…ean colonies, affords an
…by the laws of honeſt free
…ver in the latter, and
…notwithſtanding our
…and between them
…ital rights of any of their
…the hand of power, they
…es, and laboured in one
…ſion, by comparing its
…diſputes with the miniſtry
…ment, are now arrived at
…ce of this ſtruggle will
…ericans will be freemen

…r Congreſs, ſhould, until
…is finally determined be-
…ndividual's conduct in the
…ey have hitherto adopted
…warm attention to recover
…, loyal, and free people.
…conſtitutional method of
…ed and treated with
…nothing to reproach ourſ-
…d. Let us therefore with
…free agency, which ema-
…is the birth right of man,
…ous tyranny calculated for
…our utter perdition, will
…record our
…e him them with illumi-
…ſtated hopes to
…rtify. Our firmnels, and
…that only will
…ſolitary and glorious par-
…ſue. We have nothing to expect from lord North
…but the diſgrace of diſcomfiture: A faith-
…ful imitator of lord Strafford's maxims; he fatally
…conceives that the baſeſt of his adminiſtration
…cannot be ſupported but by ſuch exertions of au-
…thority, as betoken an utter invocation of power
…and greatneſs. As the almighty ruler of things
…has viſibly interpoſed in our behalf, we ought
…to entertain both juſt and humble expectations,
…that the generous efforts of our brave friends, will
…be ſeconded by that providence which ſuperintends
…human things. This country was originally in-
…tended an aſylum for the children of freedom; it
…was a deſert when our forefathers flew to it in
…ſearch of that precious right which was denied
…them in a land where tyranny and corruption hold
…their ſeat of empire. Should we my friends, at this
…time forego the meed of that honourable and God-
…like purpoſe, which led our anceſtors hither, and
…bear chains to gratify the unruly appetites of cor-
…rupted and profligate miniſters? Periſh the wretch
…who abandons himſelf to ſuch infamous ideas and
…let his name be raſed from the records of God's
…creation.

—CATO.

…The friends of Adminiſtration complain of the
…ſeverities of the Americans in ſtripping ſome
…families; but how efficient were the ſentiments
…which general Wolfe entertained of theſe people
…when in a letter to the miniſtry of that time he thus
…expreſſed himſelf: "I have not language ſuffi-
…cient to expreſs to that place the proper regard
…which they ſo honourably and cordially merit;
…nor can I determine whether their courage and
…perſeverance in ſufferings, their zeal and attach-
…ment as ſubjects, or their public ſpirit as citizens,
…be the moſt conſpicuous."

…June 5. The dreadful circumſtances of the
…times, a Civil War, ſeem all its horrors, com-
…menced againſt our brethren in America, which
…the wickedeſt adviſers dare, muſt mean
…bring inſupportable taxes; if not extermination
…to their perſons, and come boldly to call upon the
…whole at large to contribute themſelves in it; and to
…addreſs to the throne from all parts, petitions for
…a change of men and meaſures; of thoſe meaſures
…ſo fatal in oppoſition to the bleſſings promiſed by
…Engliſh laws and expreſſed in ſuch
…commands, which knowing and virtue have long
…ſtrengthened them a kind of the greateſt men in
…the nation; meaſures exerciſed in
…all, petitions and remonſtrances
…corruption, cabals and
…Miniſters been unmoved
…as a whiſtle, or the
…hundreds and
…Had all the
…hardy creatures in
…the name
…ſuch as bright
…&c. Wherever the
…and about what meaſures
…conſiderate love this
…ſeparation.

…Never was the Thane's cabinet junto in ſuch diſ-
…trait and confuſion as at preſent; their diſpatches
…from America have thrown them into ſuch a
…pannic-ſtruck conſternation, that they know not what to
…do or ſay. They neither have the power of
…doubling in their arbitrary dealings againſt the
…Colonies, but have given them hopes of being
…ſucceeded. Their fears
…All of them
…of them their
…recollecti-

…And can Engliſhmen think they their
…ſelves free, when they ſee the Commons of Great
…Britain, the brave repreſentatives of a brave
…people, on their knees, in the duſt, pay-
…ing homage, on their hands, to the

…ſubjects to quarrel and exterminate againſt
…each other, each of them declaring, that their
…all on compulſion from them; and
…ſent out a meſſage, who carried about
…ſhould like leaders, now ap-
…for having the honour of their
…ſo he was only the humble carrier of their orders.

Thus every one of them would diſcharge the buſy
and keep his place, if he could. The whole him-
ſelf is now ſaid playing at hide and ſeek.

Lord M——d's refuſal of the ſeals ſo frequently
…ſacrifices at once the ſtrongeſt proof of his art,
…and gives a true key to his political conduct. If
he was only a member of the miniſtry cabinet,
which he would be, of courſe were he chancellor,
he muſt be reſponſible for whatever meaſures were
agreed to in council, more particularly if they ori-
ginated from, or were abetted by him; whereas
now he may adviſe or oppoſe anything, without the
leaſt perſonal hazard whatever. In this he is
armed and invulnerable againſt every other mode
of attack, or political weapon but an expoſtulato-
ry; a ſimilar law to this which Stafford and
Fenwick bled, and Aſbury was baniſhed.

It is no leſs ſingular than true, that the two
great political adviſers of theſe kingdoms and its
affairs, are neither of them offenſible from their
offices. What can this be owing to, ſeeing it is
the reverſe of moſt adminiſtrations, but to the con-
ſciouſneſs which both have of the iniquity of their
meaſures, and who in the true all ſhuffle, have
not courage enough publickly to avow them.

The ſailing of the Ferrol ſquadron has been long
ſince announced in all the papers. That advice
has now proved true, but only (as was likewiſe
then ſaid) for Carthagene, where it arrived the
beginning of laſt month. On the 13th of the ſame
month, the barcelona ſquadron with 9000 ho-
and foot on board, and an immenſe quantity of
military ſtores, &c. ſailed for the ſame port. Thi-
ther alſo the fleets from Cadiz and Malaga with
the tranſports, frigates, &c. hired on his Catholic
majeſty's account at Marſeilles, and thoſe furniſhed
by the king of Naples are to rendezvous.—The num-
ber in ſoldiery of 40000 men. Of the number of
the ſhipping we have no certain account: but when
all met together, it ſeems to be a queſtion that con-
cerns Old England, "Whether they are bound
to?"

Two men of war and three tranſports, with two
regiments of ſoldiers are ordered to ſail immediately
for Boſton.

Yeſterday morning a courier arrived at St.
James's. He came over land from Gibraltar, and
is ſaid to have brought advice, that hoſtilities have
been commenced by the Spaniards and Portu-
gueſe.

Gibraltar is now in that ſtate of defence, as if
a ſiege was hourly expected; and though gover-
ment affects to diſregard the Spaniſh armament,
yet 500 ſoldiers have been ſmuggled out, to rein-
force the garriſon.

Extract of a Letter from Portſmouth, May ——.

"Early this morning a dreſſe came down here for
ſix ſhips of the line to be fitted for ſea as ſoon as
poſſible; and, in order to man them, houſes of ren-
dezvous are opened, and good encouragement given
for men to enter into his majeſty's ſervice."

The Spaniſh naval armament, lately fitted out,
conſiſts of fifteen ſail of the line, on board of
which there embarked nine thouſand five hundred
of the beſt troops Spain can boaſt. There is alſo
one regiment of cavalry. The ſhips are victualled
with biſcuits. Above two hundred bullocks and
about an equal number of carpenters are alſo em-
barked for the ſervice of this expedition. The
deſtination of this fleet is againſt the port of Tou-
lon and the iſland Mogador.

It is ſaid the miniſtry are by no means unani-
mous in their opinions about the meaſures taken
with America, many think them much too violent,
and have expreſſed a deep concern at the late news
from it.

The Indians are ſaid to be ſome of the re-
cruits employed by the provincial army in Ame-
rica.

That the mercenaries, who may be taken pri-
ſoners with every contingent ſpecies of ignominy
ſhould be put to death, inſtead of being ſent to
priſon, there to have MAN for MAN.

That [illegible] never
diſcuſſed in the Britiſh Senate, and never
[illegible] open attack.

That [illegible] meaſures of deputations; but on no
account whatever to permit the mercenaries to be
ſo much as freighted [illegible]

That towards ſhutting off all ſupplies to the
fleet in the provincial ports, to ſtop and ſe-
arch every veſſel [illegible] the
[illegible] and [illegible] the proviſions.

That [illegible] of diſcipline, and
[illegible] ſhall be [illegible] and
that [illegible] as much as poſſible.

And, laſtly, that the [illegible] never to
quit it until [illegible] ſhall be [illegible]
arms, ſhe ſhall have [illegible] ſimple reſtitu-
tion of their rights, [illegible] to them on better ſe-
curity than the faith of kings, or the omniſcience
of an Engliſh ſenate.

A letter from Dublin ſays, "We are [illegible]
[illegible] of a Spaniſh [illegible]
fire, as it is not material to whom we are [illegible]

The Americans loyaliſts are not ſuch wretched
people as they have been repreſented to be; if
they were, would Government offer [illegible]
…number of them? No, ſurely; the worſt of
…thing is the [illegible] is a long [illegible]
…Americans [illegible] very valuable to the
…It is however [illegible] ſtrange that notwithſtand-
…ſuch a high [illegible] offered for a head, the mi-
…niſtry were deſirous of getting one that they want-
…ed, but in a ſhort time ſeveral gentlemen, natives of
France, poſſeſſed of property in our iſland, have
within this fortnight ſold out.

Although the miniſtry affect to treat the news
…miſſive of a ſkirmiſh between the king's troops and
the Americans as a fiction, yet the moment they
received it, 'tis whiſpered, a council was ſummoned
to take ſome reſolutions upon it: the reſult of which
is ſaid to be, that an expreſs was immediately diſ-
patched to Boſton, empowering general Gage to
iſſue a proclamation, pardoning thoſe who ſhould
return to their allegiance, and offering a reward
of 500l. for each of the heads of the principal
rebels.

A correſpondent aſks, "if the people in power
did not know the truth of the American account
how came they to know that the Surley, captain
Brown, failed four days after the veſſel that brought
the printed account. What kind of paſſage do't
this intelligence?"

Lord Chatham, it is ſaid weſtward, will be cal-
led upon to ſettle the national differences, not from
an affection and eſteem for the man, but from an
apprehenſion of the miſchevous conſequences of
the mad ſchemes of the miniſtry, which they are
fearful will fall heavily on their pates.

What was foretold in this paper by Merlin more
than two years ago, but diſcredited and laughed at
is now in part fulfilled; to wit, a civil war in Ame-
rica; the completition of the other part, may hea-
ven avert a civil war in England.

## WILMINGTON.

We have pleaſure in acquainting the public, that
the inhabitants of Georgia have at all events united with
the other colonies, in defence of their liberties,
lives and properties, againſt the arbitrary and cruel
meaſures of a deſpotic miniſtry and a corrupt par-
liament. They have choſen delegates to attend the
Continental Congreſs and entered into reſolves
ſelves moſt of them ſimilar to thoſe of the
colonies; of which we have room to inſert only
three following; viz. "Reſolved, that this
vine join with all the provinces in Ame-
met by delegates in Continental Congreſs,
John Houſton and Archibald Bulloch, Eſqrs.
rev. Dr. Zubly, Lyman Hall and Noble Wimberly
Jones, Eqrs. be the
vince for that purpoſe: Reſolved, that
be appointed, whoſe duty it ſhall be to
that the reſolutions of the continental and provi-
cial congreſſes be duly obſerved, and there
ſons, who ſhall act in oppoſition thereto,
name tranſmitted to the continental
his meaſures be publiſhed in every Ame
Reſolved, that, notwithſtanding
ſtraining the trade of the
tics, this province is excepted.
we look upon it
a favour, as being meant to
provinces, and as being
the inhabitants of ſuch
hate enough to turn the
into a mean advantage.

On Friday laſt in the forenoon, arrived from
Bladen, where they had been ſtopped by the
committee, lieutenant colonel James
Meſſrs. Samuel and Jacob Williams, it appea
after repeated examinations before the committee
of this town, that they had been impreſſed
the Cruizer, with governor Martin, that they had
adviſed him to fill up ſeveral companies in the
Britiſh militia, and inſtantly march to join
the American ſtruggle for liberty: but on an in-
partial repreſentation of our preſent diſpute, they
all requeſted to ſign the aſſociation, and voluntarily
took an oath, to obey the regulations of the con-
tinental congreſs, and provincial convention; to
which they are now gone under the eſcort of Meſſrs.
Ewans and Blyth.

*[illegible]*

*RUN away from the ſubſcriber about ten days ago an old Negro man, named* CUFFEE, *a carpenter; had formerly belonged to the eſtate of Joſ. Huſſey, junior, deceaſed, and is to general very well known. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to me, or the ſheriff of New Hanover county, ſhall receive a reward of forty ſhillings currency; and a further reward of forty ſhillings will be paid to any perſon who will give information of his being harboured by a negro, and five pounds if by a white perſon upon conviction of the offen-*

*[illegible]*

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