

Courier from the Earl of Albemarle, with Advice, that his Excellency having discoursed with the Marquis de Puycieux about the Squadron in Question, the Marquis gave him to understand, that the only Design of its putting to Sea was to exercise the Sailors, and that its Cruise was to terminate at Toulon, where it is to be disarmed and laid up. A Council was held Yesterday, about the Situation of Affairs with Spain, at the breaking up of which a Courier was dispatched to Madrid, and we are credibly informed he is charged with new Instructions for Mr. Keen.

What those Instructions are, we learn from the Amsterdam Gazette, which says, that Mr. Keen is ordered to make strong Representations to the Court of Madrid, about the English Ships lately taken by the Spanish Guarda Costas in America, as it appears, upon Enquiry, that most of them were drove by Strefs of Weather upon the Spanish Coasts, and consequently could not be seized according to the Tenor of former Treaties, &c. — But why was any Thing left undetermined between England and Spain in the definitive Treaty? Why did we not continue the War with the Spaniards, when we found them not sincerely inclined to Peace? The Answer to these Questions is too obvious: It may, in two Words, be summ'd thus; that a Continuance of the War would have unhinged the System of Integrity and Corruption which has so long prevail'd; the Rope was stretch'd to the utmost that it could bear; and Money could not be found to answer all Demands, both Abroad and at Home, &c."

*St. JOHN'S in Antigua, October 5.*

This Week arrived the Glasgow Man of War, Capt. Evans, from a Cruise to Windward; she has been lately at Tobago, which Place, they say, the French have left, and that all their Settlements on that Island, are entirely destroyed.

*Kingston, in Jamaica,*

October 27. From St. Anne's, we hear of a Vessel being seen standing in for that Bay on Monday last, which soon after was observed to be on fire, and sink in a little Time afterwards.

November 3. By a Vessel from Cartagena, we hear of an English Sloop being taken at Rio de la Hacha, supposed to be commanded by one Capt. Matie.

*Charles Town, in South Carolina, November 5.*

On the 27th ult. arrived here the Dispatch Snow, John Powell, Master, bound from Jamaica, for London, but taken off Porto Porco, by a Spanish Galley, and carried into the Havannah, where she was detained 14 Weeks (to wait the Event of a Law suit the Spaniards obliged the Captain to enter into) and plundered of her Sails, and what other Things they could resolutely come at, that would not disable her from putting to Sea again; and then restored her to her Owners. There are arrived in the Dispatch, Capt. Katur, of a Ship belonging to Philadelphia, Capt. Briggs, of a Boston Schooner (both taken in or near the Bay of Honduras, laden with Logwood, and condemned at Havannah), and Capt. Rensch, of the Welsh Galley, belonging to St. Christopher's. Rensch was bound from Virginia to Coracoa, with a Cargo of Lumber and three Horses; but failing to Leeward, in beating up he expended all his Provisions; upon which he bore away to go through the Gulf, and put into the Havannah for a supply, where, instead of getting it, his Vessel was seized and condemned, as an Example that others for the future may not dare to put into that Port, tho' in a starving Condition, which is the Reason given in their Proceedings. — We are informed by Capt. Powell, that there are two more English Vessels, lately taken and carried into Havannah, which are likely to be condemned there. — *By this we see, that neither War nor Peace have put a Stop to illegal Seizures and Captures in the Spanish West-Indies.*

Saturday last anchored off our Bar, and is now lightning in order to be brought in to refit, having sprung a Leak, the Ship —, Capt. Woolford, from the Bay of Honduras for London, with 400 Tons of Logwood on board. And,

This Morning put in here the Snow Sea Nymph, William Whittall, Master, having also sprung a Leak. This unfortunate Gentleman put in here before in Distress, on the 4th of May last, having then lost all his Masts, Sails, Rigging, &c. in his intemperate Passage from Campeachy for Jamaica, and after a Series of Misfortunes in this Port too well known to need a Relation here, and an expensive Redit, put to Sea again on the 6th of October last, where he has been ever since, hardly able to keep the Vessel above Water, the Worm having entered her Bottom during her tedious Stay in this Harbour.

B O S T O N.

December 24. A Vessel arrived at Portsmouth in New-Hampshire, last Week from Chinesco, which sailed from Piscataqua but 3 Weeks before, the Master of which informs, that while he was there, there were 17 Men killed and carried off by the French and Indians, who had been out upon the Picquetting Account: The Master further says, that he happened to run his Vessel aground in coming down the River, they attacked him from the Shore, but they all got into the Cabin and sav'd themselves, so that no Person was kill'd. The Shot-Holes thro' the Vessel's Sides were plainly to be seen.

*Extract of a Letter from Capt. Woffe Rand, dated at Kingston in Jamaica, November 25, to his Owners in this Town.*

'In Latitude 19. 40, Longitude 65, I came up with a Long Boat, belonging to the Ship Mountague, Thomas Burk, Master, of London, bound from the Bay of Honduras to London, whose Ship founder'd in the Latitude 33. In the Boat were 47 Hands, whom I took on board, and after 10 Days arrived safe here, tho' our Provisions were considerably exhausted. — In the Boat were Mr. Martin Mutter, and two Children belonging to Mr. Pitts on the Shore.'

*A Letter from Mr. Enock Titcomb, dated at Newbury, January 10.*

'On Monday the 7th Instant the Sloop Dolphin, bound from Rhode Island to Boston, Simeon Mirick, Master, was drove ashore on Clumb Island in Newbury, in a violent storm, and the Sloop wreck'd, the Cargo mostly saved, which consisted chiefly of Tar, Turpentine and Provisions: The Master Simeon Mirick, the Pilot John Saxler, and Benajah Bull were froze to Death after they got on Shore: One Man's Life was saved, who says the Sloop belongs to Mr. Thomas Noyes of Stonington. The dead Men were decently buried this Day.'

A N N A P O L I S.

On the 4th of this Instant, the Wife of Mr. Merrill Lost of St. Mary's County, was safely delivered of Three Children, one Son and two Daughters, who are all Baptized, and the Mother and Children are all well and like to live.

Last Friday a Schooner, which will carry about 1000 Bushels of Grain, came into Clement's Bay in St. Mary's County, and two Men came from her in a small Boat or Canoe, and as soon as they landed push'd her off again, and walk'd up the Road. The People thereabouts, seeing Nobody in the Vessel, went on board the next Day, and found no Soul there. By the Management of the two Men who left her, it is supposed that they have murdered the Master and Crew, or else run away with the Vessel; but the former seems most probable, as there were some small Spots of Blood on the Deck, and on some Cloaths which were found in her, and as she is discovered to be the same Schooner which us'd to Trade into that Part from Cherry Point in Virginia, one — Smith formerly Master. She had on board a considerable Quantity of Chocolate, about a dozen Bottles of Spanish Snuff, some Barrels of Turpentine, and sundry other Goods; and a Pair of loaded Pistols lay in the Cabin. The two Men who left her, and go by the Names of *Newton* and *Jones*, we are informed are gone towards Philadelphia, and have a Pass sign'd by several Magistrates in this Province. An Express from St. Mary's just come up with the above Account, and we hear a Hurrah and Cry will be immediately sent after them.

By Letters to several Gentlemen in Town, dated in *London* in November past, we have an Account of the safe Arrival in *London* of the *Baltimore*, Capt. Nathaniel Chew, from this Province.

And by a Letter from *Virginia*, we have an Account of the safe Arrival in *London* of the *Prudence*, Capt. Power, from this Province.

Last Week a very unhappy Accident happen'd in *Charles* County; a sprightly pretty Boy of but Eight Years of Age, of a good Family, was found Dead, hanging to the Limb of an Apple Tree by a Piece of a Grape Vine.

Custom House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered since February 15: Brigantine Sophia, William Kenny, from Bedford; Schooner Laurel, Patrick Bourne, from Virginia.

*Clear'd for Departure.*

Schooner Katy, Richard Tizle, for Virginia; Sloop Molly, William Smith, for Barbadoes; Brigantine Unity, Joseph White, for Surinam.