

well, and the Jamaica sloop, Galbraith, sailed for Martinico. At their arrival there, a boat was sent off to forbid their landing; whereupon the commodore sent his dispatches on shore by his secretary and Capt. Bladwell, charging them to enquire the reason why they were not permitted to land, and they were answer'd that it was by orders of M. de Caylus, who was then gone to some distant part of the island, (as it was pretended, for it is now well known he was actually on the spot) but that they should have their answer in 12 hours. The answer accordingly came, and that was *to depart*, M. de Caylus having no orders from his master about evacuations. Our commodore then hoisted his flag on board the sloop, for the greater expedition back, and left the Tavislock to follow; which ship touched at St. Lucia by the way, but was ordered by the French to depart in 12 hours, which she accordingly did. It is very surprizing that the French king should sign an instrument for the evacuation of these places, and that the governor of Martinico should not yet be acquainted with it. I must confess myself at a loss to reconcile this oddity in politics, any otherwise than by the following circumstance: That M. de Caylus having, as it is said, large possessions in those places, is gaining time to reap his crop, it being now the height of their harvest. If these shufflings, and this disrespect to the British flag, should not be revented at home in a proper manner, we may bid adieu to our sugar colonies.

I must further acquaint you, that some little time since a French man of war of 20 guns lay off and on Nevis for at least 24 hours, seemingly carrying on some illicit trade: Whereupon one of the forts fired at her, in order to bring her to; which she refused to do 'till at least 50 shot were fired; and then the Captain sent an officer on shore to know the reason of this proceeding. Upon which the commanding officer of the fort gave for answer, That he thought himself justifiable in what he had done; and unless he, (the French Captain) paid for the shot, he would make him, the officer that came on shore, prisoner; and accordingly did so; which it seems, is against the law of nations, for men of war to pay for shot fired at them. Now whether this is a bait or a cunning fetch of M. de Caylus, to pick a quarrel, in order to delay the evacuation of the islands in question, 'till something else offers to justify French chicanery, I refer to you, who, being at the spring head, may see clearer into their designs, and guess, from the general state of affairs in Europe, whether we are likely to have fair play in this part of the world, &c.

Extract of a letter from American in Bucks, May 19.

Some time since one Cherigen a methodist teacher, known in these parts by the name of Dr. Whitwham, a word he makes use of in his sermons) having foretold there would be an earthquake hereabouts, several deluded people assembled at a place call'd Weedon Hill, which he affirmed a place of safety, and out of the reach of the shock, when he enthusiastically preached to them, that he could ensure the lives of those who followed his wholesome advice, to the age of threescore and ten; but instead of an earthquake, a violent storm of thunder and lightning ensued; one Daniel Field was kill'd on the spot, one woman had her arm blasted, and another, whose name was Lovat, miscarried, and died on the spot. After the storm was over, the enraged people set the false prophet on an ass, and led him, in derision, thro' the whole town: This poor ignorant fellow, (who was formerly a journeyman carpenter) was held in esteem by the common people, not more for his preaching than his odd dress and food; he lived chiefly on milk, snails, &c.

ANNAPOLIS.

On Tuesday, last Week, Capt. William Chilton, of the Ship *Frederick*, lately arrived in *Patuxent* from *Europe*, riding the Road towards *Port-Tobacco*, with another Gentleman, was suddenly seized with a most violent Fever, supposed to be occasioned by the extreme Heat; of which he died in less than an Hour, and before they could get to any House. He had loaded many Voyages here, and was a Gentleman much respected, as he was a worthy, honest, industrious Commander: His Corpse was decently interred at *Port-Tobacco*.

Last Sunday Afternoon, and in the Night, we had a smart North-East Storm, which rais'd the Tide here as high as has been known for many Years.

The same Day a remarkable Whirlwind, or Tornado, extending in Width about 30 Yards, took it's Course from *Baltimore* County, across *Patapsco*, thro' the Woods on this Side;

and tearing away many large Limbs of Trees, carried them up a great Height into the Air; which to terrified the People who saw it, that many of them left their Houses.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
Snow Bazell, John Simpson, from Whitehaven;
Sloop Dolphin, John Richardson, from Virginia;
Sloop Molly, Elijah Stodert, from Boston;
Schooner Charles-Town, Sweetnam Burn, from Barbadoes;
Ship Ogle, John Brown, from Madeira;
Ship Molly, Alexander Butcher, from Glasgow;
Sloop Rose, John Thomas, from Virginia;
Schooner Charming Polly, William Smith, from Bermuda;
Sloop Molly, William Smith, from Boston.

Cleared for Departure,

Sloop Dolphin, Richard Gresham, for Virginia;
Sloop Martha, Elijah Stodert, for Boston;
Sloop Sea-Nymph, Stephen Hick, for South-Carolina.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE SOLD by Mr. FRANCIS CHEW, of Calvert County,

FOUR Tracts of good Arable Land, lying in the County aforesaid, near the head of *Hall's Creek*, convenient both to *Patuxent* River, and the Bay, adjoining to each other, Containing 615 Acres, whereon are two good Tobacco Houses and a Dwelling-House: upwards of Three Hundred Acres of Wood Land, and well Timber'd.

Any Person inclinable to Purchase, may be inform'd of the Title, and Terms of Sale, by applying to the said *CHEW*.

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, edg'd with Gold; a Parcel of Hammers; Hatchets; Saws; Files; Raips; Birch Plains; Chisels; and all sorts of Tools used by Carpenters; Nails of all sorts; Locks with King Keys; Padlocks; Locks; Hinges; Thumb Latches with Brals 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 Watters* 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 Hole, is built to carry Burthen and Draw little Water; her Timbers chiefly Mulberry, and Treenal's 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 Stansbury*, 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.