

might be easily compassed, if nothing else concurred to make the Opposition stronger, we see with great Uncertainty a Complication of Pretensions and Differences. The Russians are still, in a Manner, Masters of Cayland: The Differences between the British and Prussian Courts, relating to Captures at Sea, is not yet adjusted, nor is the Affair of East-Frisland decided. The British and French Commissioners at Paris, make little or no Progress in their Negotiation about the Limits in North America, the Neutral Islands, and French Vessels taken by the English between the Years 1738 and 1744; nor do we know when the English and Spaniards will come to an Agreement about Navigation in the American Seas. The Treaty of Aranjuez, which was intended to secure the Repose of Italy, may avail as much as many other well meant Treaties have done: And in the mean Time the French and Spaniards mind the main Point, i. e. increasing their Naval Power; being sensible that their Weight and Influence on the Continent, must be proportionate to their Strength at Sea.

Feb. 16. On Saturday last a Girl about eleven Years old, Daughter of a Woman who lives in Stevens's Court near Peter Street, Westminster, having been severely corrected by her Mother, went to an Apothecary's Shop, and bought two Penny-worth of Arsenic, as she said to kill the Rats. Meeting with a Girl of her Acquaintance, who asked her what she had got; she told her it was Stuff to make her Mother sleep; and a Quarrel happening between two Soldiers in the Street, it detained the Girl in the Street while her Acquaintance went to her Mother, and said she met Susan with some Stuff to make her sleep. In a few Minutes after the Girl came home, and laid the Arsenic under a Tile in the Yard; the Mother observing her, questioned her for what Purpose it was; to which she answered, that she brought it to destroy the Rats and Mice in the Room where she lay. But as she told different Stories, there is great Reason to believe her Intention was to Poison her Mother for chastising her.

Yesterday came on, at the Court of King's Bench, in Westminster Hall, before the Lord Chief Justice Lee, and a Special Jury, a Cause wherein Charles Wymondson, Esq; was Plaintiff, and the Hon. Josiah Child, Esq; Defendant. The Action was laid at 20,000 l. Damage for criminal Conversation with the Plaintiff's Wife: And the Facts being fully proved, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiff, with 2500 l. Damages.

Feb. 24. The Dispute which lately happened in the Harbour of Civitta Vecchia between some Genoese and Neapolitan Vessels, and in which a Genoese Vessel was sunk, is attended at Rome with more serious Consequences than was at first apprehended. The Court of the two Sicilies, upon Advice of what had happened, caused the Masters of the Neapolitan Vessels in Dispute to be arrested on their Arrival at Sicily, and gave Directions to prosecute them; but hearing afterwards that the Court of Rome, in order to satisfy the Republic of Genoa, had suspended Mr. Finocchietti, the Governor of Civitta Vecchia, for not detaining the Neapolitan Vessels which sunk the Genoese; and for a further Satisfaction, had ordered three Neapolitan Ships, which afterwards came to Civitta Vecchia, to be arrested; the Court of Naples, by way of Reprisal, laid an Embargo upon all the Papal Vessels that were in the Ports of the Two Sicilies, and has moreover demanded of the Court of Rome a Satisfaction suitable to the Affront. If the Papal Court is embarrassed on account of this Accident, it must probably be more so at Genoa, Mr. Finocchietti having been wrongfully accused of behaving partially in this Affair; and besides, it is pretended at Naples, from the Informations that have been received there, that the Genoese were the Aggressors at Civitta Vecchia, which if they should prove to have been, it is apprehended the King of the Two Sicilies will demand an ample Satisfaction of the Republic. The Indisposition of her Sicilian Majesty at Palermo proves a Misfortune, which was occasioned by the following Accident; her Majesty being with the King a Hunting at a Hunting Match, one of the Huntsmen was unfortunately and accidentally killed near her Person by the Duke de Miranda, which so affected this humane and amiable Princess, that though she was immediately let Blood, the Consequence could not be prevented. People are greatly alarmed in Sicily on Account of a new Eruption from Mount Aetna, which, for a fortnight past, has thrown out vast Flames, and great Quantities of bituminous Matter, accompanied with a Noise resembling Thunder; inasmuch that the Inhabitants of all the neighbouring Villages have quit their Houses, as such Eruptions usually do, a most dreadful Earthquake; and Mount Vesuvius, six Miles East of the City of Naples, begins to send forth a thicker Smoke than usual; so that the Nea-

politans daily apprehend a violent Eruption or Earthquake. The Malecontents in Corsica are still taking Measures to oppose any harsh Orders or Regulations that may come from the French Court; their Chiefs have lately held another general Meeting, at which it was resolved to remain United; which Resolution has been approved of by the People; who, on their Part, have not only resolved to act against all that dare to censure or oppose it; but they have an Army of 15000 Men actually formed; and they have made all the French Prisons Prisoners 'til the Forts of Corte and St. Fiorenzo are restored to them.

Feb. 24. The Princess Amelia, and two other Men of War, are ordered to be rebuilt at Chatham.

Extract of a Letter from Newport, in the Isle of Wight, dated the 20th Instant.

"There has lately been great Damage done to the Shipping on this Coast; six Vessels have been wreck'd within this Month on the South Shore of this Island; and last Week a Vessel from Liverpool or Chester, with 130 Ton of Cheese on board, suffered the same Fate; when she struck in the Night, nine of the Crew went off in the Boat, it being then calm, but as they had not been heard of since, and it blowing hard soon after, they must all have perished. The Master of the Ship, his Nephew, and one Man were left on board; in the Morning, the two last came on Shore; as on the Evening of the Tide the Ship was left almost dry, several People from the Country immediately went on board, told the Master that before it was half Flood next Tide, his Vessel would certainly be beat to Pieces, and persuaded him to come on Shore with them. He told them the Ship was his own, and Part of the Cargo, that it was his ALL, and he would perish with her; these Reasons they thought so cogent, that they very humanely suffered him to pursue his own Inclinations, and left him firing Psalms in his Cabin, and in half an Hour after, they saw the Vessel tore to Pieces, with the Sea beating against her, his Body was thrown on Shore, and a Silver Watch and ten Guineas found in his Pocket, which were given to his Nephew. The Country People in great Numbers gathered along the Shore for several Days after, catching the Cheese as the Tide threw them up, and I am told, whilst they were thus employed, the same Sea threw on Shore a Man with some Symptoms of Life in him, and a Cheese, the latter of which was eagerly catch'd and seiz'd, but as they were not Cannibals, the Man was suffered to be wash'd off again.

P. S. I forgot to inform you, that five Men of this Island were drown'd at this Cheese-catching Exercise."

Feb. 27. New Instructions have been sent to the British Commissioners at Paris, in order to renew the Thread of their Conferences upon the Subject of regulating the Limits of the two Nations in America; and as they have Orders to declare to those of his most Christian Majesty, that the British Nation is far from being desirous of appropriating to itself what belongs to others, it's hoped that the Court of France, guided by the same Principles, will approach nearer than they have hitherto done to the principal Object of the Commission.

March 10. We hear that proper Regulations will be made this Session, for the better Cultivation and Improvement of the Island of Jamaica, and a Sum granted for repairing and augmenting its Fortifications.

Our Letters from Hanover acquaint us, that Preparations go on very briskly in the Electorate of Hanover, and in the Palatinate; and that from these, as well as other Indications, they are very apprehensive of fresh Troubles in the Empire.

The King of Prussia has received, by a Courier from London, the Answer of the British Court to the Exposition of the Motives, &c. but his Majesty's Sentiments on the Subject of this Answer are not known. Thus far we are informed, that his Majesty on the Receipt of it immediately retired, and read it with great Attention; and the High Chancellor Cocceji had the same Evening a long Conference with him in his Closet, and that a Courier had been dispatched to Vienna. The Officers who were recruiting, are ordered to rejoin their Corps in fifteen Days at farthest.

It is reported, that all the Regiments of Foot, as well on the English as the Irish Establishment, will be speedily augmented.

Last Wednesday an extraordinary Courier arrived at St. James's, from the Court of Berlin.

Honiton, Feb. 21. We have an Account from Overy St. Mary, that on Monday the 12th Instant, a Woman who had three Children, and would of ten say, that because she did not love Children, therefore she was plagued with them; going out on

an Errand, placed her younger Daughter about nine Months old in a Chair by the Fire, under the Care of her other two Children, viz. a Boy about three Years old, and a Girl about two; she had not been wanting, but a few Minutes, before the young Child fell into the Fire, and was so miserably burnt, that notwithstanding the utmost Care of an able Surgeon it mortified, and the Child is since dead, to the inexpressible Grief of its tender Father.

HALIFAX (in Nova Scotia), March 24.

On Tuesday last the Sloop Janlen, belonging to Capt. Cook of this Place, David Bigham, Commander, who sailed from hence for North Carolina about six Weeks ago, arrived here; the Master of which informs us, That on the 8th of February they found the Sloop's Bows flatted, as also her Decks from her Sides and Beams;—that the same Night they found their main Beam to give way, and that they made so much Water as to keep one Pump constantly going; upon which they judged her uncapable of proceeding the Voyage, and came to a Resolution to return to Halifax;—that on the 9th they found there was not one Beam left in her, and that her Sides open'd two or three Inches from her Decks, and the Water to increase very much;—on the 11th they found her Stern started and her Rudder Irons and the Head of the Rudder loose;—on the 12th she opened so that they were obliged to lash her Sides and Quarters together to keep her from falling in two, the Water still increasing;—on the 13th found a Leak in her Stern which proved to be a Plank started, and endeavoured to stop it with Butter and Oakum, but could scarcely keep her free; the same Day one of her Pumps split, which they would as well as they could, and threw some Salt and Bricks overboard to lighten her in order to find out her Leaks, when they found a Trunnel Hole open below the Bends;—the 14th they found the Partners of the Mast started from the Beams, and the Step of the Mast loose in the Hold, and the Kelson split;—on the 15th they us'd all possible Means to secure the Mast, and on the 16th they were obliged to bear away under their bare Poles, when they shipped a great deal of Water, and supposed their Cargo to be all samag'd;—on the 17th finding her Leaks increasing, and scarcely able to keep them free, they again endeavour'd to stop them, which they partly effected;—on the 18th they met with a hard Gale of Wind, and the Sloop lying broad off, they were obliged to let go an Anchor to keep her Head to Sea; the same Day they Wind coming fair, and not able to spare any Hands from the Pumps, they were obliged to cut away the Cable, and come to Sail;—on the 19th they found the Head of the Rudder gone, and endeavour'd to get a Stage over the Stern to secure the Rudder, but found it impracticable, being obliged to keep both Pumps going;—on the 24th they made the Land and ran in with a high Head, where they came to an Anchor in about 20 Fathoms Water, still keeping both Pumps going, and three Foot Water in the Hold;—that they tarried there until the 7th of March, which Time they spent in laying her ashore and repairing her Leaks, when they found her Timbers were rotten that they would not bear bearing nor even so much as hold a Spike, which obliged them to nail Boards and Canvas over her Leaks, in which Condition they happened to arrive safe in this Port, being almost worn out with Fatigue.

BOSTON.

April 30. We are informed, that on the 13th Inst. Robert and Stephen Cooke were committed to Jail in the County of Hampshire, upon Suspicion of having on the 11th Instant, murdered an Indian, not far from the Town of Stockbridge. It appears that the Men had stole a couple of Horses in the Dutch Country, and fearing lest they should be detected, rid in the Night, and came (whether with Design or accidentally we can't say) to a very bye place out of the common Road, where they lodged. The next Morning early they came to the said Indian's Wigwam, who happened not to be at Home, but not long after returned from Hunting, and being return'd from Hunting, and being informed that a couple of Englishmen had been there with two very good Horses, but neither Saddle nor Bridle; and concluding that they had stole the Horses, he went after them, and found them not far from his Wigwam. What Provocations the Indian offer'd we can't say: However an unhappy Quarrel began; they dispoiled him of his Gun, with which they shot him thro' the Body, and with his own Hatchet they chopp'd him quite into the Neck Bone, and with two other mortal Wounds on the Head left him, taking his Gun and Powder Horn, which they afterwards hid, burying the Gun under Ground. The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury under Oath was, The said Indian was wilfully and maliciously murdered.

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