of Cornhill, and the wind blowing very hard at the same time at S. W. soon communicated the flames to the houses on the opposite side of the way (the wide street) and many houses on that side, as well as those on the other as far as the church of St. Martin Outwich (which is greatly damaged) are destroyed, together with four houses in Threadneedle-street, and about six in Cornhill, the greatest part of White-lion-court, and all the houses on the north side of Leadenhall-street, as far as the Bishop's palace, including the greatest the Pastry-Cook's at the N. E. corner of Gracechurch-street, on the opposite side of Cornhill, took fire, and is consumed, the flames spreading many different ways at one and the same time, and were not got under till this day at noon. It is computed that upwards of 50 houses are destroyed. So dreadful a conflagration has not happened in this city since the fire which broke out in Change-alley, about 17 years ago.

Novem. 9. Wednesday after the breaking up of the Privy Council, a messenger was sent off with dispatches for his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The Kitty and Maria, Sutton, from Maryland, to London, is lost on the coast of France, near Boulogne.

Yesterday morning several Lords of the Privy-Council set out for Richmond, to attend his Majesty on affairs of importance.

They write from New-York, that many considerable persons in trade, were preparing to depart both that province and N. England, by reason of the anarchy and devastation which was universally expected to result from the licentiousness of the populace, when a stop should be put to all business, by the obstruction of the Stamp-Act.

The following is a list of the principal part of the unhappy sufferers houses burnt down by the dreadful fire last Thursday morning:---In Bishopsgate-street, Mr. Rutland, the Barber, where the fire began; Mr. Marjerum, Tinman; Mr. Jarvis, at the Black-Lion, Black-Lion Court; and two other houses in the said court; Mr. Merry, Stationer, who has lost almost his whole effects, as have several others; Mr. Clements, Tallow-chandler; Mr. Dupuy; Mr. John Long, Broker; Mr. Pitt, Thread-maker; Mr. Nesbit's house much damaged; Mr. Higenbotham, Chinaship; Miss Coxeter and Co. Milliners; Mr. Kingsley, Attorney, the house much damaged, but not ruined.---On the opposite side the way, Mr. Feun, Hosier, Miss Thomson, Haberdasher; the White-Lion tavern; Mr. John Burden; Tobacconist; some houses in a court behind Mr. Burden's; Messrs. Legros, and Lecrais, Merchants; Miss Huddleston, Milliner; Mr. Reeves, School-master; Mr. Guy, Gun-maker; Mrs. Holt, Haberdasher; Mess. Cooper and Ward, Packers; Mrs. Motherhead's Beer-warehouse, and some others.---In Threadneedle-street, Mr. Liddal and Mr. Midgale, Attornies, burnt down; Mr. Spence, and son, and others, much damaged.---In White-Lion-court, Cornhill, Dr. Sylvester; Mr. Neal, Taylor, and some others.---In Cornhill, Mr. Clevet, Woollen-draper; Mr. Shapley, Upholder; Mess. Button and Co. Upholders; Mr. Lamb, Stationer; Mr. Voux, Haberdasher; Mr. Pyesinch, Optical Instrument-maker.---In Leadenhall-street, Mr. Warham, Cook; Mrs. Coates, Milliner; Mr Haidy, Hardware-shop; Mr. Merriman, Box-maker; Mr. Farnham, Cook; Mess. Treadway and Co. Glovers; Mr. Thorton, the Nag's-Head tavern; Mr. Ware, Woollen-draper; Mr. Hynge, at the Bull-inn, partly burnt down, and some others.---In Gracechurch-street the back part of Mess. Gillman and Allen's house burnt down.

WILMINGTON, (North-Carolina) November 21.

MONDAY, the 18th Instant, about 50 of the Gentlemen of Brunswick, New-Hanover and Bladen Counties, waited on the Governor, at his Seat near Brunswick, on his circular Letters to them for that Purpose; when his Excellency was pleased to communicate his Sentiments to them relative to the Stamp-Act, to the following Purport.

He mentioned, and with Moderation censured, the Conduct of some of the Colonies, where the Officers of the Crown had been insulted, their Houses pulled down, their Furniture and Effects destroyed, and his Majesty's Property invaded, by burning the Stampt Paper sent from England; and expressed his Hopes that no Violence of that Sort might be attempted, in case the Stamps should at any Time arrive here, representing the Danger of such Proceedings, and the disagreeable Consequence which might attend them.---The parliamentary Right of Taxation, he said he, would by no Means, at that Time, enter into the Discussion of, but hoped that none in this Province were desirous of destroying the Dependance on the Mother Country; and therefore strongly urged the Prudence of not opposing the Legislature of Great-Britain.---He took Notice of the Impossibility of the Stamp-Act operating in all its Parts in this Province, where the whole Cash of the Country would scarce pay a single Year of the Tax:---He enforces his Observations, by expatiating on the Advantage which we should receive on a Submission to the Act, by carrying on an extensive Commerce, while our Rival Colonies on the Continent, by their Refusal of the Stamps, had entirely obstructed their own Trade: And as a further Inducement to the Receipt of the Stamps, his Excellency generously offered to pay himself the whole Duty arising on any Instruments executed on Stampt Paper, on which he should have any Pequisite or Fee; such as Warrants and Patents for Land; Testimonials; Injunctions in Chancery; Licences for Marriages; Letters of Administration and Testamentary; with four Wine Licences for each of the Towns of Edenton, Newbern, Wilmington, Salisbury and Halifax; two for Brunswick and Cross-Creek; and for Bath and Tarborough, one Licence each.

[On these Proposals, the Gentlemen, after retiring to consider them, waited on his Excellency the next Morning, with an Address, of which the following is Part.]

SIR,

TO our Sovereign we owe, and shall he always ready to testify by our Conduct, every Act of Loyalty and Obedience, consistent with the Rights of a free People; and we most sincerely pray, that the British Throne may never want Heirs of the present illustrious House of Hanover, to secure that happy Constitution: But the Extension of the STAMP-ACT, by a melancholy Presage of America being stripped of all, or most of the British Privileges, naturally suggests to us, that the Submission in any Part of so oppressive and (as we think) so unconstitutional Attempts, is opening a direct Inlet for Slavery, which all Mankind will endeavour to avoid.

For these Reasons, it is with great Pain we are obliged to dissent from what your Excellency has been pleased to mention, of your paying the Stamp-Duties on the Instruments enumerated in the Proposal; nor can we submit to the Payment of the similar Stamps: An Admission of Part, would put it out of our Power to refuse, with any Propriety, a Submission to the Whole; and as we can never consent to be deprived of the invaluable Privilege of a Trial by Jury, which is one Part of that Act, we think it a more consistent, as well as secure Conduct, to prevent to the utmost of our Power, the Operation of it:---At the same Time we assure your Excellency, that we will, upon every Occasion, avoid and prevent, as far as our Influence extends, any Insult or Injury to any of the Officers of the Crown; but must confess, that the Office of Distributor of the Stamps, is so detested by the People in general, that we don't think either the Person or Property of such an Officer, could by any Means be secured from the Resentment of the Country.

BOSTON, December 20.

Extract of a Letter from New-London, in Lee's County, North-Carolina, dated Novemb. 18, 1765.

"We have certain Accounts from Newbern, that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court plumply refused to act in that Office, unless they should allow him to act agreeable to the Stamp Act; upon which all the Sons of Liberty far and near, to a very great Number, and of all Ranks assembled at his House, entered the same, seized him in his Bed, brought him to Town, and obliged him to declare upon Oath, that he would do all that lay in his Power to prevent the Stamp Act taking Place, and that he would have nothing to do with that detestable Act, and that all business should go on as before; all which he readily complied with.

P. S. The above is a fact and may be relied on.'

PHILADELPHIA, November 9.

Since our last we have had very severe Weather, rather colder, it is thought, than any the last Winter, and our River has been quite fast since Friday last.---Some Vessels, that were at Reedy-Island, weighed on Friday Morning, and we hope, have got out to Sea---But the Brig Peggy, Capt. Lyle, for Antigua; the Brig Venus, Capt. Belford, to Limerick; and the Snow Elton, Capt. M'Cowen, to Newry, were catched in the Ice, in the Bite of New-Castle, where, we hear, they are hauled ashore; and a Sloop is said to be driven ashore on the Jersey Side.---Capt. Davidson, from London, put into Darby Creek.

New-York, January 13.

On Tuesday Evening last, a great Number of Gentlemen, Sons of Liberty, assembled at the House of Mr. William Howard, in this City, in Consequence of an Invitation from some of the Members of their Society. The whole Company appear'd to be unanimous in a determined Opposition to the Stamp-Act. Several Matters were proposed for the Preservation and Security of the English Constitution, and the Rights and Privileges of the Subject, in America. And after setting forth and declaring their Rights and Liberties; their firm Adherence to the English Constitution, their unshaken Loyalty and Attachment to his Majesty King George the Third, and his Royal House; and shewing the unconstitutional Nature of the Stamp-Act---that if it takes Place in America, it will deprive his Majesty's Subjects of their most sacred Rights and Privileges, and be attended with other dreadful and ruinous Consequences, to all his Majesty's Dominions, not only in America, but in Great-Britain. &c.]---the following Resolutions were proposed and agreed to by a great Majority of the Company, and order'd, to be printed, viz.

Resolved, That we will go to the last Extremity, and venture our Lives and Fortunes, effectually to prevent the said Stamp-Act from ever taking Place in this City and Province.

Resolved, That any Person who shall deliver out or receive any Instrument of Writing upon Stampted Paper or Parchment, agreeable to the said Act, shall incur the highest Resentment of this Society, and be branded with everlasting Infamy.

Resolved, That the Persons who carry on Business as formerly, on unstamped Paper, without Regard to the Stamp-Act, shall be protected to the utmost Power of this Society.

Resolved, That as we have not been concerned in publishing or propagating any Thing tending to cast an Odium on any Society or Body of Men, or on the private Character of any Person, farther than as he was a Promoter or Abettor of the Stamp-Act, so neither will we be concern'd in reporting, publishing or propagating any Thing that may affect the Reputation of any Individual, or Body of Men, otherwise than as he or they may be Promoters of the said Act.

Resolved, That we will to the utmost of our Power maintain the Peace and good Order of this City, so far as it can be done consistently with the Preservation and Security of our Rights and Privileges.

The Company then adjourn'd, after having agreed to meet at the same place on Tuesday Evening the 21st Instant, and to continue their Meetings once a Fortnight, unless it should be necessary to meet sooner, or which Notice would be given.

We hear that Business is carried on at the public Offices in Boston, as usual, without regarding the Stamp-Act.

On Tuesday Evening last arrived the Brig ----------, Captain Haviland, from London, but having a long Passage, our latest Prints by him are the 4th of October; so that we have no News by him to late as we have received by other Vessels.

We hear he has on board 10 Packages of the detestable Stamp'd Papers, &c. The Captain executed himself by saying, that when he took them on board, there was no Talk of any Dissatisfaction of the Colonies on Account of them.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'Clock. We have just received certain Intelligence, that about 12 o'Clock last Night, a Company of armed Men went on board Capt. Haviland's Brig lying at or near Cruger's Dock, and after having obliged the People to deliver up the Keys, and put Lights, they opened the Hatches, seized the Vessel from Stem to Stern, and seized the Stamped Papers for this Province and Connecticut, amounting to 10 Boxes, with which they loaded a large Boat, and proceeded with them up the River to the Ship Yards, where they broke the Packages to Pieces, and with some Tar-Barrels and other Combustibles, made a Bonfire of them and their Contents---When the whole was entirely consumed, they quietly dispersed, without doing any Mischief or even alarming the City.

About 1 o'Clock last Friday Morning a Fire broke out in an Ash-House, in the Yard of the Hon. Roger Morris, Esq; of this City; but as soon as the Inhabitants assembled with the Engines they extinguished the flame.

By Letters from England we learn, that it was reported, that the Ministry designed allowing the Americans to send Members to Parliament, had been under Consideration for some Time---and that it was strongly reported we should very soon be relieved from the late grievous Impositions, especially the Stamp Duties. Governor Rogers, well known for his military Atchievents in the late American War, is come over in the Packet.

We have now in our Harbour, 18 ships, 27 sloops, 19 brigs, 13 schooners, and *40 sloops* in all 117 sail.

A few Days since a Negro Man belonging to Mr. George Trail of New-Rochell, killed his House-keeper, by a Blow with a small Ax on the Head, of which Wound she expired; the Villain immediately fled and concealed himself in a Hay-stack, where he was found, after diligent Search, tried by three Justices of the Peace, and ordered to be hung: Which Sentence was put in Execution at New-Rochell last Week.

ARRIVALS.

From Virginia, Seven to Trade, Young, at Gravesend; Thanett, Hooper, in the Downs; the Nautellus, Bellby, at Dover; the Madeira Packet, Wilkinson, at Gravesend, the Russia Merchant, Carnaby, at Gravesend.

From Philadelphia, The Nancy at Bristol.

From Boston, The Anne and Mary, Southcot, at Wilson; the African, at Liverpool.

From Maryland, The Anne and Mary; Mutlificence, Johnson; William and Mary, Boyne; Sally, Buchannan; and Nancy Cellar, at Dover.

From Georgia, The Georgia-Packet, Anderson, at Gravesend.

From New-York, The Amelia, Richards, at Gravesend.

From Quebec, The Hussar, Batterby, at Gravesend; the Ann, Atkin, at Leghorn.

We hear that Col. Robertson, who was lately appointed Barrack Master-General for North-America, is appointed Lieut. Governor of Canada, and that Governor Murray is ordered home.

We are desired to give Notice, that the Society for promoting Arts, &c. are to hold an extraordinary Meeting on Monday next, precisely at five o'Clock in the Evening; which, besides other Business, Persons are to be appointed to adjudge the Premiums to the several Claimants, who are to produce their Proofs on Wednesday for ARTS, and the Friday following for AGRICULTURE.---As the Premiums for the Year ensuing will be under the Consideration of the Society at their next stated Meeting, such Persons as cannot conveniently attend, are requested to send their Proposals or Hints in Writing to the Secretary BENJAMIN RUSH, Esq.

N. B. The Market for Home-Manufactures to proper for the Season, and which increases in suitable Articles every Market Day, holds on the third Wednesday, the 15th Inst. below the Exchange.

ELEVEN Months Time of a healthy Servant Girl, to be disposed of. Enquire of Hugh Gaine.

WHEREAS the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, of the Society for promoting Arts, &c. in the Province of New-York, are impowered, as Trustees, to make Use of the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, towards employing the Poor of this City and County, in the Linen Manufactory. Now this is to give Notice to all Persons having any Proposals to make on this Subject to give in their Names in writing, to Mr. Vanderpelgele, on or before Thursday next.

TO be let or sold, the noted Ferry and Farm on the North side of Staten-Island, now in the tenure of James Johnson; there is a good house, five rooms on a floor, with good stables and other out-houses; the farm contains about 150 acres, mostly cleared; there is two bearing orchards, with two good docks very convenient for landing or taking off passengers. Any person inclining to hire or buy the above premises, may know the conditions, by applying to John Leake, in New-York. Possession to be given the 25th of March next.

TO be let, and enter'd on the first of March, A pleasant farm, situated on the North-River, within 3 Miles of New-York, consisting of 60 acres of land, divided into pasture and meadow, fresh and salt; there is also two thrifty orchards bearing good grafted fruit, a small new dwelling-house and garden, fit for a Farmer, a barn, Cyder-House, with Horses, Cows, and farming utensils. Enquire of Thomas Clarke, on the Premises.

LOST on Friday the 10th instant, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, A pinch beck watch, maker's name Potter, (London) the outside case scollop'd, and the inner case plain; a china dial plate, steel chain, and a silver seal of a Dove with an olive-branch in its beak. Whoever has found the said watch, and brings her to the Printer, or to John Paulin, of the Artillery, shall be handsomely rewarded.

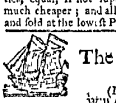
WHEREAS on Friday Evening last, about half past five, the shop of Richard Lewis, at the sign of the Bear, near the College, was robbed of the following articles, viz. A silver watch, with a silver chain, 20 yards of Irish linen, in one piece, and a remnant of 4 yards and half. Whoever will take up the thief, or discover him so that he may be brought to Justice, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, paid by RICHARD LEWIS.

For COLERAIN,
The Ship *Providence*,
Thomas Clark, Master.

Will sail by the latter End of February,

For Freight or Passage, agree with Greg, Cunningham, and Co. or said Master, on board the Ship, at Beekman's-slip, or at his House on Golden-Hill: Where is to be sold, a Parcel of choice pickled Salmon in Kegs.

SOLD at the Snuff and Tobacco Store, at the Corner of the Fly-Market; Rappee in Canisters fresh made, by the Box, Doz. or single Pound, ditto in Bottles, Scots snuff in Bladders and Bottles, equal, if not superior, to any imported from Europe, and much cheaper; and all other Kinds of Tobacco manufactured and sold at the lowest Prices.



For LEITH,
The Snow PEGGY,
James M'Ewen, Master,
(Lying a little above the Ferry-stairs)

Will sail by the first of February at furthest.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Peter Taylor, Tallow-Chandler, near the Fly-Market.----Who has for sale a likely Negro Lad, about 19 Years of Age, sold for no Fault but Want of Employ.

ALL those who have any Demands on the Estate of Samuel Tingley, late of this City, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accounts: And those who are indebted, are requested to make immediate Payment to ANNA TINGLEY, Executrix.

Where Naval Stores and Shipbuilding may be had to advantage.

A very good Negro Man to be sold for no Fault, may be depended upon. Sold only for want Employ.

For the Entertainment of the CURIOUS,
Will be exhibited at Mr. George Burns's, in the Broadway,
A Course of Experiments in that instructive and entertaining Branch of Natural Philosophy, call'd,

ELECTRICITY,

To be accompanied with Lectures on the Nature and Properties of the ELECTRIC FIRE.

By WILLIAM JOHNSON.

(To begin precisely at Half after Ten in the Forenoon.)

THE course consists of Two Lectures:---In the first of which, all the properties of that wonderful element, as far as the latest discoveries have made us acquainted therewith, are demonstrated in a number of curious and entertaining experiments, many of which are entirely new: In the second Lecture, this fire is shewn to be real lightning, and in that view consider'd (as it really is) as one of the most powerful powers of nature. Most of the effects of lightning are imitated by the electric fire, such as, killing Animals, melting metal, tearing and rending bodies thro' which it passes; together with many curious experiments, naturally representing the various phenomena of Thunder-storms, accounting for their causes, and explaining their effects. A practical method of preserving ourselves and our houses from the destructive violence of lightning, will likewise be shewn, the efficacy of which will be demonstrated by such indubitable proofs, from experience, as have not yet been exhibited to the world. The endeavouring to guard against lightning, in the manner proposed, shewn not to be chargeable with presumption, nor inconsistent with any of the principles of natural or revealed religion.

As the knowledge of nature tends to enlarge the human heart, and give us more noble and exalted Ideas of the God of Nature; it is hoped that this course will prove, to many, an agreeable entertainment.

The Days of Exhibition will be on Tuesday and Wednesday next, and again on Thursday and Friday following; which is all the Time said Johnson intends to stay.

TICKETS to be had of Mr. Gaine, and at the Coffee-House, at One Dollar for the whole Course.

N. B. No Person to be admitted without Tickets, by paying at the Door, as the Inconveniency is great, and must be obvious to every one.

Said JOHNSON *likewise proposes to exhibit, a Course of Experiments, (to be accompanied with an Explanatory Lecture) in that eminently useful Branch of* Natural Philosophy, *call'd,*

MAGNETISM.

IN this Lecture all the principle properties of the Magnet will be exhibited and explained, and a rational Theory of Magnetism established thereon; by which the Polarity, Inclination and declination of the Magnetic Needle may be accounted for in the Dogmatical and easy manner. The latest improvements in the manner of constructing sea-compasses, will also be exhibited, and the defects of the common ones pointed out. The knowledge of which may be of infinite service to all masters and owners of vessels. To which will be added, A compleat Theory of Artificial Magnets: Their great advantages over the best natural ones, and the improvement, in natural Philosophy and Navigation arising from their discovery.

This Lecture to be on Saturday next at half past Ten o'Clock. Tickets to be had of Mr. Hugh Gaine, at half a Dollar each.