was proclaimed in the Havanna and St. Augustine three weeks ago, but not yet here. The Choctaw Indians have lately cut off a family of French near New Orleans, of whom they have brought away a young lady and four Negro women; the rest they kill'd and scalp'd."

*We are informed from Woodstock, that on Monday the 4th instant, the wife of Mr. Howard of that place was taken in travail, when there were no persons with her but a young woman and a child, who both ran to call in help; but before any came, Mrs. Howard was deliver'd of four children, all daughters, two of which died presently after the birth; the other two lived about four hours, and then died.*

### NEW-YORK.

April 3. By the mate of Capt. Elberston, late of the ship Sea Flower of this port, who arrived here on Monday evening last from Leoganne, via Rhode Island, we have the sorrowful news of the loss of the said ship on the 15th of February last, as she was on her passage from St. Kitt's for Turk Islands and this port: She sail'd from St. Kitt's the 6th of February, and two days after sprung a leak, which continued increasing on her 'til the 13th, when being near full, she overset in sight of Atwood's Key, one of the Bahama Islands: The men all got safe on shore on the Key, where they continued three days without wood or water, under a very gloomy prospect; when happily on the third day, a ship, Capt. Cole, bound from Providence for Leoganne, appeared in sight, and took them all off

late of the sloop Vulcan of this port, bound home from Curacao, and the loss of the said sloop; viz. Capt. Bergeau had taken on board at Curacao two French seamen, and sailed from thence on the 15th of December last; and on the 22d following, at 11 o'clock at night, being about two leagues to windward of Donna Maria bay on Hispaniola, those two villains took the opportunity to rise upon the company, and barbarously murder'd the captain and all the men except one, who in the fright jump'd down into the hold, and hid himself in the pump-well: After they had cleared the vessel of all the rest, they called to him by name; ordering him to come up; but he begging heartily for his life, and promising to be faithful to them, they spared him: They then hoisted out their boat, with his help, and after taking out all the money, to the amount of 15000 pieces of eight, and a gold watch, they scuttled the sloop and went on shore. The first night they lay in the woods, and made the Englishman lie between them, to prevent his escaping; and the next day tied him fast to a tree, where one of them was for killing him outright, but the other would not consent to it: They then went and bought a plantation near Donna Maria bay, with seven Negroes on it, where they continued near three weeks, keeping the Englishman with them all the time, he not having any opportunity either to escape or discover them: But wanting some necessaries for their new plantation, they went to Leoganne to be supplied, where their prisoner got an opportunity to discover the matter to a French merchant, who thereupon a quainted the authority; the two villains were immediately taken up and secured: They confessed the fact, and said they had served fifteen other English subjects in the same manner some time before. They were rack'd to death the 27th of February last, and the next day exposed on the wheel, while one of them was still living, the other having died sooner with his pains.—We hear the greater part of the money is secured for the right owners, and 'tis thought very little of it, if any, will be entirely lost. The people killed were Abraham Bergeau, master, James Filling, mate, John Mercy, Nicholas Little, Samuel Brookman, and a Curacoa man, sailors: The person's name who escaped is Philip Steuart.

By Capt. Devoreux from Havanna, we have letters informing, that the brigantine Sarah, Capt. Harris, of this port, bound for Jamaica, having put into the Havanna, had been there seized; and 'twas thought both vessel and cargo would be lost.

They also inform, that a pyrate brigantine had lately taken several vessels off the Havanna; and that she had chased and taken a French vessel so near the shore, that several of the men, rather than fall into their hands, had swam ashore, and got to Havanna. The pyrate was thought to be English.

Late on Saturday night last, four Spanish Negroes were taken up and committed to our jail, for designing to cut a vessel out of the harbour to run away with: The plot was discovered by one of them, who was taken up first for being out so late without a lantern; when four cutlasses were found under his cloak: We hear some others are concerned, who are not yet apprehended.

Capt. Elberston's mate was present at Leoganne, when the two Frenchmen who murder'd Capt. Bergeau and his company were put to the rack; the general having order'd people of all degrees to attend the execution, that the severe punishments the murderers suffer'd might deter others from the like crimes.

### ANNAPOLIS.

The Night after our County Election, at a Tavern in this Town, some Persons being more merry than wise, and not considering that Golden Rule of *Doing to others as they would they should do unto them*, made themselves sport with Mr. Pinckney Stewart, one of the Company (who had been a little top free with Liquor), by throwing and tumbling him about, whereby he got very much hurt and bruised; and last Week he died. The Coroner has had an Inquest on his Body, which is adjourned for some Days: It is a very melancholy Affair, as he has left a sorrowful Wife and six helpless Children.

Since our last, we have heard of the Arrival in Virginia of Capt. James Hall, who is coming with his Ship into South River. There was no Peace proclaimed in England, when Capt. Hall came away: They had a terrible storm there about Christmas, in which many Vessels were lost; but further Particulars we must defer 'til next Week, by which Time it is expected Capt. Hall will be come up.

We hear it is Generall's bly will certainly meet here on