

## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 1751.

From the JAMAICA COURANT, of January 19, 1750.

**T**HERE was sometime since, a Marriage negotiated by Bill of Exchange in one of the English Islands in America; the Circumstances of which are so whimsical, that I believe such of my Readers as have not already heard it, will be diverted with the Relation.

A Merchant, originally come from London, having acquir'd a great Fortune in the Island, concluded with himself he could not be happy in the Enjoyment of it, unless he shar'd it with a Woman of Merit; and knowing none to his Fancy, he resolv'd to write to a worthy Correspondent of his at London. He knew no other Stile than that he us'd in Trade; therefore treating Affairs of Love as he did his Business, after giving his Friend, in a Letter, several Commissions, and reserving this for the last, he went on thus: *Item*, seeing that I have taken a Resolution to marry, and that I do not find a suitable Match for me here, do not fail to send by the next Ship bound hither, a young Woman of the Qualifications and Form following. As for a Portion I demand none; let her be of an honest Family, between 20 and 25 Years of Age, a middle Stature and well-proportioned, her Face agreeable, her Temper mild, her Character blameless, her Health good, and her Constitution strong enough to bear the Change of Climate, that there be no Occasion to look out for a Second thro' lack of the First, soon after she comes to Hand; which must be provided against as much as possible, considering the great Distance, and the Dangers of the Sea. If she arrives, and conditioned as above said, with the present Letter indors'd by you, or, at least, an attested Copy thereof, that there may be no Mistake or Imposition; I hereby oblige and engage myself to satisfy the said Letter, by marrying the Bearer at 15 Days Sight. In Witness whereof, I subscribe this, &c.

The London Correspondent read over and over the odd Article, which put the future Spouse on the same Foot with the Bales of Goods he was to send to his Friend, and after admiring the prudent Exactness of the American, and his Laconic Stile, in enumerating the Qualifications he insisted on, he endeavoured to serve him to his Mind; and after many Enquiries, he judg'd he had found a Lady fit for his Purpose, in a young Person of a reputable Family, but no Fortune, of good Humour, and of a polite Education, well shap'd, and more than tolerably handsome; he made the Proposal to her, as his Friend had directed; and the young Gentlewoman, who had no Subsistence but from a cross old Aunt, who gave her a great deal of Uneasiness, accepted it. A Ship bound for that Island was then fitting out at Bristol; the Gentlewoman went on board the same, together with the Bales of Goods, being well provided with all Necessaries, and particularly with a Certificate in due Form, and indors'd by the Correspondent. She was also included in the Invoice, the last Article of which ran thus; *Item*, a Maid of 25 Years of Age, of the Quality, Shape, and conditioned as per Order, as appears by the Affidavits and Certificates she has to produce. Writings which were thought necessary to so exact a Man as the future Husband, were an Extract of the Parish Register, a Certificate of her Character signed by the Curate, an Attestation of her Neighbours, setting forth, that she had liv'd, for the Space of three Years, with an old Aunt, who was intolerably peevish, and had not, during all that Time, given her said Aunt the least Occasion of Complaint. And lastly, the Goodness of her Constitution was certified, after Consultation, by four noted Physicians. Before the Gentlewoman's departure, the London Correspondent sent several Letters of Advice by other Ships to his Friend, whereby he informed him,

that per such a Ship, he sent him a young Woman, of such an Age, Character and Condition, &c. in a Word such as he desired to marry. The Letters of Advice, the Bales, and the Gentlewoman, came safe to the Port; and our American, who happened to be one of the Foremost upon the Pier, at the Lady's Landing, was charmed to see a handsome Person, who having heard him call'd by his Name, told him, Sir, I have a Bill of Exchange upon you, and you know that it is not usual for People to carry a great deal of Money about them, in such a long Voyage as I have now made; I beg the Favour you would be pleas'd to pay it. At the same Time she gave him his Correspondent's Letter, on the Back of which was writ, *The Bearer of this is the Spouse you ordered me to send you*. Ha, Madam! said the American, I never yet suffer'd my Bills to be protested, and I swear this shall not be the first: I shall reckon myself the most fortunate of all Men if you allow me to discharge it. Yes, Sir, replied she, and the more willingly, since I am appriz'd of your Character; we had several Persons of Honour on board, who knew you very well, and who during my Passage, have answer'd all the Questions I asked them concerning you, in so advantageous a Manner, that it has rais'd in me a perfect Esteem for you. This first Interview was in a few Days after followed with their Nuptials, which were very magnificent. The new-married Couple are satisfi'd with their happy Union, made by a Bill of Exchange; which was the most fortunate that had happen'd in that Island for many Years.

From the Paris A la main, March 26.

**O**N Monday last, being the Anniversary of the Reduction of the City of Paris, to the Obedience of King Henry IV. the Chapter belonging to Notre Dame, went in Procession to the Church of the Grand Augustine; and performed divine Service, at which the Archbishop of Paris himself officiated in his pontifical Vestments.

The several Parishes of this City likewise went in Procession in due Form, first to the Church de Notre Dame, and afterwards to that of the Augustine Friars, where they attended the public Prayers appointed for that particular Solemnity.

Extract of a Letter from Waterford, in Ireland, dated March 24.

The Linnen Trade, which was introduced in this Place in the Year 1746, has increased to such a Degree, as surpasses our most sanguine Hopes; and amongst the many good Consequences attending so valuable a Manufacture to the Poor (which are very apparent to us, who live upon the Spot) it is gaining Place of the Woollen Manufacture, now carried on to a great Extent in this Country, tho' under so many Restraints; and if Liberty was granted to export strip'd and check'd Linnens from this Kingdom, the Woollen Manufactures in England, I am perswaded, would soon find the Benefit of it. The People here must eat, and it is the same Thing to them, whether they get their Bread from the Linnen or Woollen Manufacture; one of them, I think, they ought to have without Restraint; otherwise they must keep what Share they can of both.

*Lisbon, Feb. 14.* It is impossible to express the Blessing which all Ranks of People bestow upon the King, for having begun to set Bounds to the usurped Power of the infernal Tribunal of the Inquisition. It is hoped that his Majesty will not rest there; for if he would prohibit the Confiscation of Goods, no Body would be condemn'd in that Court.

*Hague, Feb. 20.* We have Assurance that France takes the utmost Pains to bring the Barbary Republics into her Interest, and to that End has made certain advantageous Propositions to them.