

England, lying between 43 and 51 deg. of North lat. and between 63 and 70 deg. of long. measuring 500 miles in length; and about 300 in breadth, tho' most of it is uncultivated; for, except a few settlements made by the French and English on the sea coast, all the other parts are a continual forest.

The soil is fruitful, the air seldom intemperate, it abounds with fish, cattle, and the best of furs; affords several excellent harbours for ships of considerable burden; is capable by its situation to be made not only a barrier against all the schemes and forces of the French in those parts, for extending their trade, but a key to their fur trade and cod fishery, and to counteract any attempt made against our settlements on that coast by the greatest power France is able to equip at Cape Breton.

The following is the total of all the French, Spanish, and neutral ships and vessels that have been taken, destroyed, and condemned, during the late war with France, which was declared the 31st of March, 1744, 'til an entire cessation of hostilities commenced on both sides the line; viz.

- 140 French trading ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, between *Marseilles* and the *Levant*.
- 385 Xebèques, and other small vessels, in the *Mediterranean*, with stores for the *Spanish* and *French* armies in *Italy*; and others to and from the coast of *Barbary*, the *Spanish* coast, and the *Mexica*.
- 804 French in *Europe*, and to and from their settlements and *Spanish* ports in *America*, and those in the *American* seas.
- 157 French, to and from *French Newfoundland*, as *Cape Breton*, and other settlements and bankers.
- 487 French, up and down in the *Channel* and elsewhere, between the land's end and the *streights* mouth; whereof 13 were of very considerable value.
- 41 French in the *East Indies*, and to and from thence.
- 34 French men of war; viz.

Guns.	Guns.	Guns.
2 of 20,	3 of 36,	1 of 58,
1 of 22,	2 of 44,	1 of 60,
2 of 24,	1 of 46,	3 of 64,
2 of 25,	2 of 50,	1 of 68,
2 of 30,	2 of 52,	1 of 70,
2 of 32,	1 of 50,	3 of 72.

- 348 French privateers in *Europe* and *America*, from 2 to 56 guns.
- 34 Spanish register ships in *Europe* and *America*, outward and homeward bound.
 - 1 *Acapulco* ship, taken by Lord *Anson*.
 - 3 Spanish or French from the *South Seas*.
- 71 Spanish of less value; in *America*; whereof 22 were esteemed very valuable.
- 91 Spanish, on the coasts of *Spain* and *Portugal*, between the land's end and the *streights* mouth; whereof four were very valuable.
 - 2 Spanish men of war, of 36 and 74 guns.
- N. B. The *Princessa* was taken before the French war.
- 96 Spanish privateers in *Europe* and *America*, from 4 to 14 guns.
- 110 Neutrals; their cargoes condemned.

2804 And the forts and castles of *Louisburg* and *Cape Breton*.
 N. B. Of the foregoing prizes, 1191 have been taken by privateers in *Europe* and *America*.

March 31. We hear that 5000 l. more is allowed for defraying the expence of printing the Journals of the House of C—. And that the said house hath granted to his majesty 470,186 l. 9 s. 6 d. 1 q. to make good the deficiencies for the service in 1748; and 480,128 l. 10 s. 10 d. for defraying the extraordinary expences of the land forces in *Flanders*, *Scotland*, and *America*, and of other services incurred in 1748, and not provided for by P—; and 3,000,000 l. to discharge the bills payable in course of the navy and victualling offices and transports; and 230,382 l. 5 s. 1 d. to pay off the debt of the office of ordnance; and 40,000 l. towards the charge of transporting, &c. the reduced officers and private men that offer to go to *Nova Scotia*; and 63,274 l. 6 s. 3 d. upon account, for our pensioners of *Chelsea* hospital, for the year 1749; and 100,000 l. to be paid to the queen of *Hungary*.

[Thus far the MAGAZINE.]

STOCKHOLM, March 18.

It is a point settled, that we shall have a large camp on the frontiers of *Fisland*, and another on the side of *Norway*;

several *Hessian* officers have entered into our service, and if there should be any occasion, we are very sure of having a body of 12000 auxiliary troops.

LONDON, March 9. Last tuesday began the assizes at *Richmond* for the county of *Kent*, which will be the largest known in the memory of man, there being forty-seven for capital offences, twenty of whom are smugglers. The principal evidence for the crown, is one *Butler*, a notorious smuggler; who has made a discovery of most of the robberies that have been committed for seven years past, and of all the wool that has been exported to *France*, and who exported it. This fellow has been the head of a gang upwards of twenty years, and was principally concerned in conveying *Smith*, the custom house officer, to *France*.

It is now, and has been a practice for some time; amongst a great number of women who are in debt to go to the *deer*, and hire a man to marry them, then get a certificate, and bid defiance to their creditors.

A merry instance of this happened last week at a most noted marrying house, kept by a —, whose name is —. A woman goes there, and desires the matter of the house to get her a man to be married to: He sends for one having many always ready at his call) and the woman agrees with him, pays him more money than he ever had before on such an occasion, and sends for the parson, who asked one guinea and a half to do the job. On which the man was very angry, and said to his new intended spouse. My dear, I have been married to upwards of forty women this last year, and particularly to two this very morning, and never paid any more than half a guinea, and you shall not be imposed on: So the parson took the half guinea, and they were married.

Yesterday the great boxing match was fought at *Broughton's* amphitheatre in *Oxford* road, between *Walter Finley* from *Edinburgh*, and the famous *George Taylor*; when *Taylor* beat *Finley*.

Tuesday a woman carrying a quantity of shavings on her head, wrapped up in her apron, in *Berkly* street, a boy unluckily set fire to some that hung down, which catching hold of her cap before it was discovered, burnt her eyes in so terrible a manner that it has deprived her of sight.

About three months since, the dog of an eminent chemist, running through the shop, and up the stair-case of *Mrs. Pitman*, a brassmaker, on *London* bridge, one *William Taylor*, her apprentice, seeing so fine a dog pass through the shop, followed him, and whilst he was reading the inscription on his collar, the dog bit him in the hand, which by the help of a surgeon was soon healed; but on monday se'night he was seized with such a violent disorder, that a physician was sent for, who enquired if the patient was ever bit by a dog, and upon farther enquiry of the owner of the dog, was answered, that the dog was killed on a supposition of being mad, and that he had bit one of his horses, who having some symptoms of madness, was also knocked on the head. The youth died last friday morning in the most violent agonies, bound in his bed. This may caution persons how they meddle with strange dogs.

A few days ago a servant of an eminent apothecary near *St. James's*, going to *Marybon*, with medicines for several people; was set upon by foot-pads, who demanded his money; but the poor fellow not having sufficient to satisfy them about him, they not only beat him, but obliged him to swallow every one of the medicines; of which he now lies so dangerously ill that it is feared he will not recover.

This week a man well dressed, with boots on, was found dead in a pit on *Smallberry green*, he was hardly cold when found, and had a fracture on his head, by which it was thought he was murdered.

March 23 The Right Honourable the Lord *Baltimore* has resigned his Post of Lord of the Bed-Chamber to his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, his Lordship intending this Year to visit *Maryland*, of which Province he is chief Proprietor.

Canterbury, March 8. Monday last near the three mile post between *Maidstone* and *Chatham*, *George Tempest*, of *Crabbrook*, Esq; as he was going to the assizes, was robbed by a footpad.

We hear that on thursday last about one o'clock at noon, *Christian Tourston*, a Danish sailor, was stopped about three miles from *Dover*, in his way to *Sandwich*, by two footpads in the habit of grenadiers; who attacked him with drawn swords, threatened to strip him of his coat, and robbed him of three shillings.