

has wrote to court for a reinforcement. Perhaps he thinks the corps actually in that island is not sufficient to make the people submit to the king's decisions; especially if these should tend to bring them again under the domination of the Genoese. Upon the whole, we fear that this affair will spin out to a great length, and that it will be no easy matter to make the Corsicans submit to the yoke of the republic, their aversion thereto being as strongly and as openly expressed as ever.

From all the dispositions making in the North we apprehend, that a war is unavoidable in that quarter; and that it will, in all human probability, soon spread to the most southern parts of Europe.

Copenhagen, April 18. A great number of Swedish officers have pass'd this way, returning to their own country: They all come from France, being recalled by their court at this critical juncture.

Vienna, April 11. Some few days ago a military conference was held at the palace; at which all the generals that were then resident in this city were present.

L O N D O N.

An Extract of a Letter from Amsterdam, March 8.

"Affairs grow every day more quiet in Holland than other; but it appears that the system for levying of taxes by way of collection, will not continue long, especially if what has been published be true; that the prince stadtholder (whom certain people had imposed upon by feigning so well to be in the true interest of their country, that his serene highness was persuaded there were not more zealous patriots in it) begins now to see that he has been deceived. Some of these pretenders have taken off the mask, and his serene highness has discovered that they are secret abettors in the faction of the old magistrates, and have been always bitter enemies to his house, are so still, and are constantly labouring to alienate the affections of the people from, and even to stir up their hatred to his serene highness; wherein they have but too well succeeded, by causing the provisional tax to pass, and in levying the other taxes by collection; which were accompanied by placards without number, and almost all of them exacting dreadful oaths from all degrees of people which occasioned some body to tell a magistrate, 'That it looked as if all the government had a mind to people Heli with the Dutch.' To the breach of these oaths large penalties are added, which is rarely practised in any other state; but where there is none, 'tis generally heavey. It's assured, however, that these pretended patriots are upon the point of being disgraced; but as this is to be done at once, great pains are taken to discover all those who are of the same stamp, in order to get rid of them all at the same time, and to send them, by an excess of goodness, to plant cabbage in their places of retreat, instead of punishing them as they deserve. It's proposed that honest men will be put in their places, in case such can be found; for private interest has made the Dutchmen, who were heretofore honest and simple, such knaves, that they are not inferior in roguery to the most determined Machiavels."

B O S T O N, June 25.

By a vessel lately arrived here from the West Indies, we have advice, That a ship belonging to Liverpool, coming from the coast of Guinea, with about 350 slaves on board, when in sight of the island of Guadaloupe, the slaves, as 'tis suppos'd, being admitted to come upon deck to air themselves; took an opportunity on the 28th of May, and kill'd the Master and Mate, and threw fifteen of the men overboard; after which they sent the boat with two white lads; and three or four others to discover what land it was; mean while the ship drove to the leeward, which gave the lads an opportunity to discover the affair to the commander of that quarter of the island, who immediately raised about 100 men; and put them on board a sloop, who went in pursuit of the ship; and in a few hours took her and carried her into Port Louis.

N E W Y O R K.

July 2. From Albany we have advice, that on Thursday evening the 21st past, the wife of Mr. Obadiah Ayres, in that city, was shot dead as she was sitting in her own house, by her own negro from without, as 'tis thought, in conjunction with a new negro belonging to one of the neighbours: They were both tried on Thursday last, when the new negro confessed in the best manner he could express, that the other had persuaded him to give him his masters gun, and go along with him; and that after he had shot his masters, he gave him the gun again,

and bid him run into the woods, and shoot the first man he met with; which he accordingly attempted the next day when he was taken; but the gun would not go off: They were both found guilty and condemn'd to be burnt; and Friday next is appointed for the day of execution.

A N N A P O L I S.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Talbot County, July 14.

On Thursday last died at his House in Oxford, Mr. ROBERT MORRIS, Merchant, Agent and Factor of *Foster, Czariffe, Esq; of Liverpool.* He received his Death by a Gun-shot Wound in his Right Arm, which melancholy and unfortunate Accident happened in this Manner:—The Friday before his Death, upon the Arrival of the *Liverpool Merchant*, a Ship of Mr. *Czariffe's*, he went on board her with some Company; and, after a small Stay there, went into the Boat to come ashore; at which Time the Captain was about paying him the usual Compliment with his Guns. Mr. *Morris* (as he told me himself) being under an unusual Apprehension of Mischief, desired the Guns might not be fir'd 'til he was a-stern of the Ship: But the Captain, not apprehensive of any Danger, and in the Boat with him, unfortunately gave the Signal for firing, whilst the Boat was a-side of the Ship, at about twenty Yards Distance. The Wadding of the first Gun pass'd near the Head of Mr. *Jamies Dickenson*, who sat by Mr. *Morris*; and that of the third did the Mischief. The Breechings were indiscreetly left under the Guns, and the Ship had a heel to the Side next the Boat; otherwise this sad Accident could not have happened: For without the Concurrence of these two Circumstances, the Waddings must have pass'd over the Boat without doing any Mischief.

The Bone of his Arm was broke a little above the Elbow, and a large Wound and Contusion was made in the Flesh.—The Wound began to mortify the next Day, but by the Skill and Assiduity of the Surgeons who attended him, the Mortification was stopped, and there was good Hopes of saving both his Life and Arm, until Wednesday Evening, when he was seiz'd with a violent Fever, which carried him off next Afternoon. Thus melancholy and unfortunate was the Exit of this Gentleman, after he had about twelve Years past managed the extensive Concerns under his Care, with Advantage to his Principal, and Reputation to himself.

My Acquaintance with him warrants me to affirm, That he was, as a Merchant, punctual, and strictly honourable; as a Friend, sincere, steady, and generous; as a Companion, gay, cheerful, and sensible; as a Member of Society, the foremost to promote any Scheme for the public Good; in a word, a Gentleman of the most flowing and diffusive Benevolence; frequent, and most disinterested, and secret in Charity and other good Offices; and a shining Example of every kind and friendly Disposition. These good Qualities deservedly gain'd him a general Esteem while he liv'd, and have occasion'd us a hearty Sorrow among his Friends for his Death.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, *Extract*, NONE.

Cleared for Departure,

Schooner Speedwell, James Vincent, for Rhode-Island;
Sloop Dolphin, John Richardson, for Virginia;
Sloop Speedwell, Jonathan Hodgson, for Antigua.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

WHEREAS *Thomas Barkley*, of Kent County, Merchant, stands indebted to sundry Persons, and sundry Persons are indebted to the said *Thomas Barkley*, in considerable Sums of Money; now, the said *Thomas* does hereby give Notice to all his Creditors, that he will, at next August Court, to be held for Kent County, deliver up to them, all his Books, Accounts, Bonds, and Notes; and lodge the same in the Hands of any Person or Persons, that they shall agree upon for the Recovery of the Debts thereby due, in order to be distributed amongst his Creditors, in Proportion to their respective Debts, so that they consent to his Enlargement upon such further Terms, as shall then be agreed upon.