

Hague, September 10.

"The court of France having considerably augmented the Duties upon fish, and other commodities Imported into that Kingdom, and that from hence; we are assured, that the States general have resolved to augment in proportion the duties of import on French wines, which are brought into the dominions of the republic: And this opinion is so general, that all persons are endeavouring to lay in what stock they are able, in order to have their vaults and cellars well replenished before the publication of the placart imposing this new duty. If such a placart should appear, as we expect it will, it will suddenly, it must abate that preference which our people hitherto gave to French wines, over those of the Rhine, the Moselle, and other parts of Germany. M. de Berkeurode, tho' nominated ambassador to the most Christian king, does not make any disposition, as if he was to depart in a short time: Nor does the court of France seem to be any more in haste to send a public minister hither."

Oct. 6. By an advizo arrived in Galicia, from the Havana, we have an account of a man of war being put into the said place from Carthagena, with twelve millions on board, and another from Vera Cruz with six millions; their cargoes are as follows;

Silver for the king	-----	904,295	} Pieces of 8.
For particulars	-----	14,603,509	
Indigo	-----	2095	A robes.
Cochineal	-----	6872	do. 11 lb.
Vanillas	-----	107,200	do.
Cocoa	-----	26,661	do.
Cascarilla	-----	12,882	do.
Balsam	-----	69	do.

Emeralds, and other small things.

They are expected home this month.

An extract of a letter from Parma, dated August 15.

"The last letters which we have received from Placentia and Guastalla give advice of surprising conversions, which daily augment the number of the good subjects of the empress queen. It is not to be supposed, as people are so inclinable to changes, but that there may be in this duchy, during the late war, who had resolved, as far as in them lay, to cause an alteration in the government. They imagined, though from a bad way of reasoning, that by having a brother of the king of Spain to rule over them, they should participate with him of the treasures of the new world. Though all those who thought thus, did not think proper to discover their sentiments upon the first appearance of the infant Don Philip in this city, we are thoroughly convinced, that the number of them is very considerable, and there would have been convincing proofs of it, if providence had actually given us a matter that was likely to have brought back the golden age into the ancient dominions of the house of Farnese. But this number, by the advice we receive from all parts, at present decreases every day. The Parmesans have met with nothing in the change that heaven has granted to their desires, but what they flattered themselves to have gained thereby. They have obtained a sovereign equally insensible to the charms of their capital, and to the flattery of their acclamations, who avoids them, in order to retire with a small retinue of foreigners to his country house, and to pursue rural diversions all the time that he is not obliged to appropriate to public affairs. Far from seeing the galleons arrive from the new world, and partaking with the Spaniards of the spoils of Peru and Mexico, they have not the satisfaction of having any share in their own spoils. Most of the posts and employments have been given to foreigners, whom providence has attached to the fortune of this prince; and the management of the revenue, the receiving of the inward and outward customs, are entrusted to French farmers, who exercise their functions with a rigour which engages the poor Parmesans. Under the specious pretext of searching for contraband goods, they pretend, that all houses ought to be open to them; nay, they even dare to penetrate the sanctuary of convents and cloisters, to see if no tobacco, salt, or any other commodity, which has not passed through their office, be there. In short the Croats and the Pandours were angels, compared with these bloodsuckers."

An extract of a letter from Amsterdam, dated Oct. 2.

"How necessary soever it may be for his serene highness the stadtholder to enjoy some repose, he facilitates that, and even his health and pleasure, to promote the interest of the state, with the ruins of government which providence has entrusted him with. All who are in the administration are sensible of its application and zeal for the procuring the welfare of the provinces in general; and the most rational people, who have

no share in the government, and are not guided in their judgments by any particular view, publicly render him the same justice: The common people have likewise the same sentiments of admiration, esteem and affection, that they had for him from the beginning. There are indeed, a set of people, who profess to speak and think, in regard to his serene highness, as the above; but at the same time; that they affect to say all the good of him imaginable, they accompany their eulogies with a *But*, and thereby betray the real sentiments of their hearts. They complain that the prince stadtholder has not yet composed his council of persons like himself, and insinuate that three or four of them are at least useless, to say no worse of them. In short they manifestly prove, by their discourse, that they are neither real friends to the ministers of his serene highness, nor to his serene highness himself."

ANNAPOLIS.

We hear by an Express from Virginia, of the melancholy News of the ship *Diamond*, Capt. *Twitt*, bound from hence for London, foundering and sinking at Sea; having made about half her Passage. The Captain and thirteen others, amongst whom were Mr. *Paris* and his Wife, Passengers; betook themselves to the Long-Boat; and the rest of the Crew to the Pinnace. Fourteen Days after, the Long Boat was happily discovered by a Ship, which took them all in, and brought them into Virginia; but 'tis not known what became of the Pinnace and her Company, who were ten in Number.

On the 14th Instant one *Charles Howard*, a young Man, was killed by the Fall of a Tree, near the Fork of *Patuxent*.

We had yesterday a violent Storm of Snow; and in the Evening one *John Pusley*, a Staymaker on the North Side of *Severn*, going home from a Wedding, lost himself within a few Yards of a House, and was this Morning found dead.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

February 12, 1750.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near *Baltimore-Town*, a West Country Servant Man, named *William Burman*, about 5 Feet and a half high, has one of his Thumbs smaller than the other, and his Mouth, when he talks, stands awry: He had on, and with him, when he went away, a Cotton Jacket with Metal Buttons, a double breasted blue Cloth Jacket with Metal Buttons, two Osnabrigs Shirts, Yarn Stockings, a Fustian Frock; an old Bearskin Coat with Metal Buttons, Country made Shoes, and a new Felt Hat: He has a large stock of Impudence, and pretends to be a Butcher and Farmer, tho' he knows little of either. He took with him a small Black Horse, having a fore Back, and but one Eye; a Hunting Saddle, with light-colour'd Cloth Housing, and brass Stirrups, nailed with small Nails on the Pommel. It is supposed he may have a forged Pass. Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him in any Goal in this Province, or brings him to the Subscriber, shall have Three Pounds, besides what the Law allows; or if taken out of the Province, Four Pounds, of the Currency where taken, besides the Allowance by Law.

LYDZ GOODWIN.

N. B. The above Servant can neither write nor read.

Bladenburg, February 19, 1750.

RAN away from the Subscriber's Cart, on the 17th Instant, about 8 Miles from *Annapolis*, as the said Cart was returning from thence to *Bladenburg*, an Irish Servant Man, named *Michael Wallace*, 17 Years of Age, pretty tall and slender, of a pale Complexion, and has been about 4 Years in the Country: He had on two dyed Cotton Jackets, a Felt Hat, a Wig, Cotton Breeches, Woollen Stockings, Country-made Shoes, and a brown Linnen Shirt. Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him to the Subscriber in *Bladenburg* aforesaid, shall have Twenty Shillings more than the Law allows; and if taken out of the Province, Two Pistoles, and reasonable Charges. He may probably pretend to be a Smith, as he has work'd at that Business some Time.

CHRISTOPHER LOWNDIS.

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 neatly 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

WALTER DULANEY.