

The Meeting, after an unanimous Vote to the Honorable John Hancock, Esq; as Moderator, was dissolved.

Thursday the Ninth of April is appointed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer in the Colony of Connecticut.

On the 18th Instant, His Honor the Governor, with the Advice of the Council, of the Colony of Connecticut, was pleased to issue a Proclamation to prohibit the transporting or shipping on board any Vessel for Transportation out of that Colony, Wheat, Rye or Indian Corn until the Twentieth Day of May next.

Capt. Niles arrived at New-London from Surinam, last St. Eustatia, in 25 Days, met with extreme bad Weather, and informs, That just before he sailed from the latter Place, Letters were received there by a Vessel in six Weeks from Holland, giving a melancholy Account of the Scarcity of Provisions there; by which means many of the Poor were dying with Famine—Beef sold at 16 Stivers a Pound, and a Loaf of the coarsest Bread of about 2 lb. Wt. at 16 Stivers. [A Stiver is the tenth Part of a Pilsaren.] The distilling of Geneva was prohibited on Pain of Death.

It is said, That in the Month of November no less than 100 Sail of Ships from 500 to 600 Tons burthen, arrived in Holland laden with Rye from Archangel in Russia, which sold at so high a Price, that the Gain thereby was double.

We hear from Providence, that on Friday last, at their Superiour Court, came on the Trial of the Cause of David Hills of the Massachusetts Bay, Plaintiff, and Isaac Low and others, (a Committee of Merchants for the City of New-York, Defendants,) for taking (under Colour of Law) and burning a Quantity of Goods; The Cause was closed for the Defendants by Mr. Brintnal, and for the Plaintiff, by Mr. Cole:—The Jury received the Cause in the Evening, and next Morning returned their Verdict for the Plaintiff, 282 £. Damages with Costs. —March 25th, 1772.

On the 15th Instant, one Ebenezer Brown of Squantum, about 50 Years of Age, having been to Long Island, was about to return Home again near Sunset, but it is suppos'd in going to his Canoe he fell off a Steep Bank, about 12 Feet high, by which he was so much hurt and bewildered (as appear'd by his Tracks in the Snow) that after travelling up and down, he at last fell on his Face and was found dead in the Snow a Day or two after.

We hear from Newbern, in North Carolina, that Mr James Fish, of Falmouth, in the County of Barnstable, Mate of the Sloop Harrison, Capt. Hooton, belonging to this Place, was lately drowned there, by means of the Boat's sinking in which they had just before weighed the Anchor; the other People who were in the Boat with him saved their Lives by swimming to the Shore.

On the 17th Instant departed this Life, Mr. William Badcock, of Milton, in the 55th Year of his Age, who bequeathed a large Legacy of good Examples to the Living; In him was exemplified the kind Husband, the tender Parent, the true Friend, a generous Benefactor to the indigent, obliging Neighbour, in his Conversation agreeable and pleasant, in his Dealing remarkably honest, whereby he gained the good Will of all his Acquaintance, a strict observer of the Sabbath, a Lover of Liberty and Religion, whereby he taught his Children the true Principles of Religion, in that the Respect exemplary in the Oeconomy of his Family, doubt not but the Day of his Death was better to him than the Day of his Birth.

Stop here, and mark the Footsteps of the just,
Their Memory's sacred, and below'd their Dust,
The World is vain and worldly Joys do fade,
But Heaven alone for Godly Minds is made.
At Newport, George Gardiner, Esq; aged 66

B O S T O N, MARCH 30.

In Capt. Calef from London, came Passengers Mr. James Bowdoin, jun. Son of the Hon. James Bowdoin, Esq; Mr. — Loring, youngest Son of Commodore Loring, and Mr. Andrew Newell.

By Capt. Calef we have Advice that Mr. Andrew Hall of this Town, Merchant, died in London of the Small Pox, a Day or two before he came away.

We hear that the Captain Scott and Callahan were to sail from London for this Place in about a Week or ten Days after Capt. Calef.

Friday last His Majesty's Ship Glasgow, arrived here from England, but lost from Lisbon in seven Weeks.

The same Day arrived here Capt. Harvey, in about 7 Weeks from Chester, in England; On the 14th Instant he spoke with the Ship Charlotte, Capt. Rogers, from Rhode-Island, bound to London, 15 Days out, who the Day before had his Main-mast struck by Lightning in three Places, and one Man named William Ford killed, and two others wounded; but the Vessel and Cargo not much Damaged.

Last Saturday se'nnight was taken up on Nahant Beech, in Lynn, the Wreck of a two mast Fishing-Boat, Ipswich built; it was drove about half over the Beech, and lay across the Road. On the fore Part of the Wreck there appeared, wrote with Chalk, quite legible, these Words, — *Aaron Craft is my Name.* — From the Place where the Boat was drove ashore, were seen the Tracks of three Men, appearing as tho' they walked together for about 20 or 30 Rods, when one of them (whose body was taken up last Sunday) it is thought, hit his Foot against a Stone, and fell with his Face on a large flat Rock, where he died: This appears probable from the Position in which he was found, laying on his Face with his two Hands under him, and his Nose flattened on the Rock. The other two were traced about 20 Rods further, reaching to the opposite Side or End of Nahant, where the Tracks were lost for Want of Snow; and both of these Persons it is beyond a Doubt, also perished, as they have not been heard of. It is probable their Bodies are (as that of the Person found was nearly) covered with Snow; or, if they happened to be near the Water, the Tide may have washed them away. The Person found was a likely young Man, well dressed for a Fisherman, and had on new Boots. There were 5 or 6 Pair of other Boots also taken up, which appeared to be new. The Wreck was taken up by Mr. Nehemiah Breed, and the Boots by different Persons. There was a Quantity of fresh caught Fish in the Wreck. There is no Account where the Boat was from; but it is conjectured she came from Cape-Ann.

The same Morning, just at Break of Day, a Dwelling House in Danvers, belonging to Mr. Daniel Jacobs, and which was improved by two Families, his own and that of his Son's, was discovered to be on Fire, and in a very short Time was entirely consumed, with almost every Thing of Value which it contained, the two Families having but just Time to save themselves from the Flames. The Building was large, and contained, besides the Furniture, Provisions, &c. 3000 lb. of Cocoa, and several 100 lb. of Chocolate, which were nearly or quite all destroyed. — The Loss, at a Moderate Computation, is said to amount to Five Hundred Pounds, lawful Money. How the Fire began, is not known.

We hear from Canterbury, that on the 14th Instant, the House of Mr. David Norris took Fire and was consumed, together with most of the Furniture and 50 Bushells of Wheat.

Last Friday arrived here the Schooner Katy, William Cowell, Master, from Cadiz, after a tedious passage of 12 Weeks, 7 of which he had been with in soundings, and had been greatly distressed by the want of Provisions; but on the 24th Instant, on George's Banks he was relieved by meeting with the Brigantine Minerva, commanded by Capt. Jonathan Blanchard, bound to the West-Indies; who very generously, and in a polite manner supplied him not only with Ship's Provisions but imparted to him of his Cabin-stores.

At the Adjournment of the Meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town on Tuesday last, Mr. Oliver Wendell was chosen a Selectman in the Room of Dr. John Greenleaf, who had declined; also, Mr. Zechariah Bridgen, a Warden, in the Room of Mr. Nathan Hancock, who had declined that Office.