

were forced into the Ports of Galicia, by a Storm, with Loss of Masts, &c. The King and Court will stay here, and in the Neighbourhood, till Lent's over, and then set out for the Lotie Domain. Here is a Ship in our Bay, which came with the Fleet from the Havans, whither she went from Porto Rico, into which Place she had been brought by a Privateer, who took her on the 31st of August last, near Curacoa, where she was bound from New-York, with a Cargo of Flower, &c. She was then called the Beaver, and commanded by one Matthew Smith. Since my last of the 1st current, the Sol Dorado, Capt. Chavez, one of the Fleet (which I mention'd to be put into Fyall) hath arriv'd here, but with Jury Masts; as also have arriv'd the Santissima Trinidad, Don Diego Arrison Commander, from Carthagenas; and the Orange, Capt. Collarte, in 46 Days from the Havans: They bring a Confirmation of the Loss of their Register Ship from the Canaries, bound for that Place. The Rye Man of War, Capt. Edwards, is just arrived from Gibraltar. On the 1st arriv'd the Welcome, David Long, from Cork; and the Seville Packet, William Davie, from New-England.

Hague, March 29. M. Wilde Resident of the States General of the united Provinces at the Court of Russia, died at Moscow the 2d of this Month, having been ill but twenty four Hours. Some Advices from Spain say, that his Catholick Majesty intends, when he returns from his Progress, to go and reside for the most Part at St. Ildefonso, without going to Madrid. It was reported in that City, that the Silver brought by the Galleons was to be carry'd directly to the Mint, which, besides the Indulto, wou'd bring twelve per Cent. into the Treasury of his Catholick Majesty. We begin to have a better Opinion of the ensuing Conferences at Soissons, our last Letters from Spain being more favourable than the former.

From the London Evening Post, Feb. 20.

Sure there never was a more seeming Contradiction between the Words and Actions of Princes, than there is this Day, since all protest that they wish sincerely for Peace, whilst they make great Preparations on all Sides for War. The Emperor has order'd 1,200,000 Pound Weight of Powder to be bought for filling the Mines of Luxemburg. The King of Sardinia is augmenting his Forces, and England its Navy. The King of France has order'd all his Regiments to be compleated, and his Cavalry to be forthwith remounted. Mean Time, as fresh Instances are now made with the King of Spain, to obtain a speedy Ratification of the Provisional Treaty, it cannot be doubted but those Powers are thus putting themselves in a Condition to act with Vigour, in order to obtain speedily by Force of Arms, what has been so long deny'd to their Patience. *Since the Date of these Remarks, the Spanish Galleons are arriv'd, with the necessary Sinews of War; and there's no doubt but a little Time will unmask the Face of Affairs, which has been so long concealed for want of their Arrival.*

L O N D O N, Feb. 27.

The Body of the Quakers having deputed a Committee to wait on his Royal Highness the Prince, with their Congratulations on his safe Arrival in England; Mr. J. Eccleston made the following Speech.

May it please the Prince,

WE are deputed by the People called Quakers, to congratulate thy safe Arrival in this Kingdom, which we sincerely and joyfully do; as sensible of the great Advantages that may accrue to thee (and in Consequence to posterity) by thy being immediately under the wise Counsel and Example of our Gracious Sovereign, whose mild and prudent Government justly renders him the Delight of his People, and requires our earnest Prayers to Almighty God, to continue and multiply his Blessing on our Gracious King and Queen, and all their illustrious Offspring; and may an ample Share of his Benedictions be thy Portion; may his Holy Spirit be the Guide of thy Life, and replenish thy heart with Wisdom and Virtue, suitable to the high Station which Divine Providence hath designed thee.

To which Speech the Prince made a very Gracious Answer; and understanding that those People scrupled to bow the knee, he spontaneously reach'd out his Hand to Mr. Eccleston (saying, *Every Man his own Scruple, every Man his own Pay*) who then kissed it, as did the rest of the Committee.

Extract of a Letter from Vienna, Feb. 26.

It is reported currently here as well as in other Places, That the Galleons are arriv'd at Cadix; if this proves true, there will be a great Change in the Face of Affairs in Europe. The Assurances which the Parliament of England has given to the King of Great-Britain, that they will furnish him with the necessary Supplies for preserving Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, and opposing the Enterprizes of the Allies of Vienna, have made our Ministers take new Measures; for the Execution whereof, Count Zinzendorf will soon return to Soissons, and is to go from thence to Madrid. We hear from Belgrade, that the Protestants who are settled within the Jurisdiction of that Place, and to whom several Districts of Land have been given, have already built 7 Churches, Four for the Divine Service of the Lutherans, and Three for that of the Calvinists; and that they enjoy without Molestation the free Exercise of their Religion. The young Prince of Taxis is fallen ill of the Small-Pox. The Court sends daily large Remittances into Barbant for Payment of the Troops in the Austrian Netherlands.

London, March 8. Private Letters from Seville in Spain, inform us, that the Alcayde made a most florid Speech to their Catholick Majesties as they enter'd that City; and, among other Compliments, says, 'That it was owing to his Majesty's consummate Wisdom and prudent Choice of his Ministers, that Spain made at present so glorious a Figure; that the most potent Monarchs, who formerly despised their Alliance, now humbly sued to them for Peace; and with the greatest Submission begg'd the Intercession of almost all the Courts in Europe; to prevail with his Majesty to grant them what they despair of ever attaining by their own Power or Address. That his Majesty's well concerted Measures had kept all Europe in Suspence, and in a Dependance on his Resolutions for these three Years past, and by the same Policy he might keep them hanging on, for several Years to come; and that in the mean time, their Nation was enriched by the Spoils of the most formidable of the Maritime Powers.' He concludes with these remarkable Words, 'Let them continue to boast of their invincible Squadrons, and Bravery of their Sailors, while your Majesty, by your sage Conduct, can destroy both, and attain your Ends without striking a Blow, or exposing the Life of the meanest of your Subjects.' This last Part methinks might have been spared; for, in my Opinion, it is rather a Demonstration of the Rashness and Folly of the Adversaries he speaks of, than of his Majesty's Wisdom.

Mr. Vice-Chamberlain Stanhope, has waited on a certain Dutcheis with express Orders to forbid her Grace's Appearance at Court.

Some of the Papers this Week, say, that his Grace the Duke of Queensbury and Dover, has waited on his Majesty, and offer'd to resign his Office of Lord Vice-Admiral of Scotland, which has a Sallary of 1000 l. per Ann. annexed to it.

Saturday last being the Anniversary of the Birth-Day of our most Gracious Queen, who enter'd her 46th Year, was observed with great Demonstration of Joy, the Quality endeavouring to outvie one another in Dress and Loyalty to so excellent a Princess.

The Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend is to attend his Majesty to Hanover, in Quality of one his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

We hear that Capt. St. Leo, (now in the West-Indies) is appointed Rear-Admiral of the Blue, there being a Vacancy by the Death of Robert Hughes, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Red.

London, Feb. 8. Last Sunday in the Evening was bury'd at St. Giles's Cripplegate, the Corpse of Mr. John White, from Paul's Alley, Redcross Street, aged 104 Years. It was attended to the Grave by the following Persons, viz.

Peter Eaton, who went before the Corps, aged 105.	
Robert Dracor, aged — 102	Anthony Poche — 101
Edward Leesor — 102	Joseph Shelicofs — 101
John Stabs — 102	Benjamin Ward — 97

These Six held up the Pall.

John Saunders, aged 93, who led the Widow of the Deceased, aged 67, was a hail lively Man, and did affirm to some of the Officers of the Parish, that he was then cutting of several new Teeth.

Their several Ages, including the Age of the Deceased, amount to 979 Years. The like not known in this City since the Memory of Man.

The Expences of the Funeral were defray'd at the Charge of a Gentleman unknown.

London.