

The NORTH-CAROLINA
MAGAZINE;
OR,
UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE.

From FRIDAY JULY 6, to FRIDAY JULY 13, 1764.

The ROMAN HISTORY, Continued from
Page 36.

ALBA, in whose Favour the
Insurrection was made, enjoy-
ed the Sovereignty a little a-
bove half a Year, and was
then killed. For *Otho* stirred
up the like Sedition against
him, as he had headed against *Nero*. Nor
did *Otho* himself survive the Death of *Galba*
but a few Months: For he had hardly been
invested with the Imperial Purple, before *Vi-*
tellius, being declared Emperor by the Forces
under his Command, came against him. The
two contending Parties met at *Bebriacum*, a
little Town in *Italy*, between *Cremona* and
Verona. After a short Action, *Otho's* Troops
were repulsed with some Loss; the News of
which so affected him, that he could never be
prevailed upon to risque another Battle, though
he expected a considerable Reinforcement,
and might probably have vanquished his Rival,
had he undertaken a second Trial; instead of
which, he said he would not hazard the Lives
of so many good Men for his Honour. Pur-
suant to this Resolution, he took leave of
his Friends without the least Sign of Dejection,
and went to Bed; where he slept soundly the
whole Night; and as soon as he awoke in the
Morning, took his Weapon, which he had
laid under his Pillow for that Purpose, and
stabbed himself. *Vitellius* thus obtained the Su-
preme Power; but soon met with a very dif-
ferent End: For after a short Reign of eight
Months, in which he shewed many Instances
of his tyrannic Disposition, he was seized by a
Faction in the Interest of *Vespasian*; who led

him about the Streets with a Poniard under his
Chin, to make him hold up his Head, while
the Rabble pelted him with stones and Dirt:
After which they killed him, and dragged his
Carcase with a Hook, till it was thrown into
the *Tiber*.

Vespasian was made Emperor in *Palæstine*;
whether he had been sent by *Nero* against the
Jews, who were stirred up to a Revolt, by
the Misapplication of an Opinion that prevail-
ed at that Time over all the East, namely,
that the Offspring of *Judea* should obtain the
Empire of the World. He was descended
from an obscure Family; which he rather
vaunted than concealed, thereby shewing,
that he owed his Advancement solely to his
Merit. In his Reign the City of *Jerusalem* was
destroyed; and several important Provinces
were added to the *Roman* Dominions. He was
so strict a Maintainer of Military Discipline,
that he indulged his Officers with no manner
of Delicacy. It once happened that he had
granted a Commission to a Youth more fa-
mous for Finery than Fighting: But when the
young Officer came to thank him for his Fa-
vour, dressed like a Beau, and scented with
Perfumes, the Emperor looking sternly on him,
said, with an angry Voice, *I had rather you*
had smelt of Garlick; and immediately ordered
his Commission to be taken from him, and
given to a Soldier. He died in the 69th Year
of his Age, and was succeeded by his eldest
Son *Titus*, who had been intrusted with the
chief Command of the Forces at the Siege of
Jerusalem, where he signalized his Bravery to
the Admiration of the whole Army. He was
so beloved for his Humanity, that the *Romans*
called him, *The Delight of Mankind*; so ge-
nerous