

to collect concerning the present state of affairs in Canada, which, we hope, may not be altogether unacceptable to our readers.

Two days before their departure from Quebec, four ships arrived there from Old France, which brought 200 recruits, and 600 more were daily expected, to compleat the independent companies in Canada, to 50 men each company. Besides these, there were also expected to arrive with them, four additional companies to those already on that establishment. It is very certain, that the French look on the settlement of Chebucta, as a greater eye-sore to them, than if we had kept possession of Cape Breton: The situation and conveniency of the harbour, rendering it naturally capable of being of more importance than Louisbourg. Nay, the panic is so universal on this occasion, that they all seem of opinion, it will be impossible to secure their possessions in North America, unless they can make themselves masters of Newfoundland and Nova-Scotia. And, indeed, the great pains they are constantly at, in bringing over and preserving in their interest the Indian nations, may give them too good grounds (and the only ones) of hoping to accomplish those acquisitions; especially whilst the like, or any endeavours, are so neglected by us! An engineer with about 400 men were sent from Quebec to Acadia, the week before the prisoners departure, in order to build a fortification there. Since the first landing of governor Cornwallis, at Chebucta, about 30 men have deserted from him to Canada; but the wretched exchange they find they have made, makes their repentance too visible, to be suspected of insincerity.

We have an account from Ash-Swamp, near Elizabeth town, that about 10 days ago, a shower of hail, incremibly large, fell in a vein of some miles in those parts, which laid waste and entirely consumed every field of wheat and corn that was within its compass; limbs of trees broke to peices, and birds and fowls, scarce one within its reach escaped. 'Tis said some of the hail-stones were as big as hens eggs.

Extract of a private Letter from Boston.

"—You can't possibly imagine what an alteration there is in our affairs, for want of a medium; there being scarce any money of any sort to be seen, except a few coppers, and they seem to diminish; all trade seems to be stagnated, and little else goes on but drinking: There are frequent meetings of many of the best friends of the place, in order to consult ways and means to improve our trade, or revive a spirit of industry and frugality amongst us; but it seems probable that nothing but the greatest necessity will open our eyes. — The worst of it is, nobody knows how or where to begin, or else they don't care to do so; and where it will end, God knows; and if something is not done soon, we shall be oblig'd to fall to making Old Tenor again; and that will certainly ruin us quite.

On Wednesday last, Edward Pendergrafs and John Carr, two prisoners for debt in the common goal of this city, having some difference; they got to scuffling or fighting together, in which Pendergrafs received such blows from the other, as fell'd him to the floor; beat the breath out of his body, and he expired immediately. The suddenness of his death, induced a surgeon to open him, but after a very strict search, no marks of violence could be found. The Coroner's inquest brought in their verdict, Manlaughter.

PHILADELPHIA, August 2.

We hear that an eminent merchant of London hath generously given a hundred Pounds to the Academy now erecting in this city for the education of youth, which has accordingly been paid into the hands of the trustees by his correspondent here.

Tuesday last, the mayor and Commonalty of this city, met, and voted a sum of two hundred pounds to be paid down, and one hundred pounds a year, for the encouragement and support of the Academy, and of the charity school which the trustees of the Academy have likewise undertaken to open in this city, for instructing poor children in reading, writing and arithmetic: The corporation only reserving a liberty of nominating yearly one scholar out of those that shall be taught in the charity school, to be received into the Academy, and educated there, gratis.

ANNAPOLIS.

This Day, a Negro-Fellow named *Cuffee*, was try'd at our County Court now Sitting, for Horse-Stealing, and found guilty of the offence of Death.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

TO BE SOLD, as Cheap as any where in Maryland, by WILLIAM SALISBURY, on the North Side of Severn;

TWO large Sconces, with Walnut Frames, edged with Gold; a Parcel of Hammers; Hatchets: Saws; Files; Rasps; Binch Plains; Chissels; and all sorts of Tools used by Carpenters; Nails of all sorts; Locks with King Keys; Padlocks; Locks; Hinges; Thumb Latches with Brass knobs; plain Thumb Latches, &c. &c. And a great many other Things too tedious to mention, which may suit the Ladies.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE,

Pursuant to the Will of Littleton Waters late of Calvert County, Shipwright, deceased, for ready Current Money or good Bills of Exchange, at his late Dwelling House in Lower-Marlborough, on Friday the 14th Day of September next, at three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

A SLOOP now on the Stocks, and will be finished by that Time, together with an Anchor, Cable and other Cordage. The Sloop is thirty-five Feet Keel, Fifteen and a half Beam, Seven and a half Depth of Hold, is built to carry Burthen and draw little Water; her Timbers chiefly Mulberry, and Treenals Locust, and as she was intended for a private Use is built very strong.

SARAH WATTERS, Executrix.

ONE Samuel Bennett, an Englishman, who once taught School in some Part of this Province, but in what County is not known, is enquired for; if he be living he may hear of something to his Advantage by applying to the Printer hereof; and if he be dead, an Account of the Time and Place of his Death will be thankfully receiv'd.

IN Pursuance of a late Act of Assembly, Notice is hereby given, That there is in Baltimore County, at the Plantation of Mr. Tobias Starbury, taken up as Strays;

One small Bay Gelding, branded on the off Buttock with T, has no white about him, and Paces slow: And

One Bay Gelding without any Brand, about 14 Hands high, Paces and Trots, shod all round, and had a Bell on; he has been us'd to the Draught, having the Mark of the Traces on his Sides.

The Owner, or Owners, may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

Annapolis, August 15, 1750.

TAKEN up as a Run away, and committed to my Custody, a Negro Man who says his Name is Dick, and that he belongs to William Hoare in Virginia.

His Master may have him, on paying Fees, from

JOHN GASSAWAY, High Sheriff.

RAN away from Charles Motherby, living on the Garrison Ridge in Baltimore County, about the middle of last Month, a Convict Servant Man named John Keat, 5 Feet odd Inches high, of a pale Complexion, stoops in the Shoulders, talks broad North Country. He had on and with him, a brown Coat lined with blue, a white Country Cloth Jacket, Buckskin Breeches, one Country Cloth and one stripe Check Shirt, one pair of light colour'd Yarn Stockings, old Shoes, old Castor Hat, dark brown Wig, or old Cap; and several other Things.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and returns him to his Master, shall have Five Pounds Reward, paid by

CHARLES MOTHERBY.

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