

be ranked them among the foremost sons of liberty. Loud complaints have been made by us against the W. India members in parliament;—their tame acquiescence to this act, is a clear demonstration that AMOR PATRIÆ, for which the Roman Decii fell, possesses but a small place in their hearts.—Barbados, above all the other West-India islands, will be ruined by this law. The stamp duties are all to be paid in specie; and we have such a scarcity of cash, that when twelve or fifteen thousand pounds is annually sent home for stamp duties, our trade must inevitably perish."

It is said, most of the judges of the common pleas, the gentlemen of the law, and the clerks of the said court of the county of Suffolk, are clearly of opinion, that necessity has no law, and that no stamps are not to be had, thro' no fault of theirs, that it is their duty to proceed without them.

It has been positively said, by a person of rank, that all the courts in this province, from the necessity of the thing, must and will all go on, proceed in the usual form without stamp papers, which cannot by any possibility be come at were there any found of them.

Boston, Jan. 5. 'Tis reported that a vessel is arrived at Cape Ann from the Mount, the matter of which says, That the Spaniards taking a greater dislike to the French than the English, had drove them from thence.

Jan. 13. It is said, that those at home who are of the best judgment in American affairs, make no doubt but that the burdens which the colonies labour under will be taken off and the stamp-act repealed, when the parliament meets, and the united memorials of the people are received.

NEWPORT, (Rhode Island) December 23.

The spirit of patriotism is not confined to the sons of America only, but glows with equal fervour in the benevolent breasts of her virtuous daughters; one instance of which is worth, of particular notice, viz. A lady of this town, tho' in the bloom of youth, and possessed of virtues and accomplishments really engaging and sufficient to excite the most pleasing expectations of happiness in the marriage state, has declared, that she should chuse rather to be an OLD MAID, than that the operation of the illegal stamp act should commence in these colonies.

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LONDON, November 16.

WE can from good authority assure the public, that two very popular great men will, before the meeting of parliament, join the present ministry, to add strength and vigour to the present most agreeable measures that are now carrying on for the honour of the King, and the happiness of his people. And we are also informed, that no person who enjoyed either places of trust, or honour, by the favour of a certain unpopular nobleman, will be permitted to hold them.

Yesterday, dispatches were sent off to General Yorke, at the Hague; and it is given out, that his Excellency will soon be recalled, to take upon him a considerable office in the state.

We are credibly informed, that two American governors have, in their last dispatches home, strongly represented the necessity of granting a temporary suspension of the stamp-act, until the united sense of the colonies could be laid before the grand assembly of the mother country.

They write from Lisbon, that two Portuguese governors, of the Canary Islands, were ordered home, to answer some complaints of the English, in obstructing their new settlement on the continent of Africa, near Cape Verde.

We hear that a military force will soon be appointed to embark for the protection of our log-wood cutters in the Bay of Honduras.

We are told that such a change of the military governments in North-America, including also the high courts of admiralty, is soon likely to be effected, as will render the future administration of the British colonies more agreeable to our fellow subjects on that continent.

The vacant garter, late Sir Charles Howard's, we hear, is intended for the gallant Sir William Johnson, now in America.

On Friday night a messenger was dispatched from the secretary of state's office, to his Grace the D. of Richmond, Ambassador to the court of France, on affairs of consequence.

It is whispered that certain papers of the last importance, have been found in the cabinet of a deceased personage; being a complete key to many secret transactions during the last ten years.

The Canada bills have lately fallen at Paris one and a half per cent, from 34 and an half, to 33 per cent.

The late fall of the Canada bills at Paris, is attributed to the French court having demanded satisfaction for their ships taken by the English men of war at Newfoundland, which has been refused, and, in course, a stop put to the final liquidation of their bills.

Lord Charles Montague is appointed Governor of South-Carolina.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Jeffery Amherst, was one of the officers who supported the canopy at the funeral of his Royal Highness the D. of Cumberland.

It is reported that a noble lord, worn out in the service of his country, will soon retire from all publick business, with an appointment of 7000 l. per annum.

Thursday at the breaking up of the board of admiralty, dispatches were sent off to Commodore Palliser, at Newfoundland; and, we hear, their lordships are making further dispositions for executing certain vigorous measures now under consideration.

A very unsatisfactory answer is said to have been received this week from Versailles.

It is said our court hath undertaken to negotiate a treaty of peace between his Portuguese Majesty and the Emperor of Morocco; in consequence of which, it was expected, the Moors would raise the siege of Mazagan, on the coast of Africa.

A committee of merchants trading to America, will soon attend the new ministry, on matters of great concern to his Majesty's settlements in that part of the world.

Orders are gone to the West-Indies for recalling the cutters, destined by the late administration, to prevent smuggling the British manufactures to the Spanish Main.

Col. Barre is now talked of to succeed Thom. Pitt, Esq; at the board of admiralty.

We hear lord Edgcumbe, in the Hero man of war, at Plymouth, will sail for the Mediterranean, to relieve Admiral Harrison, who has been above three years on that station.

It is said, that the restoration of our Guiney and African-commerce has been the subject of several late boards of trade at the Cockpit.

We are credibly informed that the objects of several councils lately held, were for re-establishing the trade to the several colonies, and to relieve them of the oppressions they now labour under.

The late Dutchess of Brandenburg, great grand-mother to the Hereditary Prince, now in England, who died some years since in a very advanced age, had the singular happiness to reckon amongst her posterity 62 Princes and Princesses; 53 of whom she saw at one time alive; and amongst them 3 Emperors, 2 Empresses, 2 Kings, and 2 Queens.—A circumstance very rare in a Sovereign house; and what, I believe, none but that of Brunswick can possibly produce, in all the annals of history.