

PARIS, May 14.

THE King has charged his Ministers in several Courts to declare that the King of Sweden, by the Act of Security which he gave up in his Accession to the Throne, having done every Thing that could be expected from him, there was Reason to hope, that no Power would pretend to require more of his Swedish Majesty; and that if the contrary should happen, his Majesty would find himself under a Necessity of giving the Swedes all Assistance they should want to maintain their Glory and Independance.

*Amsterdam, May 8.* The Attention of the Public is at present chiefly employed upon the Question, whether this Republic will accede to the Treaty of St. Petersburg, or not? It every Day, appears more than another how desirous the King of Great Britain is of bringing this Affair about; and for that Reason People here are of Opinion, that the Parties to that Treaty will want the Aid of the Republic in other Points, besides those with which they are at present more acquainted, and therefore think that great Caution will be used in resolving how to act therein, in order to prevent the fatal Consequences that may result from a too hasty Determination thereupon.

We have lately been informed here, that the Baron de Neuhoff, once King of Corsica, and now a Prisoner for Debt, is by no means able to obtain his Liberty, not so much on account of the large Sums he owes, or the Obstinacy of his Creditors; but the Republic of Genoa privately interferences in detaining him: Such is the vindictive Spirit of the Italians. If this should be true, as there is some Reason to believe it is, his unfortunate Majesty is likely to end his Days in a Prison: Such is the Uncertainty of human Grandeur.

*Hague, May 12.* The whole Conduct of the Ministry of Versailles manifestly shews, that the French Court is forming grand Projects for improving the Commerce of that Nation in America; and, at the same Time is taking the utmost Precautions for securing the Possession of L'Isle Royal, or Cape Breton, and Canada, especially as they are so near the English new and flourishing Colony of Nova Scotia, at which the French look with an envious Eye. They are sending great Quantities of Ammunition and Artillery, as well to Louisbourg, as to the Mouth of the River St. Lawrence; which ought to awaken the Attention of the English; who may be well assured, that if the least Misapprehension should happen between the two Nations, the French will strike the first Blow in America, by falling on the British Colonies there. In that Case, Nova Scotia would be in great Danger, and Jamaica itself would not be entirely secure, as the French have always such Numbers of Ships at St. Domingo and Cape Breton; all which they would not fail to employ in giving a Blow to either of those Places, or any other they should think proper to attack; and should they at any Time succeed in any Attempt of this Nature, it would not be easy to drive them from the Country they should get Possession of.

#### L O N D O N.

*May 18.* By a private Letter from Rotterdam, we are told, that the Dutch Engineers, in their Plan for draining the Lake of Haerlem, proposed to employ 150 Mills for three Years, and had computed the Expence at a Million and a half of Florins; but that a German, who had been long employed in the Mines of Hungary and Hartz, had proposed to drain it with 50 Machines, in 15 Months, at a far less Expence; and that he has been ordered to erect one of those Machines; which, if it shall be found to execute what he has asserted, his Proposal will be immediately accepted.

*Newcastle, May 25.* On Monday the 13th Instant was celebrated, at Wentworth House, in a very magnificent Manner, the Birth-Day of the Marquis of Rockingham; where there was the most numerous Appearance of Gentlemen, &c. ever seen on the like Occasion.

There were provided for this Entertainment 4 large Oxen; the Weight of one 120 Stone (he had 26 Stone and 6 Pounds of Tallow in him); another 108 Stone, two more of 70 Stone each; 10 large Sheep, 13 Lambs, 10 Calves, 200 Dozen of Pigeons, 46 Hams. These were serv'd up in the following Manner, at 55 Tables in 23 Rooms; 132 Dishes of Beef, 92 Pies, 60 Dishes of roast Mutton, 46 Hams, 52 Quarters of Lamb, 67 Dishes of roast Veal, 103 hot and cold Dishes of Fish, 50 Dishes of Chickens, 106 Dishes of Tarts and Cheese-cakes. One hundred and fifty Bushels of Wheat Meal were used for Bread, Pies, &c. Liquors drank that Day were three

Hogheads of Small Beer, 13 Hogheads of Ale, 20 Hogheads of Strong Beer, 8 Hogheads of Punch, and 4 Hogheads of Port Wine; besides 8 Hogheads of Strong Beer drank the Day following. There were about 10,000 Guests in the whole; 3000 of which, or upwards, were entertained in the House: And after they had dined, the Victuals were carried out into the Booths to the Populace, who had Strong Beer and Ale as much as they pleased. The whole was conducted with as much Regularity as could be expected, where there was so great a Concourse of People. The Strong Beer was most of it brew'd in the Year 1730.

#### B O S T O N, August 5.

☞ We hear that about ten Days ago, as three Men were in a Canoe near Wells, a large Shark came a long side of them, and by putting his Head over the Side of the Canoe, endeavoured to overlet it: That he attempted once or twice in vain, but at last effected it, and got one of the unhappy Men, who was doubtless devoured by the ravenous Monster, as he was never seen after. The other two Men having righted the Canoe, got into it and escaped.

Last Monday Night, in a violent Gale of Wind, three Eastern Coasting Sloops were cast away and lost: All the Men saved their Lives, tho' with great Difficulty, but two Women who were Passengers on board one of the Sloops, were unfortunately drowned.

We have Advice from Nova Scotia, that some Time since, as Capt. Cobb was firing against the Enemy from on board his Sloop, one of the Cannon split, by which his Mate was killed outright; and three other Men wounded, two of whom died the next Day, the others lay in a dangerous Condition.

Also that the Sloop Wren was lately attacked by the Indian; as she was going to Chignecto with Wood, and had one of her Hands kill'd on the Spot, and another Shot thro' the Thigh; upon which they put into Gallop's Creek, and on their return the Mate was knock'd overboard by the Boom and drowned.

The next Day a House in Newbury was struck by the Lightning, and shattered in a most surprizing Manner: All the Family, being six or seven in Number, were more or less hurt, and some of 'em so much, that they lay ill last Friday.

#### N E W Y O R K, August 12.

By Capt. Holly who arrived here last Week from South Carolina we have Advice, that Capt. Langdon, in the Brig *Jemima*, of this Port, coming from the Bay of Honduras a few Weeks ago, was met with by a Spanish Man of War of 60 Guns, off of Cuba, who after taking Capt. Langdon out, put Spaniards on board, with Directions to carry her to Port, and then went into the Havanna; but the Brig being very leaky, and no News of her for some Time after, 'tis apprehended she foundered.

The Brig *Young Daniel*, Capt. Everson, bound for Amsterdam, sail'd from Sandy-Hook last Wednesday, but having got about 50 Leagues at Sea sprung a Leak, so that all Hands had hard Work to keep her above Water; which obliged them to put back again, and happily got safe last Night.

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

On Wednesday last towards Night, a very melancholy and fatal Accident befel Mr. HENRY HILL, the only Son of Mr. JOSEPH HILL, near this Place: He was, for his own Amusement; at Work with his People in a Tobacco House, hanging up Tobacco, and standing on the Ground Tier, when the Board on which he stood giving Way, he fell with it about seven Feet, and his Side striking on the Edge of it, wounded him so much, that he died soon after he was carried into the House. He was possessed of a very plentiful Estate, was about 25 Years of Age, in full Health and Vigour, and has left a sorrowful Widow and a young Child, to lament the Loss of a kind and tender Husband, and most indulgent Father; and Parents, to bemoan a most obliging and dutiful Son, who are inconsolable for the sudden and immature Death of him their only Child. And on Saturday his Body was interr'd, many People of all Ranks attending his Funeral, to pay their last Respects to their deceased Friend and Neighbour.

The same Day died, after a lingering Indisposition, in *Prince George's* County, the venerable, aged, and reverend Mr. JACOB HENDERSON, for many Years the worthy Rector of *St. Barnaby's* Parish in that County: And we hear he has left a considerable Legacy to the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign Parts.

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