

Not that we mean to represent it as intirely free from Difficulty. It would not then do that Honour, which will continue as long as the Benefits it shall produce, to the Persons, who shall carry it into Execution. In Truth, it requires Men of Abilities and Probity; of clear, dispassionate Terms, who will meet together with a mutual Spirit of Condescension and Compliance with Circumstances and Necessities on either Side; who can so far throw off the partial Affections and Prejudices of human Nature, as to look upon both Kingdoms, as their common Country, for whose Welfare they should be equally zealous. Clamours, Resentments, and Reproaches they must expect from the Populace of both Nations; for a Scheme of this Kind is too large, and of too great a Variety of Parts for the Generality of People to take in at one View. Besides, Persons of partial Interests, disaffected Spirits, and weak Understandings, which are generally joined with warmer Tempers, will find abundant Occasion to misrepresent it.

However, let us, on the contrary, recollect, that there never was, there probably never will be, a Time more proper for executing it. We are at Peace with the whole World, and his Majesty hath assured us, that he hath received from all the contracting Powers, in the Definitive Treaty of *Aix-la-Chapelle*, the most full and clear Declarations of their Resolution to preserve the general Peace. No foreign Power will therefore interrupt or hinder the Progress of our Scheme.

This is a Reflection of such Importance, that if France had considered how much her Interests were concerned, or rather had not her whole Forces been engaged in opposing the great Duke of *Marlborough*, had she thrown even a small Body of Men into *Scotland*, when the Union was proposed there, she would have effectually for that Time, and, perhaps, for ever, prevented it.

Let us add, that there never was a Period of Time, when *Great Britain* was more at Peace within herself; surely of more Consequence to her Happiness, than to be at Peace with the whole World. The late Rebellion hath convinced the Nation, in general, how much the Preservation of our Religion, Property, Liberty, and Laws, depends upon the Preservation of his Majesty and his Royal Family.

The Writer of this Paper would not flatter even a King, nor would he presume to praise Him, if he could avoid it. Some Characters and Persons are really above Praise. Were it not, therefore, absolutely necessary to our Subject, we would not presume to say, that his Majesty is equally the Father of all his People; and equally concerned for their common Happiness. To his Probity, as an honest Man, *the noblest Work of God*, according to an Expression of Mr. *Pope*, the Happiness and Interests of Nations might be intrusted. What good Effects may we not promise ourselves in this great Affair from His Justice, Integrity, and Love for His People? Upon His Choice of Commissioners, the Success of it will in some measure depend, and, happily for us, there never was a Set of Men in both Kingdoms better qualified for this great Work. And altho' the present Ministry have given Peace to *Europe*; altho' they have restored to this Nation its ancient Friendship and good Correspondence with *Spain*, which neither the Treaties of twenty Years, nor a long, expensive War could recover; altho' they have already made, and are continuing to make a successful and happy Progress in the Reduction of the Interest of the National Debt, yet all these great Things only make us expect yet greater. The present Scheme is truly worthy of their Abilities; and since Fame is the noblest Reward in this World for Virtue, next to its own Consciousness of Well doing, let them be assured, besides the Gratitude of the present Age, it will be remembered to latest Posterity; that the Kingdoms of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* were united, when *George* the Second was their King, and Mr. *Pelham* was Chancellor of the *Exchequer*.

LONDON, May 25.

WE have received the following Particulars of the melancholy Affair which happened in Hill Street, near Berkeley Square, last Friday Evening the 24th of this Instant. Mr. Paul, a young Gentleman of Fortune, came about Ten o'Clock in a Chair to the House where Mr. Dalton lodg'd, desiring to speak with him; and upon being inform'd that he was not at Home, went into the Parlour, wrote a Letter, and ordered

the Servant to find out his Master, and deliver it to him: The Servant, who knew Mr. Paul to be an Acquaintance of his Master's, went out, found him at the Brawn's Head Tavern in Bond Street; and gave the Letter, which his Master reading, returned immediately home with him, and ordered him not to stir unless he called him. The Servant soon heard the Noise of their pushing at one another, and presently that of the Street Door shutting. He went up, and opening the same, was told by the Chairman who had been in waiting for Mr. Paul, that he was gone out, gave them Two Shillings, and went up the Street in a very great Hurry. The Servant on this opened the Parlour Door, and found his Master dead on the Floor, with the Candles out. The Deceased, upon Examination, appears to have received a single Wound only, on the upper Part of the left Breast. It seems these two Gentlemen had drank Tea together that Afternoon at a young Lady's in Bond Street, who happened to pull out a Snuff Box that had been given her by Mr. Dalton; and Mr. Paul liking it, she told him it was at his Service; which Mr. Dalton being displeas'd at, a Sort of Scuffle arose in the Presence of the Lady, her Sister, and another Gentleman, in which, at last, Mr. Dalton wrestled it from him. Mr. Paul then expressed some Resentment; and Mr. Dalton, and the other Gentleman, accour'd to the Brawn's Head. When the Letter came, Mr. Dalton read it to his Friend, who would have gone with him; but receiving a Message from the Ladies, Mr. Dalton perswaded him to go over to them, and took that Opportunity of going home to his Lodgings. The Gentleman returning presently, and missing him, instantly followed; but tho' he knock'd at the Door, he could not gain Admission, the Servant having received Orders to the contrary. The Gentleman then went back to the Ladies, and returned with their Servants, and then was made sensible of the fatal Catastrophe, the Door being open, and a Number of People about the House.

ANNAPOLIS.

Extract of a Letter from a Merchant in London, to his Friend here, dated July 6, 1751.

' This is to advise you, that an Act of Parliament has been made this Session, for preventing of Frauds in the Tobacco Trade, by which we shall once again stand a Chance of being on a Footing with our Competitors, the *Scotch* and *Port* Gentry; for that pernicious Practice of Smuggling is now in a fair Way of being entirely extirpated, and this City that has so long suffered by that infamous Practice in so beneficial a Branch of its Trade, will by this salutary Law, once more become the Grand Market of the united Kingdoms, and be for the future remarkable for vending the largest Quantities of Tobacco, as it has incontestibly been for rendering the Gentlemen Planters the highest Prices for the Produce of their Estates; and as this will, in all human Probability, be the Case, I hope it will induce the Planters and Merchants, in *Maryland*, freely to consign their Tobaccoes to this Market.

We learn from *Talbot* County, that on the 24th of September last, after a lingering Illness, died Mr. *Perry-Bensin*, who for many Years had served as a Magistrate in that County. He was a Gentleman of great Integrity, and has left a very fair Reputation behind him.

We mentioned last Week the Arrival of the Honourable Col. *Tasker*, in the *Nancy*, from *London*. He brought in with him a Commission to his Excellency *Samuel Ogle*, Esq; from the Right Honourable *FREDERICK*, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Delaware*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. continuing his Excellency Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Province of *Maryland*: And on Wednesday last the same was open'd and publish'd with the usual Solemnity.

The same Day his Excellency in Council, was pleas'd to issue his Proclamation, requiring that all Officers Civil and Military, holding their several and respective Offices, by Virtue of Commissions in the Name of, or under the Authority of Powers derived from the late *CHARLES*, Lord *Baltimore*, Deceased, forthwith to renew such Commissions.

Yesterday, his Excellency, attended by several of the Gentlemen of his Lordship's Council of State, sat out from the Seat in *Prince George's* County, for *Virginia*.