

fortune, and large increase acquir'd in business with the highest reputation, was married to Miss Hanbury, a most agreeable young lady with 10,000 l. and every endowment necessary to make the marriage state happy; daughter of Mr. John Hanbury, a considerable merchant in this city, a gentleman universally known and esteemed.

Bristol, Saturday. On Friday the 21st instant, at 8 o'clock in the morning, about 200 Somersetsshire people, got down in third time the turnpike gates on the Ashton road, and burnt the timber; then afterwards destroy'd the Dundry turnpike, and thence went to Beemiller, headed by two chiefs on horse-back, one with his face black'd, and the other a young gentleman farmer at Nailley, carried the standard, being a silk handkerchief on a long staff; the rest were on foot, arm'd with rusty swords, pitchforks, axes, guns, pistols, clubs, &c. They call'd themselves *Jack a Lewis*, having the letters J L on their hats and caps. They rang'd themselves in the main street before the George Inn, by beat of drum, huzzas, and a hunting horn, 3 drums attending them. Here they drank freely, with much noise; and then broke the windows of one Mr. Durbin, a tynching man of the hundred, who had, by order of the commissioners, carried three persons concerned in destroying the turnpikes before two justices, by whom they were committed to Newgate. Not satisfied with this, their order chief commanded the house to be demolished, in these words; *I say, fall down the house*; which was done in a short time; the miller's of the house, who was very big with child, being carried out very much frighten'd.

Hence, after begging money of the people, who were very numerous, they marched about 11 o'clock with shouts to Redcliff hill, crying out; *They were afraid of no man*; but finding Redcliff gate shut (as were all the other main gates), and that it was impracticable to take their 3 brethren out of Newgate, as they had threatened, they turned through Pile street, and marched to the strong turnpike on Totterdown, erected on the Bath and Fensford roads; where about 12 o'clock they fell furiously to work, in cutting them down, and in levelling the house and two centry-boxes.

But before they had compleat'd half their work, a fire being lighted for burning the timber, a body of the commissioners armed, constables with their staffs, seamen with cutlasses, and others from the city, appeared on the brow of Totterdown hill, and ran with such eager speed to attack the levellers, that they took to their heels, and fled up Knowl hill; but many were knock'd down; and one of their drummers, with others taken: One farmer Barry was cut in the skull with a cutlass, and with two others also much wounded, afterwards sent to the infirmary; and about 30 other prisoners, after being conducted through the city in the midst of many thousands of people to the council-houfe, were committed to Bridewell.

During the commotion at Totterdown (within the liberty of the city), the under sheriff read the proclamation against riots; counsellor Elton, on horseback, with his sword drawn, made a speech, exhorting the people, who were some thousands, to disperse.

These outrages in the open day, against known laws of the country, with the various reports and threatenings of the country people, who gave out they were to be join'd by several thousands, in order to enter the city, and rescue the 3 prisoners in ward, put a stop to all business in the fair and in the city, occasioned the shops to be shut up.

Tuesday morning early (the 2d) a great body of the country people, on the side of Hannum and Kingswood, went to Cupolas, and obliged the workmen to join them; they did like frost-coalwork to coalwork, and from house to house, many miles; those who work'd under ground were oblig'd to join them, by threats of having the ropes cut, and the mill'd over their heads. Joseph Derrick and Thomas Cox, the day before, were sent from Bridewell about 11 at night in a post-chaise, under a guard of 8 men well arm'd, to St. James, whence they were order'd by the judges to be committed to the next assizes.

Wednesday the 3d, the people in Kingswood kept gathering, parties of them finish'd what the Somersetsshire people had begun; so that almost all the turnpikes and turnpike houses about the city were demolished. The rioters, who in several instances exceeded 700, insisted on the release of the prisoners, on condition of their retiring to their habitations, threatening to deliver them by force; which occasion'd the city to be upon their guard. Some principal gentlemen, together in the coalworks, expostulated with the rioters on the

danger of opposing the laws, and represented that the colliers are exempted from paying toll, and had free liberty of going to and fro with coals and provisions; which had effect on many of them, who divided from the rest.

Friday, the 4th, about 12 at night, the colliers, as they had threaten'd the day before, came to St. James's Cross with buzz, and partly cut down the turnpike. Notice being given by signal, and the clashing of fire-bells, a large body of gentlemen and citizens, well armed, which some join'd, and others oppos'd, to attack the colliers, who did not stay to receive them. On the 5th, seven Kingswood rioters were taken in a skirmish, by a body of sailors employ'd to guard the turnpikes; Robert Price was committed tochester goal for heading a gang of rioters in destroying the turnpikes. On the 6th, Walter Fitzharding, Pearce Robins, and two others, were committed to the said goal for the like offence.

We have an account from Kingswood, that the colliers patrol the wood every night with fire arms, and several parties of them keeping watch by turns, to prevent any of their brethren being seized unawares, on account of destroying the turnpikes. On Saturday night, a large body of them came as far as the turnpike lodge on the Toghill road, and fired some flags into it. They expected to have met a party from Bristol, on a second visit, to apprehend some colliers, against whom informations have been given to the commissioners.

St. John's in Antigua, November 10.

We have an account from Bermuda, that they have lately had a violent storm there, which had blown down several houses, and done considerable damage to the shipping.

Williamsburg, January 4.

Yesterday arrived at Hampton the Anne, Capt. Perry, from Bristol; Dr. John Dixon came passenger in her, and informs us, that the Carteret, Capt. Robinson, was arriv'd safe in England, in a passage of about thirty days; and that the Hon. Sir William Gooch, Bart. with his family, and all the other passengers that went in her, were all in good health.

A N N A P O L I S.

On Saturday last his Excellency the Governor, in Council, was pleas'd to prorogue the General Assembly (which had prorogued to Tuesday next) to Tuesday the Sixth Day of March next.

Last Thursday sail'd from hence the Schooner *Charles Lewis*, Edward Rock Commander, for Barbadoes, with whom was Passenger Mr. Alexander Cooper, Merchant of that Island.

On Monday Morning last, in Middle River in Baltimore County, was made as great a Draught of Bales or Rock Fish, as was ever known. At one Haul of the Saine, which they drew under the Ice, they caught near 1800 of them, about one Third of which measur'd four Feet, or more; and weigh'd from 40 to 50 Pounds, and upwards. At a moderate Computation, above 30,000 Weight of Fish were taken at one Haul, many of which were brought down and sold here.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD

THE Time of a Servant Man, who has about six Years to serve, understands Arithmetick, writes a good Hand, and would do well for a Teacher of Children in the County. Enquire of the Printer hereof.

To be SOLD by Public Vendue.

AT the Subscriber's House in Annapolis, on Thursday, the First Day of March next, for Ready Money, several Sorts of Household Goods; with a Quantity of new Eggs, a Soup and Common Dishes and Plates, London Lead Metal Spoons; and several other Things too tedious to mention. The Sale will begin at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

MUNGO CAMPBELL.

WHEREAS, there is an old black Book of Records, belonging to the City of Annapolis, supposed to have been lost. Whoever has the said Book, is desired to send the same to Thomas Horwath, Clerk of the said City.