

On Monday Evening, it is the last Day of the Year, There follow'g a dreadful and surprising Accident, happen'd at a House in Division-Street, in this City, One Hannah Bradshaw, (who on Account of her large Size, robust Appearance, and bold Behaviour, was) commonly known by the Name of *Mox of Far Nance*, (said to be about 30 Years of Age, has liv'd a Dozen Years or more in this City, was a healthy lively looking Woman, remarkably industrious and best in her Person and Manner of Living,--but bore a bad Character with Respect to Chastity and Sobriety) living in an upper Room, which had no Communication with the Rooms below, occupied by a Family, on the Evening of the 31st of December, she desired a young Woman, who work'd for her, and was going home, to come again early the next Morning, and about 7 o'clock the same Evening, another Acquaintance of hers parted from her, at which time she seem'd to have drank too freely. No Person lived with her, and she was generally alone in her Room, close shut. She was neither heard nor seen again till the next Day, when the young woman came to work; who after knocking and calling, and having waited till past Eleven o'Clock, with the Assistance of the Man who lived below, she got thro' a back Window into the Room, and open'd the Door, when looking within a Screen, which went quite across the Room, and was fixed to reach to the Ceiling, she beheld the Remains of the unhappy Hannah Bradshaw, the most shocking Spectacle imaginable. The Body (rather the Bones) were lying near the Middle of the Floor, wherein a Hole of about 4 Feet Diameter was burnt quite away and the Bones lying on the Ground, which was about a Foot beneath that Part of the Floor. The Flesh was entirely burnt off the Bones of the whole Body and Limbs, except a small Part on the Skull, a little on one of the Shoulders, the lower Part of the right Leg and Foot, which was burnt off at the Sprawl, as good as even as if cut off, and left lying on the Floor; the Stocking burnt as far as the Leg and no farther. The Bones, some of which were black and others white, like a Pipe Stem, were so thoroughly burnt that they might be crumbled to Dust between the Fingers--the Bowels remained unconsum'd. One of the Sleepers which lay under the Shoulders was burnt almost through; Part of the Head lay on the Planks at the Edge of the Hole, and near it a Candlestick with Part of a Candle in it, thrown down, but did not appear to have touch'd the Body, or to have set any Thing on Fire. The Tallow was melted off the Wick, which remain'd untorch'd by the Fire, as also the Screen which almost touch'd the Hole. The Leg of a rush bottom'd Chair, and about half the Bottom were burnt, so far as they were within the Compass of the Hole in the Floor and no farther. The Ceiling of the Room, which was white wash'd Plaster, was as black as if cover'd with Lampblack, as also Part of the Walls and Windows, and the Heat had been so great as to extract the Turpentine from the Boards of the Wainscot,--after all these Operations the Fire went entirely out, so that when the Body was found, not a Spark remained. It is extremely surprising that with such an Intense Degree of Heat as was necessary to entirely consume the Floor, &c. with the Body and to calcine the Bones, the Fire should have stopp'd of itself without burning the House, or even scorching the Screen,--which is hardly conceivable, if the Fire had blast, and if it did not, it is equally inconceivable, that the Heat should have been so intense. As there was a Chimney in the Room, and a Cellar under Part of the Floor, which the Fire open'd a Communication, it could not have stopp'd for want of Air. It is said the Person who was left in Company with this Woman at parting, told her he should see her no more till another Year, (little thinking) as it was so near, that she would not live so long, that she was then on the brink of Eternity, and that before the Morning Light her soul would be requir'd of her.

Capt. Jones sail'd from Bristol in Company with the *Hercules*, Capt. Post, for Philadelphia, and parted from him the 6th of November, in Lat. 50, Lon. 10, West, and spoke with the following Vessels, viz. The 14th of November, with the Brig *Devonshire*, Capt. Hayman, from New-London, for London, in Lat 43, Lon. 27; the 21st of December, Lat 33, 40, Lon. 67, with the Ship *Earl of Devon*, Capt. Lawrence, from this Port for London; and on the 25th of the same Month, Lat. 38, 29, Lon. 70, 50, with the Schooner *Patience*, Capt. Collins, from this Port for Madeira, all well.

Capt. Stanton, in the *Prince George*, and Capt. Lewis, were both to sail for Bristol for this Port, in a few Days after Capt. Jones; and the *America*, Capt. Hervey, in 14 Days after Capt. Stanton, for this Place likewise.

Friday last, his Majesty's Frigate the *Mercury*, Captain Keeler, arriv'd here from England in 16 Weeks, but has brought no late News; Off the Western Islands, he fell in with five large Spanish Sloopes, which he imagin'd were cruising in that Lat; as they chased him, but he out-sail'd them. The 16th ult. Capt. Keeler, spoke the Ship *London*, Capt. Chambers from this Port for London; Capt. Keeler also spoke with a Brig from this Port for Galway, and a Ship from Philadelphia for Londonderry, all well on board each Vessel.

Friday Night the Ship *Industry*, Capt. Shepherdson, arriv'd here from London, in 11 Weeks; The 30th of December, in Lat. 25, he spoke with Capt. Green, from Cadix, for Marblehead, 11 Days out, who inform'd him, the Spaniards were busily employ'd in fortifying all their Sea Ports, and that they soon expected to see an English Fleet in Cadix-Bay; and on the 28th following he fell in with a Sloop from Philadelphia for St. Eustatia; but did not learn the Capt. in's Name.

The *Baulah* Capt. Henderson, was to sail from London for this Port, in about a Fort-night after Capt. Shepherdson, and may be hourly expected.

The *Harriot* Packet, Capt. Oak, arriv'd from this Port, with the Mail, at Falmouth, in 26 Days.

Yesterday sail'd from hence, Capt. Wilkinson for Liverpool; Depyster and Stout for South-Carolina; and Couper for Madeira.

We hear from Elizabeth Town, That Mr. Edward Vaughan Dungan, of that Place (Brother to the late Col. Thomas Dungan of Staten-Island) at the last Supreme Court for the Province of New Jersey, held at Burlington, was admitted and sworn an Attorney of said Province.