

between that Court and the Russian Empire; and that it is doubted whether the Court of Vienna's procuring the Guaranty of Silesia by the Dyet of the Empire, will be sufficient, as Matters stand, to prevent a Rupture in one Part or other of Europe.

Jan. 5. A Bill is preparing to be brought into Parliament to punish Sailors who shall sell their Tickets for Wages and Prize Money to more Persons than one; and likewise to punish all Agents and Buyers of such Tickets, that shall presume to take more than legal Interest for Tickets sold to them; and to render more effectually the speedy Payment of Seamen's Wages, without any Deduction whatever.

Extract of a Letter to a Gentleman in Bristol.

The Parson of Hay (Mr. Richards) died on Friday the 7th of last December, as it was supposed, suddenly. His Friends kept him about two Days, then buried him: But before that, seeing his Body and Limbs did not stiffen, they sent for a Doctor, who bled him, and afterwards could not easily stop the Blood; who told his Friends, that he was not dead, but in a sort of a Trance: But on the Morrow they put him into his Grave. A Person walking along the Church Yard hearing a Noise in one of the Graves, ran away, and prevail'd with the Clerk to have the Grave opened; when they found a great bleeding at the Nose, and the Body all over of a Sweat. From hence it is conjectured, he was not dead when he was buried; although now they were obliged to let him remain, as all Appearance of Life was vanish'd by his Interment.

From Denmark we are informed, that by the great Encouragement that King gives his Subjects, to Trade, a Scheme is proposed which will increase it, by forming a great Magazine of all kind of Naval Stores in the Island of St. Thomas in the West-Indies, to supply all Nations who Trade into those Parts, and the better to accommodate Ships or Vessels that may want Careening, to stop Leaks, or Repair; (an Invention formerly practised in Denmark) whereby a Ship either light or laden may be careened in 24 Hours, and fit to go to Sea again, if the wants no other Repair. And it is said the proposer of this Scheme is shortly expected in that Country, to have the Direction of the Undertaking.

Jan. 12. We hear, that in a short Time several Men of War will be put into Commission, which it is supposed, are destined for the Baltick, in case Matters should not be accommodated in the North.

ANNAPOLIS.

One Evening last Week, the Dwelling House, and every Thing in it, of *James Care* at *Elk-Ridge*, was burnt to the Ground, there being Nobody at Home, and the Fire in the Chimney being carelessly left Burning.

We hear from *Talbot County*, that they had there on Thursday last, a very hard Thunder Gust, which struck a Kitchen belonging to *Mr. James Denny*, and killed his Apprentice Boy and a Dog, and struck down a Servant Man and a Negro Woman. At some small Distance from thence, in *Queen Anne's County*, the Lightning struck a large Poplar and killed 14 Sheep which were under it.

Since our last Capt. *Bigg*, in the *Neptune*, is arrived from *London*; but we have not yet been able to get any late Prints. He brings Advice that the *Molly*, Capt. *Boucher*, who sailed from hence last *November*, was lost on the Coast of *Ireland*, the Captain and Six Men who got into the Yawl, were all drowned; the rest got into the Long Boat and were saved. At the same Time and Place Capt. *Blair's* Ship from *Philadelphia*, was lost, himself and a Woman Passenger Drowned.

The General Assembly of this Province, was to have met here Yesterday, but as there were not a sufficient Number of the Representatives in Town, his Excellency the Governor prorogued it to this Day; and this Morning they met, when his Excellency open'd the Session, with the following Speech, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly;
SOME Things happened since our last Meeting, wherein I should have been glad to have had your Opinion and Advice; but was loth to put the Country to the Expence of an Assembly, and to give you the Trouble of leaving your Homes at a Season of the Year, which I thought might have been inconvenient for you.

Besides the several Papers from the Governors of *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*, relating to the *Indians*, which I now lay before you, I could not but be under a good deal of Concern,

on Account of the Shortness of our Crop of Corn the last Fall; and if we had not been favoured by Providence with a mild Winter, many People, especially of the poorer Sort, might have wanted, not only Provision for their Cattle, but Bread for themselves; which will naturally lead you to consider, whether it may not be for the Public Service, to leave a discretionary Power with the Government, or to prohibit the Exportation of Corn whenever it shall arise to a certain Price.

As the Happiness of any Country must be always greatly promoted by the Goodness of it's Highways, I cannot help recommending this Matter particularly to your Consideration.

While other Nations are improving their Commerce, by opening Canals, and shortening and mending their Roads, we are lengthening Ours in many Parts of the Province, by Windings and Turnings, and obstructing their Passage with Gates and other Incumbrances; which deserves our Attention the more, as this is certainly the proper Time to lay them straight and open, before we begin to bound our Fields with Ditches, and other fix'd Fences, which good Husbandry, if not Necessity, may probably bring us to in a short Time.

Nothing could give me more Pleasure, than to see a general Spirit of Improvement spread itself throughout the Province, which it is our Duty to promote as much as we can, in our Legislative Capacity; and I flatter myself, that the visible Advantages we have reaped from our Inspection Law will not only incite our Endeavours to bring it to the utmost Perfection, but be an Encouragement to us to enter into the Consideration of such other Laws as may tend to advance the Trade and Prosperity of the Province in every Respect.

In whatever you undertake for the Public Good, you may be assured of my hearty Concurrence; and best Assistance; and I cannot but hope, that you will, on your Parts, give such reasonable Support to the Government, as may be necessary for your own Safety and Security.

I desire no Increase of Power, but to enable me to promote your Happiness the more effectually; my greatest Ambition being to make the Province flourish and prosper under my Administration.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered since May 1.

Sloop Endeavour, Enoch Taylor, from Boston;
Sloop William and Thomas, Thomas Barker, from Virginia;
Schooner Charming Polly, Wm. Smith, from St. Christopher's;
Ship Neptune, Jerningham Bigg, from London.

Cleared for Departure.

Sloop Martha, Elijah Stoddard, for Barbadoes;
Sloop Dolphin, John Garrett, for Rhode-Island;
Ship Chester, John Lorain, for Bristol;
Sloop Endeavour, Enoch Taylor, for Boston.

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