

## MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign and Domestic.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 1747.

L O N D O N, June 23.

W E hear that the Sea Ports swarm with Smugglers from Boulogne, who have taken the Benefit of the late Act of Grace, and are hastening to certain Elections. The Monies already received for the Duties on Coaches, &c. amount to 48,000*l.* and there are several Receivers who have not yet sent in their Accounts

As the Act of Parliament for prohibiting the importing and wearing of French Cambrick commences on Wednesday next, the Irish and Scotch Manufacturers of that Commodity, are daily sending large Quantities to Town for the Benefit of the Beau Monce, who, it is hoped, will think that our own Manufacture, which employs so many Thousands of industrious Poor, more valuable than that of our Enemies.

We are credibly informed that a Bill will be brought into the New Parliament, to take away the *Liberty of the Press*, agreeable to what is laid down in a new Ministerial Pamphlet, called *A Letter to the Tories*: A Work unworthy any Man but a Disciple of Cardinal Tencin.

*Extract of a Letter from Liverpool, June 16.*

By the Kouli-Kan arriv'd at Glasgow from Jamaica, we have the following Account, That the Ogden, Friltram, of this Part from Africa bound to Jamaica, with 370 Slaves, was attack'd by a Spanish Privateer off the East End of Jamaica, and after an obstinate Resistance struck. The Spaniards were so irritated with their Bravery, that when they came on board, they, in the most cruel Manner, murder'd both Whites and Blacks: But as a just Punishment, the Prize soon after sunk, and the Murderers all perish'd except one Man, five Boys, and nine Negroes.

A few Days since the Rev. Mr. Thomas Ward, Curate of Brockley, and late a Member of St. John's College, Cambridge, was intitled and inducted into the *Mother of All Saints*, in Suffolk, worth 600*l.* per Annum; and was presented to the same by Mrs. Rebecca Gibson, Relict of the late Rev. Mr. Edgar Gibson, of Wetheringset, with this particular Restriction, That (though his Church is very capacious, and requires strict Duty) no one should, upon the greatest Emergency, officiate for him, nor he for any other.

An odd Affair happen'd on board the Vernon Transport, Capt. Mitchellson, arriv'd at Deptford: A Person went that Day and paid a Visit to a Friend of his that belong'd to the said Ship, who gave him so hearty a Welcome, that he got confoundedly drunk, and lay that Night in a Hammock next his Friend, who call'd to him in the Morning as soon as he perceiv'd him awake, to know whether he would drink a Dram, but the Man answer'd in a great Passion, that he would never drink with him again, for he had bit off one of his Ears: Upon the whole it appear'd, that the Man had lost an Ear, which could not otherwise be accounted for than that a Rat had gnaw'd it off.

*From a late London Magazine.*

We are assured, that Mr. Buffon, who has lately made a discovery in France of a Speculum, which sets Objects on Fire the Distance of 120 Yards, has also written a Dissertation, prove, that there is nothing either false or absurd in the Account we have of the Burning of the Roman Ships at the Siege Syracuse by Archimedes; which Discourse of his was highly plauded in the Academy of Sciences. There are already at it 7 Mirrors esteemed the finest in Europe. 1. That made the Sieur Vilette at Lyons, which is kept at the Royal Library, is of Metal, and burns by Reflection. 2. Another by the same Hand, 43 Inches in Diameter. 3. That of the Sieur de Garouste, a Gentleman of Quercy, 61 Inches in Diameter, is kept at the Observatory. 4. The Saxon Mirror, made the famous M. Tschernhaus, is of Copper, and bigger than those above mentioned. 5. Another of Glass, by the same Hand, which burns by Refraction. 6. The Mirror of concaves, made for the late Duke Regent, by the same Tschernhaus, the Focus of which is at 12 Feet distance, and has hitherto

been esteemed inimitable. 7. That of the celebrated Haer soecker, which is of Glass, and was made in the Year 1704.

*Whitehall, June 23.*

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Henry Pelham, George Lytleton, Henry Legge, and John Campbell, Esqrs. together with George Grenville, Esq; to be his Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of the Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Grace John Duke of Bedford, the Right Honourable John Earl of Sandwich, Vere Beauclerk, Esq; commonly called Lord Vere Beauclerk, the Right Honourable John Lord Anson, the Right Honourable William Viscount Barrington, and William Ponsboy, commonly called Lord Duncannon, together with Welbore Ellis, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great-Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereto respectively belonging.

July 28. They write from Genoa, of the 10th Instant, N. S. that Numbers of People still continue to die of the Diseases occasioned by their close Confinement during the Siege, that a great Body of Austrian Troops remain at the Bochette, and that the Country round about was so entirely ruined, that they could scarce draw from it any Subsistence. On the other Hand they say, that the King of the Two Sicilies made them a Present of three armed Vessels, completely equipped and mann'd, which were already put to Sea under Genoese Colours; that the Marquis de Fogliani, Prime Minister to that Monarch, had given Assurances to the Senate, that his Master's Forces were on the Point of marching to their Assistance, and that they expected 6 or 7000 Spanish Troops hourly from Monaco; which, joined to the Troops of the Republick, and the Auxiliaries before arrived, would enable them to take the Field with an Army of 20,000 Men, for the Use of which, they were actually preparing two Trains, one of Field Pieces, the other of battering Cannon.

Orders are giving for building, with the utmost Expedition, several Men of War, from 20 to 50 Guns.

The Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle continuing still in some Parts of the County of Suffolk, the Magistrates of Ipswich have, in Pursuance of his Majesty's Order of Council, given strict Order that no Horned Cattle shall be brought to the Fair to be held there, on the 11th of August.

*Extract of a Letter from Rotterdam, August 1.*

The Town of Bergen-op-Zoom continues to defend itself in a most gallant Manner. Last Week the French alter'd their Situation, not being able to carry their Point on the Fort they attacked, called Kyck in de Pot, from which they were beat off with considerable Loss. They then found it necessary to carry a Fort on the Lines between Bergen and Steenberg, called Rover's Scance, in order to force our Lines, and cut off the Communication to the Town. Preparations were made accordingly, and the Attack begun on Sunday Morning last, at Eleven o'Clock, which Fire was more terrible than any we have yet heard; altho' the Wind blew hard, and at North East, it was heard here without ceasing till near the Evening, and some of the Shocks were so strong on the Keys here, that as you sat, you certainly could feel your Chair shake, and the whole Room affected therewith. At Night we heard no more, nor all Monday, and not hearing any News from thence, we began here to be in great Pain for the Town till this Morning, when all the Letters agree that the French were beat off from the Rover Scance with very considerable Loss, and that they had not yet been able to gain one Foot of Ground.

The Description we have from thence, by Masters of Vessels, is, that the Fire from both Parties is as if the Mouth of Hell was open, vomiting Flames. A Reinforcement of 14000 Men from the Duke are come down for the Defence of the Town and Lines, and 'tis thought will enter the same this Evening.

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