

The coasts of this kingdom are less incommoded by the corsairs of Barbary, since the king's three men of war, and some other armed vessels, sail'd against them. Several Genoese, who are just arriv'd in this city with their most valuable effects, report that it is impossible to subsist at Genoa, the government having laid such heavy taxes upon all the inhabitants, in order to re-establish the credit of the bank of St. George.

L O N D O N.

November 4. By the present laudable scheme of his royal highness the duke of Cumberland, in providing for all half pay officers, preferable to others, there are only two colonels on half pay.

On Saturday evening a fire broke out at a cabinet maker's in the Fleet market, which burnt part of the house, and did considerable damage before it could be extinguished.

Yesterday morning early the right hon. the lord Duncannon, one of the lords of the admiralty, going home in a chair, was stopp'd by two footpads in Old Bond street, who presented pistols to the two chairmen's heads, and order'd them to stop; but the man before the chair not stopping when order'd, one of them snapp'd a pistol at him, which did not go off, and the man behind calling the watch, and lord Duncannon getting out of the chair and drawing his sword, they made off without their booty. They had handkerchiefs tied over their hats, to prevent their being known.

Yesterday a young fellow was committed to Newgate, by the sitting alderman, for robbing a coachman as he was sleeping on his box in Whitechapel, of two shillings, and a shoe and silver buckle. One of his accomplices is sent to New Prison, and has impeach'd fourteen more in that gang.

Last Sunday one Burr, a blacksmith in Whitecross street, on hearing his apprentice had defrauded him of a halfpenny, took the following method to hinder his making any farther progress; he bored a hole thro' his ear with an iron sciver, to which by a wire he fastened the halfpenny, and in that manner led him for an example thro' the neighbourhood, and even to church.

The same day Thomas Girtle was committed to New Prison, by justice Withers, for cutting a man across the face near St. Luke's church in Old street. He had likewise before terribly wounded his father and mother; and with a knife had cut another man so dangerously down the belly that his bowels came out.

The following Inscription is recommended to the consideration of those gentlemen who have the direction of the monument, intended to be erected in Westminster abbey, in honour of Capt. Cornwall.

To the Memory of
 Captain JAMES CORNWALL,
 Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Marlborough,
 Who was slain
 In the Engagement with the French and Spanish Fleets, off
 Toulon,

February 11, 1743||4.

This Monument was erected,

At the Public Expence,

In Consequence of a Vote of the House of Commons,
 Who address'd his Majesty for that Purpose.

Tho' Britain's Genius hung his drooping Head,
 And mourn'd her ancient Naval Glory fled;
 On that sad Day, when France, combin'd with Spain,
 strove for the wide Dominion of the Main;
 Yet, CORNWALL, all, with gen'ral Voice, agreed
 To pay the Tribute of Applause to thee.
 When his bold Chief, in thickest Fight engag'd,
 Unequal War with Spain's proud Leader wag'd;
 With Indignation mov'd, he timely came
 To rescue from Reproach his Country's Name:
 Success too dearly did his Valour crown,
 He sav'd his Leader's Life, — and lost his own.
 These Fun'ral Rites a grateful Nation pays,
 That latest Times may learn the Hero's Praise:
 And Chiefs, like him, shall unrepeating lead,
 When Senates thus reward the glorious Deed.

On Saturday a person who teaches French at Hampstead, and the villages thereabouts, was found dead in a ditch, within fifty yards of his own house at Kilburne, suppos'd to have been murdered.

November 9. The Rippon man of war is arriv'd at Portsmouth from Jamaica, with a very large sum of money on board for the use of the merchants of this city.

A large ship from Bristol for Guiney is lost on the coast of Barbary: Thirty-two of the crew are got to the Canaries. 'Tis reported that two shillings in the pound will be taken off the land tax at the approaching session, and that the officers of the government will make it necessary to raise as much as that reduction will amount to; by some ways or means yet undetermined. We wish and hope the latter part of this report may prove false.

'Tis expected that if a court martial shall be appointed to enquire into the conduct of a certain — a — —, the public will be entertain'd with an account of his generosity, to the enemy in the W — st — —ies; and probably the true reason may be discovered, why a fleet of their ships was convoy'd into port, without taking one of them.

Boston, December 18.

By an express from the Eastward, we have an account of a most unhappy and imprudent action that happened at Wiscasset on the 2d instant, and which may prove of bad consequence to this province; viz. That six men of that place, being in the woods with their guns, came upon three Indians in the night, whose names they knew, or pretended to know; and on the presence of the Indians kill'd some of their brethren in the war, determin'd to lay them to sleep; Accordingly they fired, and kill'd one dead, and wounded the other two, one of them mortally. The name of the Indian kill'd was Sarag Haro, and those wounded are the captains Job and Andrew. Upon complaint made to Mr. Justice Deany, by the squaw of the murdered Indian, he issued out a warrant for apprehending the murderers; five of whom were taken and committed to goal, but the head of the gang was not taken when the express came away, which was the 7th instant. [Since taken.]

Philadelphia, January 9.

Extract of a Letter from Bridge Town, in Barbadoes, dated November 7, 1749.

"On the 3d instant arriv'd the Hornet sloop of war from London, with dispatches for the immediate evacuation of Tobago. Our Commodore is to sail this evening to settle that affair with the general of Martinico. On his return, which we imagine will be in a fortnight, the Hornet is to sail for England, with an account of what is done therein. 'Tis reported that the duke of Bedford has wrote to our governor, that he expects soon to send him orders for the evacuation of all the other islands; viz. St. Lucia, St. Vincent's, Dominico, &c. It is not known what power or orders our governor may have, should the French not readily comply; but they may depend upon it, he will execute most punctually the orders he has, or may receive."

This morning, about one o'clock, a fire broke out in the malt house of Mr. Preserve Brown, junior, in the upper end of Second street; which entirely consumed the same, together with his dwelling house and brew-house.

ANNAPOLIS.

Last Week died at Elk Ridge Col. Henry Ridgely, who was formerly Chief Justice of this County for several Years.

Some few Days ago, as a Man in Talbot County was hammering the Flint of a loaded Gun, she went off, and shot an elderly Man, who was near him, in one of his Thighs, with seven Swan shot, in a terrible Manner; tho' 'twas thought he would recover. The wounded Man was a Soldier under the late glorious King William, at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690; and was sent in here for joining with the Rebel Army in 1745.

We hear from Cecil County, that the Servant Man (formerly mentioned in this Paper) for the Murder of his Master, has been tried and condemn'd; but the Woman (his Mistress) is acquitted.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

STRAYED or Stolen on the 6th Instant at Night, from the Subscriber in Annapolis, a strong well set Black Horse, near 15 Hands high, with a bob Tail, a blind Brand upon his off Buttock somewhat like an R; he is shod all round, has a mealy Nose, and some Hair rubb'd off from his Sides, being used to go in a Chair; he goes a slow Pace, and trots and gallops very well. Whoever will bring him to the Subscriber in Annapolis, shall have Twenty Shillings, if found in Anne Arundel County; and if in any other County, Forty Shillings: paid by

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