

ally with France; but that being more than any one could assure to us, it was certainly right and well judg'd to make an Engagement for our Security against the Designs of a very powerful Alliance.

I must also take Notice of the late Complaints about Spanish Privateers, and the Damages our Merchants have suffered even since the Congress was open'd. But having made strict Enquiry into this Affair, and finding that most of these Privateers are man'd with People of all Nations, I am apt to conclude that not a few of them are Pirates, who molested us in our Defence to the Laws of Nations, and now go on in the very same way, under Skew of the King of Spain's Colours.

However, we may firmly rely on the Wisdom of his Majesty's Councils; nor can we doubt the superior Influence of Great-Britain, will procure ample Justice to our Trading Interest, and a lasting, safe, and honourable Peace to all the European World.

I am SIR,
Your humble Servant,

BRITANNUS.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Brussels, July 19. Yesterday being the Feast of the Sacrament of Miracles, so called, the same was celebrated in the usual Manner: Her Royal Highness our Governess, went at 8 in the Morning in Publick, to the Cathedral Church, where she was present at the Grand Mass, which was sung by the Musick of the Court, and celebrated by the Bishop of Antwerp; and after the Service ended, her Highness, as well as the several Corporations of the Councils and Colleges, and the Magistrates of this City, went in Procession with the Miraculous Host, which the Jews stabbed above 300 Years ago, and Blood issued therefrom. During Mass there were Three Salvos of the Musketry of the Garrison, placed in the Park. The Abbot Vlierbec, having refused to accept the Constitution, a Sentence, by his Commission, has passed against him of Suspension *ab Officio*; and in Case he does not submit in Three Weeks, he is to be excommunicated and confined in Prison, in another Abbey for Life. This Morning assembled the States of Brabant, in order to chose a new Deputy out of the Nobility, in the Place of the Viscount Crullol, whose Time is expired.

From a Written Letter, London Aug. 31.

The French Squadron left the Road of Tripoli the 29th of July, after burning the greatest part of the Town by Bombs, which were thrown 6 Nights successively, but no mention is made of the Tripolines having complied with the Demands of France, and 'tis believed they have not, because 3 of the Squadron is detached to Cruise against them, & 3 others Equipping at Toulon for the same Purposes.

We are assured from good hands in confirmation of what was formerly mentioned on the Affair of Peace, that the King of Spain had Actually agreed to drop all pretensions to Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, and the Emperor to suspend the Indian Trade for 7 Years. The Accounts by a Holland Mail just arriv'd, talk very favourably of the Speedy good Issue of the Congress, and particularly of a 14 Years Truce. That the Empress is with Child. And the King of Poland going to Warsaw.

From a Written Letter, London, Sept. 5

By the Ship King David, arrived in 15 Days from South Barbary, we have the Confirmation of the Blacks having dethroned Muly Abdelmelech, and restored his Brother Muley Hamet Deby to the Throne, and that they had taken Mequinez by Storm, and in the Action killed 300 Christian Slaves, 500 Jews, and 2000 Moors. That Abdelmelech was fled towards Fez, but was pursued by the Basha of the Blacks, with part of the Army, to cut off his Head, and present it to the Emperor Muley Hamet Deby.

Yesterday about Noon died suddenly at his House in Fenchurch Street Sir Peter Delme, Knt. and Alderman of Langbourn Ward, a Turkey and Portugal Merchant, and a Director of the Bank. In the Year 1724 he was Lord Mayor of this City. He was the greatest Exporter of Woollen

Goods of any one Person in England, and hath left a very great Estate to his 3 Sons and a Daughter. He complained on Tuesday Evening of a Purging, and of a Pain in his Breast, and was visited by his Neighbour Dr. Cotefworth, who prescribed for him, and who visiting him again Yesterday Morning, found him so well that it was with some difficulty he was prevailed on not to go out; after which he busied himself in his Compting-Course, his eldest Son being with him, and without any Complaint he dropt from his Seat and died instantly. The Doctor and a Surgeon were immediately sent for, but could discover no Signs of Life. Sir Peter is the 6th Alderman of this City, who has died within a Year past.

We learn from Londeniere, a little Village in Normandy, that a young Man of about 25 Years, being passionately in Love with a Young Woman of the same Village, and having been unsuccessful in all his Efforts to prevail on her, made an Eunuch of himself, thro' Dispair, with a Razor, and gave himself several Cuts in the Arm, but being immediately taken care of by an able Surgeon, he is now perfectly recovered of the cruel Operation.

A very fine Statue of his present Majesty King George II in a Roman Habit, Eight Foot High, is just finished, at Mr. Thos. a Secretary, at the Golden Head at Hyde Park Corner. It is done by the Direction of a French Gentleman, who intends to set it up at Plymouth in Devonshire.

Annapolis, Dec. 31. There is a Report in Town, that Mr. Aquilla Hall, of Baltemore County, was unfortunately shot to Death on Christmas-Day in the Morning, as he was walking in his Orchard, by one of his Negroes, who had been run away some Time before; and lay in Ambush to execute this barbarous Murder; since which he has made his Escape. It seems this was not the first Time this Villain had attempted his Master's Life, having before struck at him with an Ax, which cut him over the Eye-brow, and had certainly split his Skull, if he had not suddenly mov'd his Head.

Several Fires have lately happen'd, particularly one which burnt down the Dwelling-house of the Hon. Philip Lee, Esq; in Prince George's County, and almost all the Furniture and Wearing Apparel, himself and Family narrowly escaping the Flames. Another which burnt down the Dwelling-house of the Widow Hyat, on the Cliffs in Calvert County: And a Third at New-Town, in Kent County, which burnt down the Store-houses of Mr. Wilmer and Mr. Nicholson,

* * Note, *The Post sets out next Monday from Annapolis for Philadelphia.*

Enter'd, since our last mention'd,

December 26. Sloop Pilgrim, Jacob Price, Master, from Boston. Dec. 28. Lamb Scooner, Robert Hood, Master, from New York.

ADVERTISEMENTS

STolen out of the Stable of Mr. Geo. Neilson, in Annapolis, this Day Fortnight at Night, a Bay Horse, about 13 Hands and a half high, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock, with the Letters AP joyn'd close together, with a Sprigg Tail, and his Fore-Foot newly shod. Whoever secures the said Horse to Mr. Neilson aforesaid, shall have Half a Pistole Reward; paid by Geo. Neilson.

N. B. 'Tis suspected he was taken away by a Negro, belonging to Cha. Carroll, Esq; who ran away about the same Time, and was advertis'd in the last Week's Gazette.

RUN away from Mr. John Smith, Carpenter, in Annapolis, on Saturday last, a young Man nam'd John Manning, born in Virginia, aged about Twenty Three, with a full Face, fresh Complexion, large black Eye-brows, and short black Hair. Of a middle Stature, and well set. His Wearing Apparel was a light-colour'd Suit of Duroy, pretty much worn, he has white and speckled Shirts with him, mark'd with the Letters I. M. A large yellowish strip'd Handkerchief, an old Hat, new dress'd, a dark Pair of Wofsted Stockings, and very indifferent Shoes.

Whoever secures the said Man to Mr. John Smith, aforesaid, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, over and above the Allowance by Law: But if he should be taken up in another Government, the Reward shall be made proportionable to the Trouble, by

John Smith

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