

CANTERBURY RACES,

On **TUESDAY**, the 23d of July, 1776,

Will be run for on **BARHAM DOWNS**,
A SWEEPSTAKES,
OF TWENTY GUINEAS each,

pay or play, by Colts or Fillies; Colts carrying 8st. 10^{lb}. Fillies 8st. 7^{lb}. One **FOUR MILES HEAT**, according to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate articles; and this **SWEEPSTAKES** to be continued for **FOUR YEARS**.

SUBSCRIBERS for 1776, as under.

- Lord Sondes's bay colt, got by Minor, out of Lord Rockingham's Proserpine, got by Sampson.
- Mr. Hatton's bay colt, by Marsk, his dam by Old Babraham.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay colt King Hiram, got by Eclipse, his dam by the Godolphin Arabian.
- Mr. Worley's chestnut colt, by Eclipse, his dam by Blank.
- Mr. Whitfield's brown colt Spunk, got by Tantrum, out of a Barb Mare.

Any Gentleman may be admitted a Subscriber for the remaining Term of Three Years, naming his Colt or Filly to **FRANCIS WHITFIELD**, of High-street, **CANTERBURY**, on or before Christmas-day, 1776.

On **WEDNESDAY**, July 24, will be run for, the
King's Plate of 100 Guineas,
 By any Horse, Mare, or Gelding.

BEING no more than six years old the grafs before, as must be certified under the hands of the breeder, carrying twelve stone, the best of three four-mile heats. To be shown and entered at Bridge-hill house the day before running, between the hours of four and six in the afternoon, or they are not to run for the said plate; and if any difference arises relating to their ages, entering, or running, the same to be determined by his Grace the Duke of Dorset, or whom he shall appoint, according to such his Majesty's orders and rules as shall be produced at the place of entering or running for the said plate.

On **THURSDAY**, July 25, will be run for,
A SWEEPSTAKES,
OF ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS,
 By **TEN SUBSCRIBERS**, at Ten Guineas each, pay or play, one four-miles heat.

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Four years old	7	3
Five years old	8	3
Six years old	8	10
Aged horses	9	0

Fillies and Mares to be allowed two pounds.

For the further encouragement of which, the County will add a Purse of **FIFTY GUINEAS**, to be run for by the losing horses, which were not beat a distance, one clear four-miles heat, within an hour after the heat for the above **ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS**.

Which Fifty Guineas will be given, } **THIRTY GUINEAS** to the winner of the clear heat.
 } **TWENTY GUINEAS** to the second horse of that Heat.

Every horse that runs for this Sweepstakes, must pay before starting One Guinea entrance money.

SUBSCRIBERS as under.

- His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Gypsey, got by Dunce, rising four years old.
- Lord Sondes's bay colt, by Minor, rising four years old.
- Str Edward Hales's bay colt, got by Crofoer's Spot, rising four years old.
- Mr. Hatton's dark bay colt, by Petruccio, rising 4 years old.
- Mr. Fox's chest. horse Revenge, by Marsk, rising 5 years old.
- Mr. Caddington's bay horse Aid de Camp, got by Captain, rising five years old.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay horse Crassus, got by Herod.
- Mr. Jennings's horse Agamemnon, got by All Pours, rising five years old.
- Mr. Bloss's grey horse Young Stripling, got by Syphon, rising five years old.
- Mr. Whitfield's bay colt, by Chrysolite, rising 4 years old.

Assemblies and Public Breakfasting as usual.

Tuesday, March 12.
L O N D O N.

Yesterday a messenger was sent from the

On **FRIDAY**, July 26, will be run for,
The City Plate, value 50l.

Free for Star, Ave, Six, or aged Horses, &c. that never won more than an Hundred Guineas at one time, or two Fifties at different times, as under:

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The Horses, &c. for this Plate to enter at Bridge-hill-house on the Thursday before running, between the hours of four and seven in the evening, each Horse, &c. paying 3l. 8s. entrance, or double entrance, any Intermediate time till Eight in the evening the day before running; certificates of their ages, from under the hands of the breeder, and likewise a certificate of their several qualifications from under the hands of the then owner, to be produced at the time of entering or starting (if required) and to conform in every respect to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate. No less than three reputed running horses to start for this Plate. If only one horse enters, to have ten guineas, and if two to have ten guineas each, and their entrance money returned. All disputes, relating to this Plate, to be finally determined by the majority of subscribers then present.

No person will be allowed to erect a booth on the Downs for the sale of liquors in the race-week, but who shall pay ten shillings and sixpence; and each stall, cart, or waggon, for sale of liquors, five shillings each; and the money to be paid to the Clerk of the Race at the time of hiring the ground. No person will be allowed to interfere or infringe on the ground that has been used from year to year by others.

The Honorable **LEWIS WATSON**, }
FILMER HONYWOOD, Esq; } **Stewards.**

The **NEW STAND**, which is allowed to be the compleatest of the kind in any part of the Kingdom, will be opened for the reception of Company. The **COURSE** having been finished four Years, the ground is settled, and is as good a **ROUND COURSE** as most in England; the Stewards have likewise had the said Course strongly and properly corded round.

The Great MAIN of COCKS

will be fought every day during the **RACES**.

A SWEEPSTAKES,

OF TWENTY GUINEAS each, pay or play by Colts or Fillies; colts carrying 8st. 10^{lb}; Fillies 8st. 7^{lb}; to run one four miles heat, over Barham Downs, on Tuesday in the Race Week, 1777, according to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate articles; and this **SWEEPSTAKES** to be continued for the remaining Term of Four Years.

The Colt or Filly is to be named for every Year, the Christmas twelve months before the Year of running.

SUBSCRIBERS for 1777, have named as under.

- Lord Sondes's brown-bay filly, by Minor, dam by Sampson.
- Mr. Hatton's brown colt, got by Herod, out of his brown mare Favourite.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay colt, by Eclipse, dam by Romulus.
- Mr. Worley's filly, got by Old Snap, dam by Crab.
- Mr. Whitfield's bay filly, by Squirrel, dam by Spectator.

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General Howe has an unlimited commission to
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of the Congress.

A letter from New-York, March 2, says, "An
affair has lately been discovered here which has
given no small uneasiness to the Congress.—Some
manoeuvres of Governor Tryon convinced that
assembly that he was perfectly acquainted with
their proceedings; and they were at a loss to guess
from what quarter he could get his intelligence:
at length, a doubt arose in the breast of Mr.
Duane (a principal member of the Congress) that
his valet, who had formerly lived with Governor
Tryon, had at night when he went to bed, taken
his minutes out of his pocket, which he had co-
pyed, and sent to his late master. He informed
the Congress of his suspicion, and it was agreed
that he should put that as usual, some minutes
in his pocket, but they should be fictitious ones,
in order, if possible, to ascertain his servant's
dishonesty before he was apprehended: this was
accordingly done; the servant, as it is supposed,
copyed and sent them to the Governor, who
soon found that the servant either had imposed
on him or was himself imposed on, and therefore
gave him notice to take care of himself; he fled
immediately on this to Governor Tryon, who
sent him over to England in the last ship that
sailed from hence."

The public may depend upon the following
list of forts, batteries, and ships, at the town,
and in the harbour of Charlestown, South-Car-
olina, being authentic, with an account of the
troops in garrison, &c. February 16, 1776.

Forts	Guns	Weight of metal.
Sullivan's Island	26	32 and 18 pounders.
Weddell's Point	6	18 } commaned the first
William Henry	12	32 } entrance over the
Johnson's	21	32 and 18 [bar.
Wilkin's	23	22 19 12 and 9
Lyttelton's	11	18
Craven's	7	32 and 18
Granville's	5	12
Gaddesden's	7	32
Gibes's	9	18

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One ship of	26	9
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schooner	12	6

In Garrison.

- Two battalions of Provincial regulars.
- Six battalions of militia, well armed and trained.
- One battalion of rifle men.
- One battalion of artillery.

In the country, six thousand men embodied,
well disciplined and armed, and provided with
plenty of ammunition. When this account
came away, they were in daily expectation of
the arrival of Lord Cornwallis and Sir Peter Par-
ker.—The leaders of the late insurgents were
all apprehended, and brought to Charlestown,
which had restored peace in all the back country.

On Wednesday last at the Public Office in
Bow-street, Baron de L—— was charged with
sending a challenge to, and threatening the life
of Monsieur Texier, a foreign gentleman. The
Hon. Mr. B—— gave the Bench an account
of the Baron's outrageous behaviour at the
Opera House on Tuesday evening, when Mr.
Le Texier being talking to the Hon. Mrs. Bou-
verie, another Lady and some gentlemen, the
Baron de Linsing came up, and after some op-
probrious language challenged him to fight in
the street: Mr. Le Texier, followed him out,
and as soon as they came into the Hall of the

A correspondent remarks, that during
time of peace, never wore so military
ance. Spain is preparing a formidable
ment. France is at work in her dock-
The King of Sardinia is upon the sea
70,000 men. The Emperor and King of
fla, with half a million of men, are
assiduously to their troops, as if their fate
ded on each new regiment. Russia has
ready for a campaign; and Petersburg is
naval preparations. Sweden is arming
war.

Yesterday the General Quarter Sessions for the
Eastern Parts of the County of Kent, were hold-
den at the Old Castle, when Eliz. Page, Nathaniel
Dane, and John Newman, were ordered to re-
main according to their former order. Mary
Emptage ordered to be privately whipped and
imprisoned for six months. Richard Kemp was
publicly whipped this day from St. Dun-
gaol to the Cross and back again. John
discharged.

The owners and occupiers of lands lying in the
General Valleys between Fordwich Bridge and
Sandwich Haven, it is hoped, will so far
sult their own interest, before they agree
consent to a Bill, which will subject the Valleys
to a very heavy tax, as to weigh impartially
evidence before the House of Commons on
effect the intended Cut at Stonar is likely to
duce; for notwithstanding the many
pretences made use of in favour of the Bill, it is
by no means clear, that (after an expence of
veral thousand pounds incurred in passing
Bill into a law, and carrying the same into
cation) the lands will not be liable to the same
inundations as at present.

The advocates for the Fordwich Drainage
Bill have from the first professed their intention
of not prejudicing Sandwich Harbour, and so
great has been their care of this object, that
though Mr. Yeoman, their Surveyor, in his evi-
dence before the House of Commons, allowed
water that now comes down the River in its
present state in summer insufficient to scour it
have by the Bill fixed the sill of the flood-gate
inches lower than the water is known to be at
Stour end of the Cut in the driest seasons. If
the Bill therefore passes into a law, the Harbour
must very soon silt up, by which the trade of the
town will be destroyed, hundreds now supported
thereby ruined, and the circumjacent parishes
deprived of the only Port for shipping their
and fruit, and for being supplied with coals and
grocery, and many other necessaries of life: and
all this, without any the distant prospect of the
Vallies being benefited by the intended Cut
Stonar.

Archbishop Parker, in the letter alluded to in
our paper of Wednesday the 10th of this inst,
tells the Lord Treasurer, that "he had con-
venient room for her Majesty, if she would
please to remain in his house. And he con-
place for a progress time his Lordship, the
Lord Chamberlain (Earl of Suffex) the
of Leicester, or Mr. Hatton, Master of the
Horse; thinking their Lordships would fill
the places with their own stuff. And whereas
said, that his house (the Old Palace) was of
ill air, hanging upon the church, having
prospect to look on the people; yet he thought
he said, the convenience of the building would
serve. That if her Highness were minded
keep in her own palace, at St. Austin's, that
their Lordship's might be otherwise plac'd
in the houses of the Dean and certain Pre-
bendaries. That as for his Lordship, several Pro-

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greatest part of their crews and prizes were kept prisoners, and twenty-two more were taken by the privateers in a large boat, rather to come here than go to ... these are the Mate of the Republic, and Capt. Marfain; but Capt. Stephenson, of the ship Juliana, stayed with the privateers, in order, as we imagine, not to abandon his ship, and to have justice done him, if possible, for he has sustained; we wish he may not be deceived in this his opinion.

"The privateers still continue cruising at the same place, that is, at the very mouth of the Bahama Channel, inasmuch, that any vessel that comes this way must fall into their hands, as they cannot be acquainted with the danger, of which we have taken the earliest opportunity of acquainting you."

Sunday night an express arrived at Lord Germaine's office from Dover, with some fresh dispatches from General Carleton at Quebec, which were sent over by the Success, Capt. Moutney. She sailed the 10th of July.

It is said there is advice in town of Gen. Clinton having got over the Bar of Charles Town, South Carolina, with the loss of a fifty gun ship; and that he had sent a boat with an officer on board, to offer terms of accommodation before he began any hostile operations, and had received for answer, that they were determined to defend the town of Charles Town, and to oppose his landing.

It is generally believed, that upon the first successful stroke struck by General Howe, that every one of the late Delegates will immediately consult his own safety and retire back up the country.

The Gentlemen on this side the water, who favoured the Public last week with an *authentic letter*, which gave an account of the defeat of Gen. Howe after his landing at New York on July 1, affect to laugh, and say, that tho' they were mistaken in the date, it is predictive of what is to happen when he does land at New York.

Since the brigade of foot guards have embarked for America, upwards of 500 recruits have been raised and incorporated in the said regiments; the remaining number to complete the same to the full complement of men, is now raising.

The Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of his Majesty's Navy will be paid their Pensions and Bounty, due the 31st of May last, at the Pay Office, in Broad Street, viz. the Captains, Lieutenants and Masters Widows on Tuesday the 13th of August, the Boatswains and Gunners on Wednesday the 14th, and the Widows of the Carpenters, Purfers, Surgeons, and the rest on Thursday the 15th, between the hours of ten and two, and every Thursday afterwards between the same hours.

A few days ago was decided a remarkable match, between a Farmer in Bedfordshire, who bred Mr. Thomas Marshall, Butcher, of Biggleswade, 50l. to 50l. his mare against Marshall's horse, to trot forty miles; each to ride his own nag. After a sharp contest, it was won by the horse, he performing the forty miles one minute under three hours, and the mare half a minute.

At the Nisi Prius Bar, at Hereford, there were twenty-seven causes, among which were the two following, tried by Special Juries, viz. an action

to 3l. 5s. pockets 2l. 10s. to 4l. per ditto. The prices of hay and straw at Smithfield on Saturday were as follow: hay from 3l. 12s. to 4l. 6 per load, straw 2l. 10s. to 2l. 19s. per ton.

CANTERBURY, Aug. 14.

The gentry who usually attend public diversions have not only been successful here, as gamblers and pickpockets, last week, but appear to have supplied us with guineas of the year 1775, fair as from the royal mint, but of little more than half the value; we therefore caution our readers to weigh the money they take, and whenever they find any remarkably light, carry the person who tenders them before some Justice of Peace; by whose examination and authority this villany may be traced to the fountain head, and the offenders brought to proper punishment.

On Wednesday last a boy about three years and a quarter old, belonging to Mr. Richard Wright, miller, at Milton near Sittingbourn, was going to School with his brothers, and passing over a bridge belonging to Mr. W. Colley, miller at Milton, and near neighbour to Mr. Wright, fell into the mill pond; his brothers immediately cried out, "Billy is in the pond," and their cries very luckily gave the alarm to a person at work about fifteen rods distant, who immediately run to the child's assistance, and jumped into the pond up to his middle; the current had carried the child some distance who lay sunk upon the mud, almost lifeless, and in a few minutes more must have been drowned; his speech and senses were lost for some time, but by immediate care he is happily recovered, to the joy of his distressed parents.

After this unfortunate accident Mr. Wright waited on Mr. Colley, and relating the circumstance, begged of him to put up a slight railing to prevent any such accidents in future, but how great was his surprize to find Mr. Colley urge any evasion or excuse, when the life of a neighbour's child might be saved for the expence of two or three shillings, the children passing over this bridge to and from school every day; and though Mr. Colley has children of his own liable to the same accident, he seems incapable of the feelings of humanity, for on being pressed to make the bridge safer, he declared with an oath he would not. It is humbly hoped that the gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace for this part of the county will take a view of the bridge and road, and they will then see whether the request of Mr. Wright was or not necessary, not only out of regard to the neighbouring children, but also to the public in general passing that way.

On Monday last was married at Hythe, Mr. Wm. Rigden of Hitching Hill, in Lyminge, to Miss Eleanor Rogers, second daughter of Mr. Basil Rogers of Hythe.

On Tuesday last was married at Ash, in West Kent, the Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, Vicar of Northbourn, to Miss Elizabeth Beale Pery, youngest sister to the Rev. Mr. Pery, Rector of Ash, near Wrotham.

Monday morning died at Herne, of an asthma, Mr. Richard Cook, Surgeon and Apothecary.

Monday morning died, in this city, after a lingering illness, Mr. Charles Perronet.

Leeds, Aug. 6. There is now growing in the garden of Messrs. Perfect, in Pontefract, a curious cucumber, called the snake cucumber, (the

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I am, dear Sir,
Yours, &c."

A letter by the John, Capt. M'Carten, arrived at Liverpool from Jamaica, dated June 6, says, "A schooner, that was brought into government service, has been out on a cruize, and has brought in bere a schooner, bound to America, with nineteen tons of gunpowder, and upwards of 120 stand of arms."

A letter from St. Kitt's, dated June 14, says, "Yesterday a squadron of French men of war passed this port, supposed to be bound for Cape Francois."

"A few days since four vessels belonging to this island were taken by a small American privateer sloop, and carried off. Two or three of these privateers are almost constantly cruising off this island, and we are apprehensive they mean to take all the vessels they meet."

There are now upwards of twenty sail of Merchant ships fitting out in the river for the West Indies, and their chief loading is provisions, which are very much wanted in all parts of the West Indies; they have all mounted guns, so that they will not be in any danger of being taken.

Four privateers are now fitting out at Deptford and Chatham, and are ordered to sail with all convenient speed, to cruize about the Bermuda Islands, in order to protect the homeward bound West India men from the American privateers.

The Yankee privateer, taken from the Americans, is informed, is going to be fitted as a tender to carry the Seamen, that enter at the houses of rendezvous, to the ships of war at the different Sea Ports.

By a letter received from Philadelphia we are informed, that one-third of the Delegates have entirely withdrawn themselves from the Congress; and that the patriotic Mr. Hancock has of late wavered very much in his sentiments, it was therefore thought he would not long continue in that Hon. Assembly.—It is further said; that the remainder of those gentlemen were about to retire up the country, lest on the junction of Lord Howe and his brother, some of the Provincials should seize their persons, and deliver them up to those commanders, as some small atonement for their crimes.

As none but very large maps of America can have Cape Sandy Hook in them, we insert the following short account of it, as it is now much the subject of conversation; by the advices received of General Howe being seen off it: Sandy Hook is one of three capes or necks of land at the entrance of Hudon's River, on which New-York city stands; Cape Mary is the largest of the three Capes, and Sandy Hook is the next; it is about twenty-five miles from New York.

When General Thompson was taken prisoner and brought to Montreal, he accosted General Burgoyne and the rest of the field officers in the following noble and soldier-like manner: "Gen-

Euphrates, Gordon, for Portsmouth, Hazard, Wood, and Unity, Moore, Friendship, Easthill, from Carnarvon, the hierarchy, Maxfield, from Greenland, seals and three fish; the Exeter of Exeter, Antilips, from ditto, with seven fish. Arrived and sailed for the river, the Golden Grove, waiting from Jamaica."

CANTERBURY RACES

On Wednesday the King's Plate, on Thursday the Subscription of 100 guineas and County Purse of 50 guineas, and on Friday the City Plate value 50l. were run for on Barham Down: the following are the particulars of each day's sport:

Mr. Hunt's dun horse Gem, by Antelope, who won the Gentlemen's Great Subscription lately at Chelmsford

Lord Grosvenor's bay horse Mexico, who won the last King's Plate at Lewes

The odds at starting on Wednesday were six and ten to one in favour of the losing horse; after the first heat odds three to two that Col. Hunt's horse did not win the second heat; but both heats were hard run and afforded good sport.

THURSDAY

Mr. Whitfield's bay colt, by Chrysolite, 4 years old

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Grey got by Duncie, four years old.

Odds at starting in favour of the winning horse

The Duke of Cumberland's horse was entitled to the County Purse of 50l.

FRI DAY

Lord Grosvenor's bay horse, 5 years old, by Squirrel

Mr. Whitfield's brown colt, 4 yrs old, by Tantrum

Mr. Baker's, chest. horse Druggier, aged, by Romulus

Odds at starting were six to one the field against Mr. Baker's horse, and nearly even between Lord Grosvenor's horse and Whitfield's brown colt.
The great Main of Cocks, which consisted of nineteen battles fought this week, at the New Cock Pit, at Brown's Mill, in this City, was determined in favour of the Country, by three battles a head. The bets, during the course of the week, were nearly even; but, on the last day, in favour of the Country.

John Leister feeder for Canterbury.
— Champ. feeder for the Country.

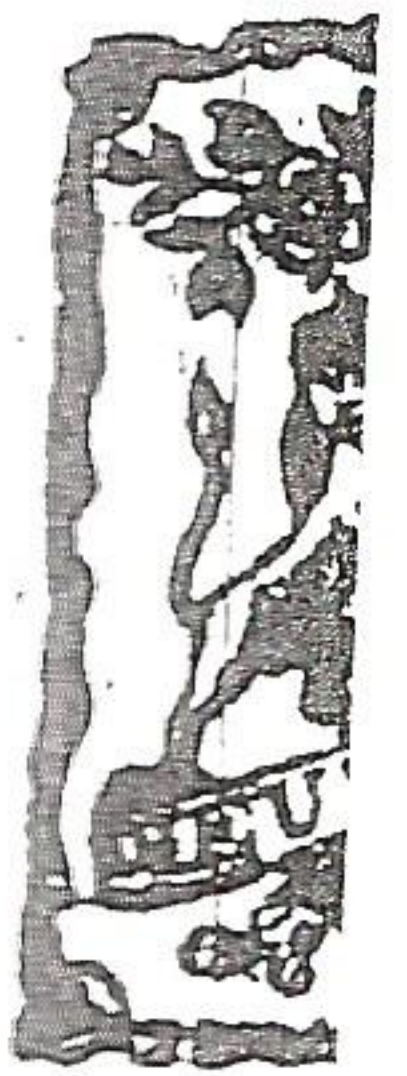
On Thursday last one Robert Parker, of Southwark, who came to the Races, was by virtue of his Majesty's writ directed to the Sheriff of this city) taken and committed to his Majesty's goal at Westgate, for a debt of 100l. due to his Majesty, forfeited at the Sessions held for this city in December, 1769, for not appearing (as by recognizance he undertook) to answer to indictments found against him, for unlawfully winning of one James Protieus 40l. and upwards at a game called hiding-under-the-hat; and for assaulting and beating the said James Protieus on account of the money so won, in the parish of St. George in this city.

Second Notice.

Kent to wit.— I Daniel Evans, formerly of Abercorn in the county of Carnarvon, late of Dover, in Kent, Victualler, now confined in Dover Castle in the county of Kent, being the prison of the Cinque Ports, do hereby give this public notice, being the second, that I do intend to take the benefit of an act passed in the sixteenth year of his present Majesty's reign, intitled an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, and for the Relief of Bankrupts in certain cases. And I do hereby give notice, that a true and perfect



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but a very irregular corps, and that little or no discipline had been established among them.— In their route some of their men had a quarrel with their landlord, and shot one of his family, for which one man was tried, with some degree of form and solemnity, and found guilty, and received sentence of death accordingly; but on his petition, and acknowledging his crime, he was pardoned till the pleasure of General Washington, their commander in chief, should be known.— This journal is full of many particulars that are really interesting and curious, as it is the first expedition of this kind, undertaken, at that season of the year, by such a large body of men.

A letter from a Captain of a ship in the transport service at Quebec, to his owners at Liverpool, says, "I wrote you a few lines on my arrival here, which I sent on board the commodore, being ordered up the river, which I suppose you'll receive along with this. We are now under orders to proceed up with artillery, stores, camp equipage, &c. as high as Montreal. We had just seven weeks passage up here, which for a fleet is a tolerable good one. You will long before you receive this, hear of the rebels being drove from before the walls of Quebec: their army in Canada at this time is in a very bad situation. Soon after they ran from this place (the 6th of May) they were attacked by a party of Indians and Regulars up the country, and in two different engagements above 500 were made prisoners. The troops we brought out in our fleet, and all the British troops that came in the second fleet, joined at the Three Rivers. We yesterday had an account of their having engaged the Rebels near that place, and had killed upwards of one hundred and taken three hundred prisoners. Our troops have surrounded 2000 more, who have no method of escaping but by giving battle to the King's troops, who are now upwards of 8000 strong. It is generally supposed they are at this moment, or must be soon, all prisoners. The prisoners now taken are expected here to-day: they are to be confined on board the transports now fitting for that purpose. Quebec is now garrisoned with the foreign troops, the works are made to strong as to render every attempt fruitless. Gen. Carleton has just taken a number of the prisoners in Quebec, and is making the oath of allegiance. There is more material here. The Rebels have a fort, a few leagues above Quebec, where they have greatly damaged our ships, and sunk several of their crews; there are now several more up, which it is supposed will soon be taken; I am, &c.

WILLIAM WETHERS
Letters from Carolina bring advice, that the troops under command of Lord Cornwallis and General Clinton have not yet entered upon the march, that they lie strongly entrenched near Fort Johnson, nor are they in a condition to march to the back of that Colony, where the rebels are very strong, and it is apprehended that they retreated to draw the regulars into an ambushade. Admiral Gayton's order for the merchantmen to rendezvous at Blue-fields, and to be convoyed from thence one hundred and fifty leagues on their passage to England, was certainly communicated to the Provincials, as the ships which were taken were met with by the privateers, not twenty-four hours after they were quitted by the men of war.

It is very confidently asserted, that certain advice had been received of the

Maxwell, Earl of Nithsdale. William, the fifth Earl of Nithsdale, engaging in the rebellion against King George I. in 1715, was taken at Preston, brought to London, tried, and condemned to be beheaded on Feb. 24 following, with the Lords Derwentwater and Kenmare; but the night before his execution he made his escape out of the Tower, and in 1744, died in his exile at Rome.

CANTERBURY, Aug. 7.

Yesterday about eleven o'clock, his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland arrived in this city, in the afternoon he was on the Downs, and purposes to spend the remainder of the week here; there is a great deal of company already arrived in this city, and more is expected tomorrow, as it is thought there will be very good sport the remainder of the week.

Yesterday the sweepstakes were run for over Barham Downs by Mr. Whorley's chestnut colt by Eclipse; Mr. Whitfield's brown colt Spunk, by Tantrum; and Lord Sondes's bay colt by Minor, which was won with ease by the former. The bets during the heat were 3 and 4 to one on the winning horse.

This present Wednesday the King's Plate of One Hundred Guineas will be run for by Lord Grosvenor's bay horse Mexico, who won the King's Plate last week at Lewes; and also Mr. Everitt's dun horse Antelope, who won the Gentlemen's Great Subscription last week at Chelmsford.

On Thursday the Subscription of One Hundred and Fifty Guineas, pay or play, will be run for by the following horses:

- His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Gypsey, got by Dunce, four years old.
- Lord Sondes's bay colt, by Minor, four years old.
- Sir Edward Hales's bay colt, got by Crofoer's Spot, four years old.
- Mr. Hatton's dark bay colt, by Petruchio, 4 years old.
- Mr. Fox's chest. horse Revenge, by Marsk, 5 years old.
- Mr. Coddington's bay horse Aid de Camp, got by Captain, five years old.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay horse Crassinus, by Herod, 6 years old.
- Mr. Jennings's horse Agamemnon, got by All Fours, five years old.
- Mr. Bloss's grey horse Young Stripling, got by Syphon, five years old.
- Mr. Whitfield's bay colt, by Chrysolite, 4 years old.

The County Purse, of Fifty Guineas, is to be run for by such of the above losing horses who were not beat, a distance, one clear four-miles heat, when the first horse shall be entitled to Thirty Guineas, and the second to the remaining Twenty Guineas.

On Friday the City Plate, value Fifty Pounds, will be run for by five, six, and aged horses, the best of three four-mile heats, for which the following horses entered on Thursday last:

- Lord Grosvenor's bay horse, five years old, by Squirrel.
- John Baker's, Esq; chestnut horse Druggar, aged, got by Romulus.
- Mr. Whitfield's brown colt, 4 years old, got by Tantrum.

Some of the above horses that run on Tuesday for the Sweepstakes, and on Thursday for the Subscription, are expected to run on Friday for the City Plate.

On Wednesday last Mr. Richard Halford, Ironmonger, and Mr. Stephen Partridge, Cornfactor, were elected Common Councilmen of this city, and yesterday at the Court of Burghmote, they were both sworn into the said office.

Extract of a letter from Chatham, August 5.
"Orders are received here for his Majesty's ship the Mars, a guardship of 74 guns; at this Port, commanded by the Hon. Capt. George Falconer, to go to Sheerness, at which place she is to lie as a guardship; and the Ardent, commanded by Capt. Middleton, is ordered here from Sheerness, to be docked, after which she is to lie at this Port in the room of the Mars."

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Kent to wit.— I Dar in the county of Carri Vi&ualler, now confine Kent, being the prison this public notice, bein the benefit of an act pat sent Majesty's reign, int solvent Debtors, and for cafes. And I do hereby schedule containing a di estate hereafter to be swe to any creditor applying the bodar gaoler, or Keep of Dover Castle, in the 6th day of August, 1776
Witness, John Walsh goaler of the prison of De

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The Market to day was price as follows:

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30 Ditto at	36s 6c
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The following List of th EXCHANGE, is also re usual from the Clerk o

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HOP-BAGGING.
To be SOLD BY AUCTION,
By Order of the Guardians of the Poor of the City of
CANTERBURY, at the Workhouse in the said City,
On MONDAY next, the 15th of July instant, at Four
o'Clock in the Afternoon,
FIFTY Pieces of the best White
HOP-BAGGING, with a Quantity of fine
HOP-POCKETS.
To be put up in small Lots for the Conveniency of the
Buyers.

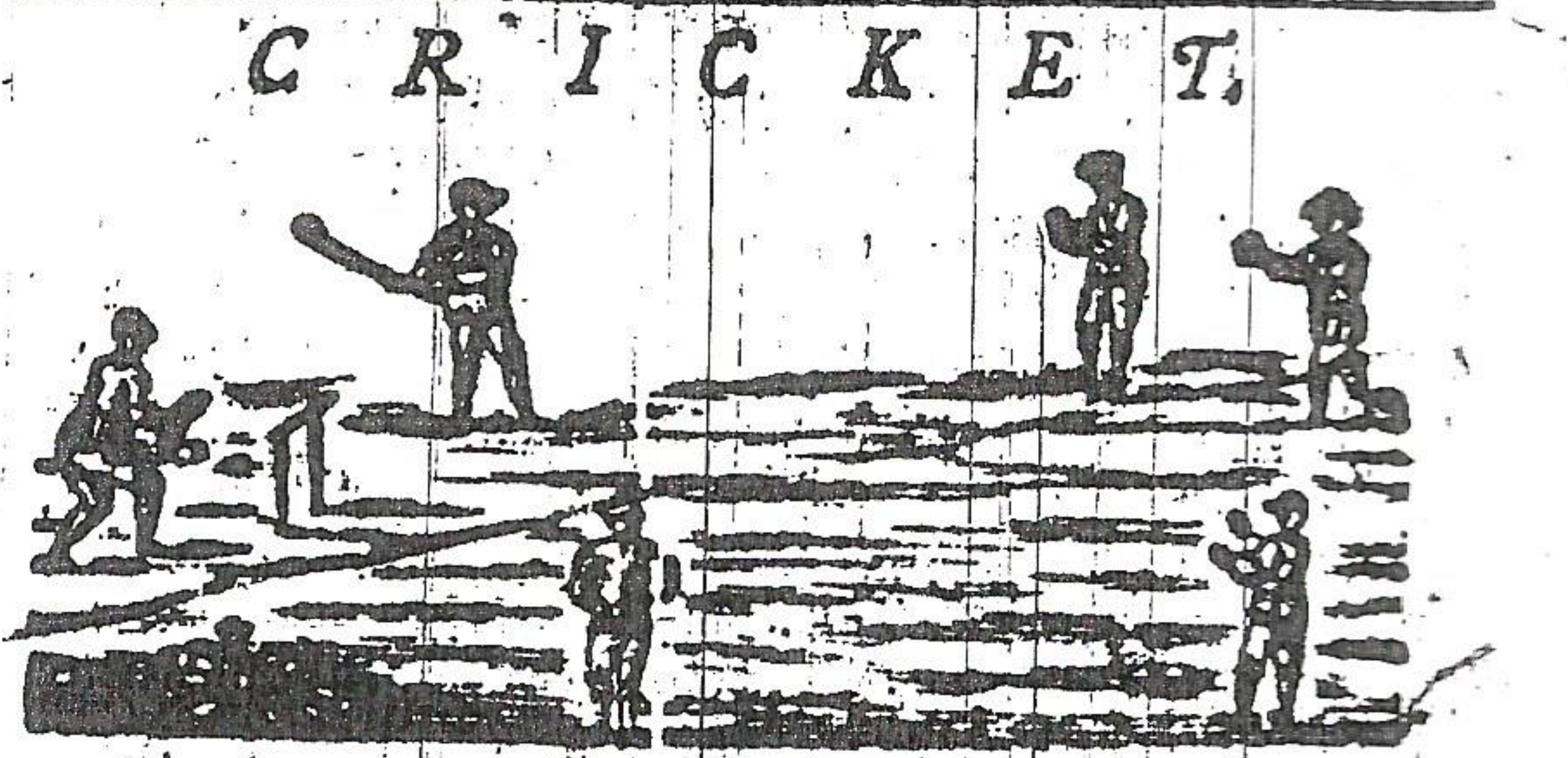
To be SOLD by PRIVATE CONTRACT,
ALL that substantial, brick-built
Leasehold Messuage or Tenement, with the Yard,
Backside, Privilegs and Appurtenances thereunto belong-
ing; situate in the High Street of Chatham in Kent, and
late in the Occupation of Mr. Joseph Skinner, Surgeon,
deceased.
These Premises are held by Lease from the Mayor and
Citizens of Rochester. They are well adapted and con-
veniently situated for Trade. The Purchaser may have
Possession at Michaelmas next.
Further Particulars may be known by applying to Mr.
D. SKINNER on the Premises; or to Mr. WATTS, At-
torney, in Gravesend.
This having been an accustomed Apothecary's Shop
upwards of fourteen Years, there is now a Vacancy for
some Gentleman of the Faculty.

W. SLAUGHTER,
NORTH-LANE, CANTERBURY,
BEGS Leave to inform the Public,
that he has imported a large Quantity of the best
CHRISTIANA PLANK, DEALS, and BATTINS, viz.
10 and 12 Feet 2 1/2 Inch Red Wood Plank,
10 and 12 Feet Ditto Ditto Deals,
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11 and 12 Feet, best, Ditto, Ditto, Battins.
10 Feet, Ditto, Ditto, Ditto, Ditto
10 and 12 Feet 3 Inch White Wood Plank,
10 and 12 Feet 2 Inch Ditto, Ditto, Ditto,
Plank and Deal Ends.
Whoever will be pleased to favour him with their Com-
mands, may depend on their Orders being duly executed
on the most reasonable Terms, and gratefully acknow-
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To be SOLD by AUCTION,
At the ANTWERP TAVERN, in DOVER, on MONDAY
the 12th Day of August next, between the Hours of
Four and Six in the Afternoon (unless disposed of in the
mean Time by PRIVATE CONTRACT, of which
proper Notice will be given in this Paper)
ALL that Messuage or Tenement
and Farm called BORSHALL DALE, otherwise
BORSHALL DOWN, and the Barn, Stables, Garden, Or-
chard and other Out-buildings thereunto belonging; and
several Pieces or Parcels of Arable, Pasture, and Wood-
land, to the same Farm belonging, containing by Estimation
One Hundred and Ninety-six Acres, more or less; situate,
lying, and being, in the several Parishes of Coldred and
Ewel, near Dover, in the County of Kent; and now in
the Tenure or Occupation of Alexander Belsey, under a
Lease of twenty-one Years, which will expire at Michael-
mas next.
The Premises may be viewed by applying to Mr.
SANDYS, Attorney at Law, in Canterbury, for an Order
to the Tenant to shew the same; and further Particulars,
and Conditions of Sale, may be had on Application to the
said Mr. SANDYS; or Mr. WILSHAW, of Gray's Inn.

I N S A N I T Y.
BY Virtue of a Licence, obtained

CANTERBURY RACES, 1776,
ARE ALTERED
On Account of LEWES RACES and the ASSIZES for
the County of KENT,
From TUESDAY the 23d of July,
To TUESDAY the 6th of August.
The Particulars of the King's Plate of One Hun-
dred Guinea, the County Purse of Fifty Guineas, the
City Plate Value Fifty Pounds, with the Conditions of the
One Hundred Guinea Sweepstakes, and of the One Hun-
dred and Fifty Guinea Subscription, are inserted at large in
Mr. WEATHERY'S Volume, 1775, and in his this Year's
Calendar, No. 4, 5, and 7; the Particulars are likewise
at large in Mr. FAWCOURT'S Volume, 1775, and in his
Sporting Papers for this Season, No. 3, 4, 5, and 6.
CANTERBURY RACES are inserted, in the same
Manner, at large in Mess. SIMMONS and KIRBY'S
Kentish Gazette of the 13th of January, the 13th of
March, and the 29th of June; and in Mess. SMITH and
SON'S Canterbury Journal of the 16th of January, the
12th of March; and the 2d of July.



C R I C K E T,
THE Second GREAT MATCH,
On SEVENOAKS VINE,
Will be played on MONDAY, July 15, 1776,
HAMPSHIRE against ALL ENGLAND,
For a THOUSAND GUINEAS,
The Wickets to be pitched at Ten o'Clock.
Just published, Price 1d.
A LIST of the GENTLEMEN CRICKETERS,
Who finished playing at BROADHALFPENNY, July 5,
With the State of the Game.
Sold by T. PRATT, Scorer; and at the Printing-office,
Sevenoaks.
A correct List of the ensuing Game may be had
within Half an Hour after the Game is finished.

To be SOLD to the HIGHEST BIDDER,
On TUESDAY, the 23d Day of July inst. about Three
o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Mr. HAWSON'S, the Sign
of the BELL, in the Parish of Wickhambreux, in the
County of Kent (unless sold before by PRIVATE
CONTRACT, of which public Notice will be given)
A FREEHOLD ESTATE, in the
following Lots.
LOT 1. All that Messuage or Tenement, commonly
called QUAVES, with the Barn, Stables, Gardens, Orchard,
Mill-house, Hop-oasts, and other Buildings, in good Re-
pair; and also several Pieces of Arable, Meadow, Pasture,
and Hop-ground, containing about 62 Acres, situate in
the Parishes of Ickam and Wickhambreux, or one of them,
in the said County of Kent.
LOT 2. A small Messuage or Tenement, with the
Ground and Appurtenances, situate in Wickham afore-
said, in or near the Street there.
LOT 3. A Barn and small Piece of Ground thereto ad-
joining, with the Appurtenances, situate near to the last
mentioned Messuage and Premises.
All which Premises are now in the Occupation of Mr.
John Evernden, or his Assigns, who will shew the Pre-
mises.
For Particulars enquire of Mr. SMALL, Attorney, at
Margate.

To be SOLD by AUCTION,
By Mr. SKINNER,
On TUESDAY the 30th of July Instant,

CANTERBURY RACES,

Are altered on Account of Lewis Races and the Affizes for the County of Kent,
 From TUESDAY, the 23d of July, }
 To TUESDAY, the 6th of August, } 1776,

Will be run for on BARHAM DOWNS,
A SWEEPSTAKES,

OF TWENTY GUINEAS each, pay or play, by Colts or Fillies; Colts carrying 8st. 10lb. Fillies 8st. 7lb. One FOUR MILES HEAT, according to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate articles; and this SWEEPSTAKES to be continued for FOUR YEARS.

SUBSCRIBERS for 1776, as under.
 Lord Sondes's bay colt, got by Minor, out of Lord Rockingham's Proserpine, got by Sampson.
 Mr. Hatton's bay colt, by Marsk, his dam by Old Babraham.
 Mr. O'Kelly's bay colt King Miram, got by Eclipse, his dam by the Godolphin Arabian.
 Mr. Worley's chesnut colt, by Eclipse, his dam by Blank.
 Mr. Whitfield's brown colt Spunk, got by Tantrum, out of a Barb Mare.
 Any Gentleman may be admitted a Subscriber for the remaining Term of Three Years, naming his Colt or Filly to FRANCIS WHITFIELD, of High street, CANTERBURY, on or before Christmas-day, 1776.

On WEDNESDAY, Aug. 7, will be run for, the
King's Plate of 100 Guineas,
 By any Horse, Mare, or Gelding,

BEING no more than six years old the grass before, as must be certified under the hands of the breeder, carrying twelve stone, the best of three four-mile heats. To be shewn and entered at Bridge-hill house the day before running, between the hours of four and six in the afternoon, or they are not to run for the said plate; and if any difference arises relating to their ages, entering, or running, the same to be determined by his Grace the Duke of Dorset, or whom he shall appoint, according to such his Majesty's orders and rules as shall be produced at the place of entering or running for the said plate.

On THURSDAY, Aug. 8, will be run for,
A SWEEPSTAKES,
 OF ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS,

By TEN SUBSCRIBERS, at Ten Guineas each, pay or play, one four-miles heat.

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Four years old	7	3
Five years old	8	3
Six years old	8	10
Aged horses	9	0

Fillies and Mares to be allowed two pounds.

For the further encouragement of which, the County will add a Purse of FIFTY GUINEAS, to be run for by the losing horses, which were not beat a distance, one clear four-miles heat, within an hour after the heat for the above ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.

Which Fifty Guineas will be given, { THIRTY GUINEAS to the winner of the clear heat.
 TWENTY GUINEAS to the second horse of that Heat.

Every horse that runs for this Sweepstakes, must pay before starting One Guinea entrance money.
 SUBSCRIBERS as under.

- His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland's Gypsey, got by Dunce, four years old.
- Lord Sondes's bay colt, by Minor, four years old.
- Sir Edward Hales's bay colt, got by Crofoer's Spot, four years old.
- Mr. Hatton's dark bay colt, by Petruccio, 4 years old.
- Mr. Fox's ches. horse Revéngé, by Marsk, 5 years old.
- Mr. Coddington's bay horse Aid de Camp, got by Captain, five years old.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay horse Craffinus, by Herod, 6 years old.
- Mr. Jennings's horse Agamemnon, got by All Fours, five years old.
- Mr. Blois's grey horse Young Stripling, got by Syphon, five years old.
- Mr. Whitfield's bay colt, by Chrysolite, 4 years old.

Assemblies and Public Breakfasting as usual.

Margate, Canterbury, and London ||

On FRIDAY, Aug. 9, will be run for,
The City Plate, value 50l.

Free for four, five, six, or aged I cases, &c. that never won more than an Hundred Guineas at one time, or two Fifties at different times, as under:

	4 yrs		5 yrs		6 yrs		aged	
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Free for any horse that never won 50l. by plate, match, or Sweepstakes, to carry	7	0	8	0	8	9	9	0
Free also for those that have won only one 50l. plate, match, or Sweepstakes,	7	3	8	3	8	12	9	3
Free also for those that never won more than 100 Guineas at one time, or two Fifties at different times;	7	5	8	5	9	0	9	5

The Horses, &c. for this Plate to enter at Bridge-hill-house on the Thursday before running, between the hours of four and seven in the evening, each Horse, &c. paying 3l. 8s. entrance, or double entrance, any intermediate time till Eight in the evening the day before running; certificates of their ages, from under the hands of the breeder, and likewise a certificate of their several qualifications from under the hands of the then owner, to be produced at the time of entering or starting (if required) and to conform in every respect to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate. No less than three reputed running horses to start for this Plate. If only one horse enters, to have ten guineas, and if two to have ten guineas each, and their entrance money returned. All disputes, relating to this Plate, to be finally determined by the majority of subscribers then present.

No person will be allowed to erect a booth on the Downs for the sale of liquors in the race-week, but who shall pay ten shillings and sixpence; and each stall, cart, or waggon, for sale of liquors, five shillings each; and the money to be paid to the Clerk of the Race at the time of hiring the ground. No person will be allowed to interfere or infringe on the ground that has been used from year to year by others.

The Honourable LEWIS WATSON, }
 FILMER HONYWOOD, Esq; } Stewards.

The NEW STAND, which is allowed to be the compleatest of the kind in any part of the Kingdom, will be opened for the reception of Company. The COURSE having been finished four Years, the ground is settled, and is as good a ROUND COURSE as most in England; the Stewards have likewise had the said Course strongly and properly corded round.

The Great MAIN of COCKS

will be fought every day during the RACES.

A SWEEPSTAKES,

OF TWENTY GUINEAS each, pay or play by Colts or Fillies; colts carrying 8st. 10lb; Fillies 8st. 7lb; to run one four miles heat, over Barham Downs, on Tuesday in the Race Week, 1777, according to the rules and orders of his Majesty's Plate articles; and this SWEEPSTAKES to be continued for the remaining Term of Four Years.

The Colt or Filly is to be named for every Year, the Christmas twelve months before the Year of running.

SUBSCRIBERS for 1777, have named as under.

- Lord Sondes's brown-bay filly, by Minor, dam by Sampson.
- Mr. Hatton's brown colt, got by Herod, out of his brown mare Favourite.
- Mr. O'Kelly's bay colt, by Eclipse, dam by Romulus.
- Mr. Worley's filly, got by Old Snap, dam by Crab.
- Mr. Whitfield's bay filly, by Squirrel, dam by Spectator.

Any Gentleman may be admitted a Subscriber for the remaining term of Three Years, naming his colt or filly to FRANCIS WHITFIELD, of High-street, Canterbury, on or before Christmas-day, 1776.

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The Lord Mayor replied, that the honourable gentleman who spoke last was witty, which was what he himself had not the least claim to, nor did he pretend to any superior knowledge, but imagined he had a right to deliver his sentiments freely on any subject discussed in that House without an imputation of arrogance or self-conceit. If the honourable gentleman imagined he alluded to him particularly in any thing which had fallen from him either Yesterday or to day, he assured him that he was little in his thoughts Yesterday, and leis to-day.

Sir Grey Cooper declared he would vote for the motion, because if negatived it would bear a very strange appearance on our votes, that a bill bearing such a title should be stopped in the first instance, but desired it might not be understood that he meant to vote for or support the bill after it was brought in.

Mr. Burke said, it seemed very extraordinary, that the first magistrate of the first trading city in the world, should oppose a bill designed to protect the property of persons concerned in trade and commerce. He hoped, however, before the matter was further pursued, that gentlemen would rise, declare their sentiments, and take a decided part. For his part, he had no particular reason for pushing such a law. It is true, he thought it might be of service, but if the House disapproved of it, there his task ended, and he should cheerfully acquiesce in whatever it determined. He entreated, therefore, that gentlemen would speak out, and not permit the bill to be brought in, merely for affording an opportunity to throw it out, after trouble and time has been spent in framing and bringing it in. The question being put, the bill was ordered in by a majority of 56 to 13.

Friday, March 29.
L O N D O N.

ON Tuesday the bill brought into the House of Commons, by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor for regulating the butchers in the several markets of London, was rejected without a division.

Extract of a letter from Boston, Jan. 29.

“ Since my last we have received the agreeable news of the rebels being defeated in Canada; this is so well authenticated, that nobody seems to doubt the truth of it. The gentlemen who were carried off from the island of St. John’s were carried before General Washington, who treated them with much humanity and politeness, and ordered every thing to be restored to them. When they went and demanded their effects from the rebel pirates, a plan was laid to murder them; but some Virginia gentlemen, who attended on them, saved their lives, got their effects restored, and procured them a safe passage out of the rebel jurisdiction. From these gentlemen we learn that the rebels are about 16,000 men; that several of the regiments from the southward are well clothed and disciplined, and fine looking fellows, but that the Virginians do not consort well with the New England men. Washington wishes to have the General Congress near him, that he may dictate to them; but they are jea-

To prevent, if possible, a famine among the King’s troops this summer in America, every individual who is going out on service with the armament under sailing orders, has six months provisions put on board for him from hence.— What an enormous expence for victualling and tonnage only!

The two Generals, Carleton and Howe, are each to be allowed four Aid-de camps.

Tuesday night a Holland trader, lying off Rotherhithe, that had been repeatedly robbed several nights, was again boarded by a crew of thieves; but some men who were set as a watch on board, gave them so warm a reception, that three were taken, after being desperately wounded. They have confessed 40 robberies on the river.

Wednesday morning an elderly man, dressed in dark-coloured clothes, was found dead, shot through the head, on Finehley common; there was no money found in his pockets, neither were there any papers by which it could be discovered who he was. It is imagined he had been robbed and murdered.

Wednesday night two Custom-house Officers made a seizure of a waggon load of smuggled tea and other goods, on the Surrey side of Black Friars Bridge; they also stop’d a coach which followed the waggon suspecting that more run goods might be in it, on which two men that were in the coach immediately got off, when the Officers to their great surprise, only found a coarse piece of sacking, in which were wrapt the bodies of an old man and woman, who by their emaciated condition appeared to have been starved to death. The coach was immediately detained, and the coachman sent to the Compter.

CANTERBURY, March 30.

We hear that the bill for the cut at Stonar goes on very slowly, the Committee have been two days examining the clauses, adding new ones, and preparing to lay the same before the House, which it is thought would be done on Friday, and that the bill would be read a third time on Monday or Tuesday next.

The Royal Assent has been given to an Act for continuing the term and varying the powers of two Acts, passed in the third and seventeenth Years of his late Majesty King George the Second, for repairing the Road from that part of Chatham which lies next to the City of Rochester, to Saint Dunstan’s Cross near the City of Canterbury, in the County of Kent; and for amending and widening the Road from the present Turnpike Road, at or near a Place called Makenade Corner, in the Parish of Preston, to Bagham Cross and Shalmsford Lane End in the Parish of Chilham in the said County.

Orders are sent to Sheerness, for his Majesty’s frigate Winchelsea, Capt. Bateman, to be fitted out for the American station, and a number of hands are now employed for that purpose.

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both periods. Add to this, we had a pretender
to the throne, Scotland was disunited and disaf-
fected, and a fourth part of the people even in
England were zealously attached to the Stuart fa-
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Wednesday died Mr. William Adams, a hop-
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CANTERBURY, Feb. 3. 1776

The Trustees for building Starry-bridge did,
at their last meeting, covenant with Mr. Joseph
Steed, of Ramsgate, for the sum of 650l. that
he should build a bridge over that water at the
usual place of passage; the arches to be of brick,
and the piers of brick, cased with Portland
stone, nine inches thick; that the whole shall
be executed with the very best materials, in a
masterly workman-like manner, and be com-
pleted by the first of July next ensuing, unfores-
seen and unavoidable occasions of delay from
heavy land-floods, &c. only excepted.

We hear that last week the Right Hon. Lord
Romney gave 100l. and Sir Horace Mann, one
of the representatives in parliament for the town
of Maidstone, 50l. to be expended on meat and
coals, for the poor of that parish, during the
present severe weather, which proved a seasona-
ble relief for an uncommon number of distressed
objects.

A letter from Chatham, dated Jan. 30, says,
"for these three days past Chatham River has
been entirely frozen up; and the sailors, be-
longing to the guard-ships, walk to shore on
the ice. All business is at a stand, owing to
this very severe weather."

We hear from Gravesend, that the shipping
there are in great distress, from the great quan-
tities of ice, which have drove many ships from
their anchors; among which are some Indiamen,
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