

Assurances given of our unalterable Attachment to His Majesty, and our steady Zeal for the Support of His Government; and as such, hope your Excellency, on your Return to the Royal Presence, will faithfully represent our Loyalty and known Attachment to His Majesty's Person, Family and Government:—This Office of Favour we hope we are entitled to, and from thence doubt not but it will be faithfully performed by your Excellency.

WE wish your Excellency a pleasant Voyage, and a safe Arrival in *Britain*; and that your native Air may have all those salutary Effects for the Re-establishment of your Health, that you can wish.

JOHN ASHE, Speaker.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

I Return you my hearty Thanks for your Approbation of my best Endeavours to promote His Majesty's Interest in this Province, and your Wishes for my safe Arrival in *Britain*, and Recovery of my Health; and shall faithfully represent the Duty and Loyalty of the Assembly of this Province to His Majesty.

Yesterday Mr. Speaker and the Gentlemen of the Assembly, waited on his Excellency the Governor in the Upper-House, and presented him with the following Bills for his Assent, viz.

1. An Act to amend and continue an Act for establishing Superior Courts, &c.—2. An Act to amend and continue an Act for establishing Inferior Courts, &c.—3. An Act to amend an Act directing the Method of appointing Jurymen, &c.—4. An Act to render more effectual the Laws making Lands and other real Estates liable to the Payment of Debts.—5. An Act to prevent the Exportation of unmerchantable Commodities.—6. An Act for regulating the Pilotage of Cape Fear River.—7. An Act to regulate Proceedings in a Court held for the Borough of Wilmington.—8. An Act for enlarging the Time of saving Lots in the Town of Halifax.—9. An additional Act concerning Servants and Slaves.—10. An Act to confirm the Vestry of Bute County.—11. An Act to increase the Salary of the Reverend Mr. Thomas Burgess, &c.—12. An Act to prevent the unreasonable Destruction of Fish, &c.—13. An Act to enable William Dry, Esq; to cut a Road across Eagle

Island.—14. An Act for altering the Dividing Line between Northampton and Hertford.—15. An Act for the Relief of Abraham Jones, late Sheriff, &c.—16. An Act to continue an Act therein mentioned.—17. An Act to prevent hunting and killing Deer in the manner therein mentioned.—To which Bills his Excellency gave his Assent.

From Charlestown we are advised, that the snow Eagle, James Hutton, master, who sailed from that port the 22d of August last for Antigua, with a cargo of lumber and 71 barrels of rice, overset in the night of September 8th, in latitude 28. 44. N. and longitude 65. 30. The people were 12 hours on the bottom of the vessel before the boat came up, on board of which they happily all got. On the third day afterwards the carpenter died, whose body they eat, after taking out his entrails. On the 9th day they cast lots in the boat, which of them should be killed for the sustenance of the rest; and as they were about to butcher the wretched victim, one of them espy'd a vessel becalm'd, when they rejected their project, and immediately made towards her, and found her to be a vessel from North Carolina, which carried them into St. Christopher's, September 29th.

By a letter from Halifax in Nova-Scotia, we learn, that seventeen large boats have been seized by his Majesty's cutters on the Newfoundland station, for carrying British caught fish on board two French doggers on the Banks. As their whole cargoes were proved to be none of their own catching, they have been unladed at St. John's, and afterwards discharged. The Governor is very severe on this clandestine traffick, so injurious to the fair trader.

We hear that the Right Worshipful William Spry, Doctor of Law, the Judge of his Majesty's Court of Vice-Admiralty over all America, hath opened his said Court at Halifax, in Nova Scotia; and that he has tho't fit to fix the first and third Wednesdays of every Month as Term Days, for the Sitting of the Court at Halifax; when and where all Causes civil and maritime, arising in any Province of America, or the maritime Parts thereof, or thereto adjacent, may be prosecuted.

We hear his Excellency Thomas Boone, governor in chief of S. Carolina, now in London, will embark for his said government about Christmas next.

B O S T O N, Novemb. 1.

We hear from the second parish in Hingham, that one Mrs. Bourne of that place, (a person peculiarly fond of children) was on Monday evening, to the great joy of herself and friends, safely delivered of three male children, after having lived upwards of eleven years in the connubial state without offspring, with one of the kindest husbands, and enjoying with an unblemished reputation, every other species of earthly felicity.