

After the feast the company parcelled themselves out in small bodies, and each forming a ring on the green, merrily danced and sung in the old Irish taste, to a number of pipes and fiddles, without being incommoded by the weather, though it rained excessively; but put about the matter of whisky between every song; nor did the company separate, 'till the greatest part, with drinking, dancing, and singing, being quite tired out, lay down promiscuously and fell asleep.

*Bristol, August 18.* Three of his Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Somerset, last week, made a visit to the colliers of Paulton, Lambury, Clutton, and other coal-works, and severely reproached them for their late murdering march to Kingwood, with full purpose to join their brethren there, and then all in a body to proceed to Bristol, and demand the turnpike prisoners from the several goals; and when it was laid before them the great danger they run themselves into, and the bad consequences that were likely to ensue thereupon, to the ruin of themselves and families, they pleaded in excuse, That they were forced to it, by letters sent them from the colliers in Kingwood, who therein, on refusal of joining them, threatened to come in a body, cut off their ears, and fill up their coal pits, let who would be in them. The gentlemen then turn'd upon them a smart rebort for their cowardice and wondered that such a large number of lusty stout men should be intimidated by the trivial threatenings of the Kingwood people, and thereupon suddenly to quit their works; when at the same time they were superior in strength, and capable to have withstood such a summons, and even to have handsomely drubbed them, and sent them back, had they attempted to put their menaces in execution: And as this was the case, one of the justices in particular advised them all, *To pull off their Breaches, and give them to their Hives, who perhaps might make a better Use of them!* — But before they parted, the gentlemen caution'd them, that if ever any such assistance should happen again, that they would behave like men; and by all means give them immediate notice of it, when a supply of arms should be ready to be given them, and they would read them in person. — The colliers express'd their concern for what had pass'd, and gave their promise never more to be concern'd in such an affair; and at the same time bitterly cursed the promoters of their last expedition, and vowing revenge the first opportunity that occasionally should happen.

### A N N A P O L I S.

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th ult.</sup> being the Festival of St. John the Evangeist, and the Anniversary of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, the Gentlemen of the Brotherhood, belonging to the Lodge in this City, with several of their visiting Brethren from the Country, to the Number, in All, of about 30, celebrated the Day in the following Manner:

At Twelve o' Clock they went in Procession, with white Gloves and Aprons, from the House of their Brother *Middren*, being preceded by their Master, Wardens, and Grand Stewards, to the Church, where an excellent Sermon, adapted to the Occasion, was preached by their Brother the Rev. Mr. *Brogden*: After Sermon they returned in the same Manner from Church to the *Indian King*, where, having Dined elegantly, they elected their Master and Officers for the ensuing Year; and then proceeded in the above Order to the great Council Room, where they made a Ball for the Entertainment of the Ladies, and the Evening was spent with innocent Mirth and Gaiety.

On Monday last died, in *Frederick County*, after a few Days Illness, Mr. *John Thomas*, High Sheriff of that County, a Gentleman who justly merited the Esteem of all who knew him, and by whom his Death is greatly regretted.

A few Days ago a small Sloop was found sunk and drove ashore on *Thomas's Point*, and was weigh'd and brought in here. One of her Cables was fastned to a Locust Tree, which she had tore up by the Roots, and is supposed to have been forced out of some River or Creek up the Bay, by the Ice.

We have had such very warm Weather, (considering the Season) for about a Week past, that the Rivers hereabout are almost clear of Ice, and the *Kid's Island Ferry Boats* begin again to cross the Bay.

Upon an Information taken before Mr. *Thomas Thwing*, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> of *December* last, of one *Dorothy Gale*, a Transport in the *Ybames Frigate*, Capt. *Dobbins*, a Report prevailed, that one of the Servant Women killed another, while the Ship lay off *Annapolis*; and that the Deceased was privately buried, by the Order of Capt. *Dobbins*. It is therefore a Piece of Jus-