Brown had a narrow escape: Three of the enemy's borse reconnoitring, were discovered by one of our piquets and fired upon. Some officers riding out to know the cause, one of them perceived a man of tow stature on foot; the officer pursued, but the little fellow nimbly gave him the flip in the swamp. Many things were picked up which the fugative in his burry left behind him, and indubitably prove the identity of the person: Two of the articles were, a small green coat laced with gold and faced with buff, and a handker chief marked T. B. In a pocket of the coat was a letter from Major Prevoft, addressed to Col. Brown, dated Gordan's Mill, June 19; wherein he expresses some anxiety for the safety of his person, and fixles him " the life of bis corps." This letter, as it contains a plan of operations against us, offords ufeful intelligence.

" By an express just arrived from Governor Houstoun we learn, that baving detached General Screven of the militia, with 100 horse to bang on the enemy's rear, a skirmish ensued yesterday with Colonel Brown's Rangers, now joined by Major Prevoft with 400 Regulars and Schowolites. Screwen was obliged to retire, with the loss of one killed and three wounded; of the latter is a Lieutenant-Colonel, who received a ball through the breast and arm. We made an officer prifoner, by aubom ave learn that Brown's Rangers do not exceed 150 men. The action bappened 25 miles to the fourbward of this camp."

NEWBERN, August 21, 1778.

Extrad of a letter from a gentleman in Baltimore, to bis friend in this town, dated july 23.

" A frigate of 36 guns, and 11 fail of transports, from Corke to New York, with provisions, have fallen into the hands of the Count d'Estaing, at Sandy Hook. The transports are fince arrived in Delaware. You may depend on this intelligence, just received here."

There is great probability of the loss of Capt. Goodrich, in a 10 gun floop, that has lately done fo much mischief on this coaft. The floop was feen off Hatteras by the pilots the day before the late gale of wind, and the day after there came ashere the roundhouse of a vessel, several gun-carriages, swabbs, and other things belonging to guns, a fquare fail bomb, and other spars, which indicates the loss of some vessel; and as that sloop has not been feen fince, it is likely to be her.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEWBERN, August 21, 1778. HE subscriber takes this method of acquainting the public that James Flett, (taylor of this town) bath unjuftly traduced the character of bis lawful, prudent, and wirtuous wife-And be further adds, that he will be accountable for any transgression said Fiett can make evident against his wife .- Therefore he expects the public will consider said Flett an unjust and cruel man, if he cannot prove any reason for acting in so wile a manner.

Methinks I bear Mrs. Flett express berfelf thus,

If from traths facred paths I've fray'd, Convince the world I do, If not the world with justice may, Transfer the same on you. JOHN HORNER HILL.

I.ETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Newbern, viz. NE for Mrs. Frankina Harvey, near Cox's Ferry. Mr. Francis Hodgton, Asop Sea Flour, Mr. Dogald Cambell, Newbern, do. 5th July. do. Mr. William Mecoy, Craven county, 18th do. do. Mrs. Judath Dyer, Newbern, 25th do. do. Mr. Archibald Gillefpie, Beque Inict, Mr. Waightstill Avery, Attorney General. Ift Aug. do. Mrs. Judath Dyer, Newbern, do. Mr. John Steel, New Rever, do. Major William Fenner, Newbern, 7th do. do. Capt. Jehiel Tinker, Newbern, 8th do. I do. Monfieur Liftre, Newbern, 14th do. do. Mr. John Cowpet, Tar River, Mrs. Elizabeth Washington, Tur River, 19th do. do. Mr. William Blount, 1 40. Mr. Henry Dixon, Beaufort, R. COGDELL, P. M.

Newbern, August 11, 1778.

THEREAS my wife KATY has eloped from me, I take this public method to inform all perfons from trulling her on my account, as I will not be answerable for any debts the may contract from the date hereof. JAMES FLETT.

IMPORTED in the last vessels from France, and to be SOLD at public vendue, on Tuesday the 2d of September next, by Savage and Westmore, at Edenton, for cash, or tobacc , at the market price, to be delivered at Suffolk or South Dray, the following large ASSORTMENT of GOODS.

CUPERFINE and Seconds, Scarlet, white, blue, brown, and drab cloths, narrow cloths and serges of different qualities and colours, black tamini for breeches, ready made cloth jackets and breaches quality binding, fine and coarfe white linens, Britannias, Russia and other free ings, oznabrigs, check linen and handkerchiefs, ready made Prints, cambricks, calicoes, chintz and cottons in pieces and gown pat. terns, fine tambour waiftcoats, guaze of different qualities, gauze bandkerchiefs, a large affortment of black and white blond lace, filhs in pieces and gown patterns, ribbons, black and white fik flockings, thread, cotton and worsted flockings, mens and womens shoes, white and coloured thread, writing and printing paper, fealing wax, wafers and quills, black lead pencils in cases, gold epaulers, offrich's fea. ther's and fashes for officers, sword belts, an affortment of bard ware, table knives and forks, penknives, razors, Sciffors, &c. &c. files, needles and pins, gilt and born buttons, paper snuff boxes, looking glaffes, combs of different kinds, glass and earthen ware, pipes, fine and felt bats, tea in canisters, black pepper, cotton and wool cards, steel, French brandy in hogsbeads, quarter casks and three gallon kegs, claret in hog sheads, claret in bottles, Fontenac, Malaga and Mufcadel wines, &c. French liquors of different kinds, and fcented avaters, orgeat in cases of 12 bottles in each, cappalaire in ditto, efsences of different qualities, ratifea in cases of 12 bottles each, hair powder in pounds, raisins in small boxes, currants in casks, linseed and olive oil in casks, fine Florence oil in cases of 12 bottles, anchovies in ditto, olives in ditto, capers in ditto, truffles in ditto, olives with anchovies and capers, fruit preserved in brandy, white sope ir boxes. mould candles in boxes, manna in boxes, senna, jalop, Jesuit's bark, glouber and epfom faits, farfaparella, fail duck of different forts and qualities, cordage, &c. Gc. Gc.

State of North Carolina, Craven County, ff. By ALEXANDER GASTON and RICHARD ELLIS, EGquires, two of the Justices for the said County.

THEREAS complaint hath been made to us by Frederick Fonville, that a negro flave named Peter, black fellow, aged about 44 years, about 5 feet 5 inches high, ran away in December lait.

These are therefore to command the faid slave forthwith to furrender himself, and return home to his said Master. we do also require the sheriff of the said County to make diligent fearch and pursuit after the said slave, and him having found, to apprehend and secure, so that he may be conveyed to his said Master, or otherwise discharged as the law directs, And the faid sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him fuch power of his County as he shall think fit, for appre hending the said slave. And we do hereby, by virtue of an ad of affembly of this state concerning servants and slaves, intimate and declare, if the faid flave doth not furrender himfelf, and return home, immediately after the publication of these prefents, that then any person may kill or destroy the said slave, by fuch means as he or they may think fit, without accufation or impeachment of any crime or offence for fo doing, or without incurring any penalty or forfeiture thereby. ALEX. GASTON.

RICHARD ELLIS. Whoever apprehends the faid slave, and delivers him to me, shall have 10 dollars, or 20 dollars for his head. FREDERICK FONVILLE.