

We hear that the Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, have given final Orders for the seizing of all foreign Herrings imported into this Kingdom, and that a true National Spirit shews itself amongst all Ranks and Degrees of Men. For that when the Church Wardens of any of the Parishes, to whom such Seizures by Law belong, have any in their Custody, they divide the same amongst the Poor, and do not suffer them to be returned or sold as has been formerly.

*Charles Town, in South Carolina, January 28.*

Last Monday Night we had a most violent Storm of Wind, with Rain, which lasted 4 or 5 Hours; in which a Ship from Antigua, one Allen, Master, was drove ashore on Sullivan's Island, a Part of Lloyd's Bridge was carried away, and a Brig overfet thereat; several loaded Pettaugus up the Rivers, were drove ashore, and Trees blown up by the Roots, in the Country; and Capt. Boyd's Sloop with other Vessels, were driven ashore at Port Royal. The Wind rose at S. E. and changed to S. W. but had it been at E. or N. E. it would have made terrible Havock among the Shipping in this Harbour.

*Hallifax, Nova-Scotia, January 30.* By Letters from England we have Advice, that Admiral Boscawen will be here early in the Spring, with his Squadron at least. This is good News; but we have very sanguine Expectations of great Things to be done in the Spring, which we wish to see.

B O S T O N, January 21.

Wednesday last, a Negro Wench, about sixteen Years old, Slave to an Apothecary in this Town, was committed to Goal for poisoning a Child of her Master's, about 11 Months old, by putting Arsenick, or Rasbane, several times into what it drank. The Child continued in great Misery till Thursday Morning, and then died. The Wench has not only acknowledged the poisoning this Child, but also another of the same Family, about 15 Months old, some Time before.

By Capt. Mortimore who arrived here last Week from Jamaica, we are informed, that in Lat. 37, North, Lon. 70, West, he met with a Sloop from North Carolina, bound to New-York, Oliver Jones, Master, that was blown off from New York; he lay a Hull, and all his Men froze, and said when they were able they would go to the West Indies.

*Jan. 28.* A few Days ago a Man lately taken Prisoner by the Indians at the Eastward, arrived here from Canada, who informs, that as the French were launching a Ship of 64 Guns at Quebec, she overfet, and was bigg; upon which they immediately set up another in her Room, of the same Rate. He also informs, that he left seventeen of our People in Canada, all taken by the Indians in their last Excursions in the Eastern Parts.

Last Tuesday we had here a violent Tempest, the Wind at S. E. which lasted about two Hours, whereby the Rails and Banisters upon the Tops of several Houses, as also several Chimnies, Sates, Tiles, Shingles, &c. were blown into the Streets: But the Severity of the Storm happening when it was low Water, and the Vessels at the several Wharfs being aground, much Loss and Damage to them was prevented. We hear also from the Country, that a great deal of Damage has been sustained in many Places by the blowing down of Fences, Barns and other Buildings.

*Extract of a Letter from Barbadoes, December 10, 1750.*

"Yesterday arrived a Vessel in six Weeks from London, and we daily expect an Express from England, in order to join our Commodore in evacuating the Islands of St. Lucia, Dominico, and Tobago, for which End the General of Martinico (who is lately arrived from France) sent up to Mr. Greenville about a Fortnight ago (by a Gentleman his Ambassador) to acquaint him he had Orders to put that Affair in Execution, and was ready to proceed thereon whenever Mr. Greenville pleas'd, so that it will be soon done."

*Extract of a Letter from Providence, in Rhode-Island Colony, dated January 22.*

"We had Yesterday a most violent Storm, the Wind about S. S. E. which drove in the Tide to such a Degree, that it rose much higher than has been known these 30 Years past. Most of the Wharfs are much damaged; the Warehouses that stood on them much hurt, some carried off, and great Quantities of Salt entirely lost, likewise a great deal of Sugar, and many other Articles: The Bridge is prodigiously shattered. The River defended, and the Floods came in a most shocking Manner! At the same Time Fire was cried in several Places, occasioned by the Waters penetrating into some Hogheads of

Time, stored a way in Warehouses in several Parts of the Town. Great Horror and Affrightment seized the People; but thro' Divine Goodness the Fires were most happily and immediately extinguished. The Storm increased for three Hours from half-Flood, but abated at high Water suddenly, and People soon recovered with their own Fears:—The Damage is computed at above 20,000 li Old Tenor.

We hear from Newport on Rhode-Island, that in the late Storm, a Brigantine from London, bound to that Place, was forced ashore on Long Island, at high Water, but 'twas thro' the Cargo would be saved.

*Extract of a Letter from Newport, dated January 25.*

"On Tuesday last we had a most violent Storm of Wind, at about S. E. which occasioned the highest Tide that was ever known in the Memory of Man; the Loss by which, of various Kinds of Merchandize, &c. is computed to be not less than 70 or 80 Thousand Pounds Old Tenor."

We hear from Portsmouth in New-Hampshire, that in the same Storm, a Sloop and two Schooners were forced from their Anchors, and wreck'd in that Harbour. One of the Schooners lately sailed from this Port for Halifax, Holland, Master.

And from Providence, that the Damage done there by Sea and Land, is not less than Twenty Thousand Pounds, Old Tenor.

N E W Y O R K.

*January 7.* Wednesday last the Ship John, Capt. Draz, sailed from this Port for London, but in her Way was happily struck on the South Point of the East Bank: After their getting off, they perceived the made Water pretty fast; on which they came too win the Hook; and after much Difficulty, by Reason of a great deal of Ice floating in the River, they got ite back here on Saturday last: They are now enquiring her with all possible Diligence, in order to repair the Damage.

*February 4.* We have an Account by the Albany Post, that about 10 Days ago, one Sircap, a Country Farmer, living near the Ca Hill Mountain, having been to Court, came home and quarrel'd with his Wife, when he struck her with the Butt End of his Horse Whip, and knock'd her down; then repeated the Blow, and broke her Skull, so that part of her Brain came out; after which he immediately made off, and has not been heard of since:—The Children gave the melancholy Account, and the Woman was found dead on the Floor in the Condition above related.

About ten Days ago, the following Affair happened in this City, viz. A Lady of Peasore invigled a Man into her Bed Chamber, whilst her Husband had hid himself in a Closet near by; when they had the Enamoret a secure, the Husband run out of the Closet with a Knife drawn in his Hand, swearing he'd kill him, unless he made him Satisfaction for the Wrong done to his Honour: The Man not willing to lose his Life yet, and having no Money about him, consented to give his Note of Hand for Fifty Pounds, to be paid the next Day. — But the Day he applied to proper Authority; and when the Man came for the Money, he had him seized, and carried before Mr. Alderman; where, after Examination, he confessed the Conspiracy; whereupon the Woman was sent for, and finding what her Husband had done, was obliged to confess also: The Woman being with Child, was for that Reason let go; but the Man was committed to Jail, in order to receive the Reward of his Ingenuity.

A N N A P O L I S.

At our County Court last Week, two young Negro Wenchs were tried for burning a Tobacco House of Mr. John Galloway's, last September, found Guilty, and received Sentence of Death.

Last Thursday a horrid Murder was committed at Ell Ridge by Jeremiah Swift, a Convict Servant of Mr. John Hatberly's, about 21 Years of Age: While himself and Wife were gone to a Funeral, this Wretch quarrell'd with two Boys in the Field, both Mr. Hatberly's Sons, one about Eleven, the other about Nine Years of Age, and with a Hoe knock'd out of their Brains out, and kill'd him on the Spot, the other knock'd down and left for Dead, but 'tis hoped he may recover; after that he went to the House and murder'd a young Woman (Mr. Hatberly's Daughter) about 14 or 15 Years of Age, as is supposed, with an Axe, for she was found Dead, and very much mangled. Three small Children he left