PHILADELPHIA, Augst 8.

NOTWITHSTANDING the great numbers of troops which have for some time palled through this city for the camp opposite Staten Island, the town is continually full, not being able to get them off as fast as they arrive.

A French Gentleman, and an American, formerly a member of Congress, are safe arrived in France.

Aug. 13. Last Wednesday was launched the third continental frigate built here, called the WASHINGTON.

Yesterday arrived here the brig Polly, Capt. Marmahue, in 34 days from Martinique, who has brought a quantity of powder, sulphur, some arms, coffee, &c. 500 French troops were at Martinique when Capt. Marmahue left it.

The ship Aurora, Capt. Newman, has taken a brig bound from Tortola to Liverpool, and from her into Rhode Island. Her cargo is 200 barrels and two tenses of sugar, and sixty eight bags of coffee.

The ship Aurora, Capt. Getcheus, from this port for the Sintinis, is taken and carried into Gibraltar.

WILLIAMSBURG, Augst 24.

To his Excellency PATRICK HENRY, Jun. Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of VIRGINIA.

The humble Address of the Ministers and Delegates of the BAPTIST Churches met in Association in Louisville, Augst 12, 1776 in Behalf of their Brethren.

May it please your Excellency.

Your progress to the honourable and important station of Governor of this Commonwealth affords us unspeakable joy. Now, sir, we beg leave to present your Excellency with our most cordial congratulations.

Your public virtues are such as we are under no temptation to do you. Virginia has done honour to her judgment in appointing your Excellency to hold the reins of government in this truly critical conjuncture, as you have always distinguished yourself by your zeal and activity for her welfare, in whatever department has been assigned you.

As a religious community, we have nothing to request of you. Your constant attention to the glorious cause of liberty, and the rights of conscience, leaves us no room to doubt of your Excellency's favourable regards, while we worthily demean ourselves.

May GOD ALMIGHTY continue you long, very long, a public blessing to this your native country, and, after a life of usefulness here, crown you with immortal felicity in the world to come.

Signed by Order.

JEZEMIAH WALKER, Moderator.

To the Ministers and Delegates of the BAPTIST Churches, and the Members of that Community.

GENTLEMEN,

I AM exceedingly obliged to you for your very kind address, and the favourable feelings you are pleased to express respecting my conduct, and the principles which have directed it. My constant endeavour shall be to guard the rights of all my fellow citizens, from every encroachment.

I am happy to find a catholic spirit prevailing in our country, and that those religious disquisitions which formerly produced so much heat are now forgotten. Happy must every friend to virtue and America feel himself to perceive that the only contend among us, at this most critical and important period, is, who shall be foremost to preserve our religious and civil liberties.

My most earnest wish is, that Christian charity, forbearance, and love, may unite all our different denominations, as brethren who must perish or triumph together. And I trust that the time is not far distant when we shall greet each other as the peaceable possessors of that just and equal freedom of liberty adopted by the last Convention, and in support of which may GOD crown our arms with success.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,

P. HENRY, jun.

Extract of a letter from Charleston, July 29, 1776.

Now at anchor off Charles town, the squadron of 20 guns, Experiment of the United States. The small fleet was expected to be attached as a leader, the Polder transport ship; still having part of the Experiment's cannon or stores on board; another transport ship and a brigantine, which have discharged the British's cannon and stores they had on board.

Within the bay, at anchor, the Active of 33 guns, Sphynx of 30 guns, and the Fidget frigate, late Indianman.

Sailed from the bar, on Wednesday last, a frigate of 20 or more guns, which arrived the day before, and scoured to the southward. The fires of 28 guns yesterday morning shone over the same course.

"Ships of war in the engagement of the 25th of June: Bristol and Experiment, both of 50 guns, Active of 32, Solebay, Syren, and Action, of 28, Sphynx of 30, Thunder bomb, 12 guns and two 13 Inch mortars, Friendship armed ship of 26 guns."

A correspondent wishes some able hand would undertake to describe General Lee's march from Boston to Charlestown, and would point out the remarkable circumstances of his meeting General Clinton at New York the day he arrived there; and his finding him in Hampton Road, when he came to Virginia; of Clinton's leaving Cape Fear just after his arrival in North Carolina, and of his unlucky meeting at Fort Sullivan. The world must have an high opinion of General Lee's activity and vigilance, when they read of his march of more than 1100 miles, and of the circumstances attending it throughout; and Clinton himself must look on General Lee as his evil genius, thus haunting him along a coast of such vast extent, and meeting him at last at Philadelphia.

Mabel Alex. Silve, a little Gentleman who was taken at Norfolk gathering strawberries in the garden, and disfigured, and again taken at Gwyn's Island, in the slope Lady Charlotte tender, and who is said to be a relation of Capt. Squire's, was put to school in this city by order of the Council, and is now very happily situated.

A letter from Hillsborough, North Carolina, dated Augst 1, informs us, that the Indians have committed some outrages on the frontiers of that province, have put to death many individuals, and murdered several families; but we hope their career is before this time stopped by some thousands of the militia that were marching against them.

WANTED immediately, two Journeymen Cabinet-Makers; likewise three or four Journeymen who are acquainted with making Flax Wheels. Such Persons will meet with good Encouragement by applying to the Subscribers, in Williamsburg.

JAMES HONEY & RICHARD HARKOCKS.

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THF House and Lots in Petersburg, formerly advertised by Mr. Richard Hartran.

ROGER ATKINSON.

RICHARD TAYLOR.

FOR SALE,


MATTHEW ANDERSON.

GLOUCESTER, Augst 15, 1776.

STRAYED from Cabin Point, the 20th of March 1775, a BAY MARE about 14 Hands high, 4 Years old, with a long Tail and hanging Mane, one hind Foot white, and a small Blaze in her Face; has never been rode, though would head very well.

Likewise frayed, or was stolen, from the Rev. William Harrington's, near Petersburg, the 9th of June last, a GRAY MARE about 4 Feet 9 Inches high, 5 Years old last Spring, with a long Tail and hanging Mane, troses and gallops only. She is Dapple black about the Head, and has a small round white Spot upon one of her Shoulders. I will give 50L to any Person who shall bring me the above Mare, or give such Intelligence that I get them again. JOHN HARTWELL COCKE.