

A great as our Joy was to see the Earl of Chesterfield, whose distinguish'd Merit we were already acquainted with, coming to us in the Quality of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from your Majesty; so much the greater has been our Regret at the Resolution which your Majesty imparted to us, in your Letter of the 12th of April, to recall him from his Embassy; knowing so well the great Talents and eminent Qualities which this Nobleman is endowed with, we cannot, without Reluctance, see ourselves deprived of his longer Residence here. As he was, in his first Embassy, the happy Instrument in consolidating the Engagements that were the Basis of the public Liberty; so Nobody could be more capable than he, of giving Confidence to those Engagements: The Manner in which he acquitted himself of the Task, has been extremely agreeable to us. Besides the Zeal he shewed on all Occasions for your Majesty's Service, and the Affection he discovered for the Good of our State, the Prudence and Dexterity with which he managed Affairs, displaying on all Occasions a most exquisite Judgment, leave in us the highest Esteem for his Person, and engage us to thank your Majesty for having been pleas'd to honour us with the Presence of so respectable and worthy a Minister. The only Thing that can alleviate our Regret at his Departure, is the Assurance we have, that when he has an Opportunity of seeing your Majesty again, he may, as a Witness of our Sentiments, which he is thoroughly acquainted with, do us the Justice to report, that none can have a greater Veneration than we have for your Majesty's Royal Person, and your valuable Friendship; and that we have nothing more at Heart than to preserve your Good-will, and cement more and more the happy Union subsisting between Great-Britain and our Republic. We very willingly refer to what he shall say on this Head, confiding in his Candour and Sincerity. As for the rest, we cease not to make daily Wishes for your Majesty's Prosperity, praying God, &c. &c.

June 1. His Highness the Prince of Orange has been at Leyden, to compliment Professor Albinus; and returned yesterday in perfect Health to Lieuwarden, where the Provincial Dyet is about to assemble. Lord Harrington arrived here in the Night between Saturday and Sunday last, and set forward on his Way to Hanover yesterday at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon. With the Packet-Boat of last Friday arrived Messieurs Wasner, Carvalho, Fleming, and Hop, Ministers of Hungary, Portugal, Poland, and this Republic; who are all to follow his Majesty to Hanover immediately.

London, May 16. It is generally reported, that seven Officers of Distinction in the Dutch Service, were executed last Saturday.

We hear that as soon as his Majesty received Advice of the Battle near Tournay, he sent his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland a Commission, to fill up all Vacancies that should become void in the Army as he should think proper.

His Royal Highness Prince George is dangerously ill at Leicester-House.

May 28. Yesterday came Advice, that the Experiment Man of War, Capt. Coleby, was arrived at Spithead, from Jamaica, being dispatched home Express.

The above Ship left Admiral Ogle in the Cumberland, with the Montague, Kippon, and Assistance, and 28 Sail of Merchantmen, off Cape Nichola.

Admiral Daveners, with the Ships under his Command, arrived at Jamaica 5 Weeks before the abovementioned came away.

His Majesty's Ship the Strafford, one of Admiral Daveners's Squadron, took in her Passage from Antigua, three French Ships from France for St. Domingo, laden with Ammunition and Provisions.

By the Experiment Man of War from Jamaica, we have a Confirmation of the Loss of his Majesty's Ship the Orford, of 70 Guns, commanded by Admiral Mayne, in the Windward Passage; and that all the Crew were saved.

There is Advice, that a French Privateer of 24 Guns and near 300 Men, who, with several others of the same Nation, have been for some Time in the North Seas, in order to intercept some Merchant Ships homeward bound, is taken by one of his Majesty's Ships of War, after a very smart Engagement, in which several were killed on both Sides.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed a Man of War of 40 Guns, and a Dutch Ship of War of 54 Guns, to convoy the Portugal Trade, who are to sail in 3 Weeks at farthest from Portsmouth.

The Hampshire, Conner, and the Alexander, Russell, both from Maryland for London, are taken by the French Privateers: Capt. Russell ransom'd his Ship, and is arriv'd at Dover.

The Exeter Privateer has taken and carried into Lisbon, two Ships laden with Provisions, from Bourdeaux to Martinico.

Williamsburg, August 8. On Tuesday last his Honour the Governor, with the Council, were pleas'd to order a Quantity of Beef, Pork, Bread, Wine, and Tobacco, to the Value of about 2000*l.* to be bought, and shipp'd as soon as possible to Cape-Breton, towards the Subsistence of our good Friends there. It may easily be imagin'd how acceptable Provisions will be there, when we are certain that there are still 4000 French People left at that Place, after they had shipp'd off 1600 to Old France, and 1200 to New-England.

The Wager Man of War, Capt. Forest, a 20 Gun Ship, is arriv'd in James River from Cape-Breton, to convoy such Vessels as are ready to sail thither with Provisions; We hear he intends to sail again in a few Days.

We have several flying Reports, that the Virginia Fleet was taken the 16th of June by the Brest Squadron, which 'tis said consisted of 10 or 12 Men of War, double-mann'd. This News is said to come by a Bristol Ship to Barbadoes; and it is certain Letters are come from thence to that Purport; some conjecture it to be the Fleet bound home, others the outward bound Fleet: But as it seems unlikely, that out of so many Ships as were outward bound, none should escape to bring us the News; and as we have yet no certain Account of it, we still hope it is not true. But a little Time will determine it.

(Thus far the Virginia Gazette.)

Boston, August 12. On Tuesday last Capt. Hodges arriv'd here from Louisburg, by whom we have Advice, that the 24th of last Month a French East-India Ship, very richly laden, from Bengal, was brought into that Port by two of his Majesty's Ships, viz. the Princess Mary and Canterbury. She was seen the Day before standing off and on, waiting for a Pilot, upon which the above-mentioned Ships went out and brought her in. She is said to be 500 Tons, has 36 Guns, about 100 Men, and is thought to be worth 300,000*l.* Sterling. By this Ship there is Advice of three more that came from the Indies with her, and from whom she parted near the Cape of Good Hope about three Months ago, all bound to Louisburg.

Friday last Capt. Grace arriv'd here in 8 Weeks from Gibraltar, who informs, that a great Number of Officers charg'd with Misconduct in the Engagement with the French and Spanish Fleets in the Mediterranean, were gone home to be tried. That Admiral Rowley had taken a French Man of War of 40 Guns upon the Coast of Spain, and a great Number of other rich Prizes, one of which was a Snow from the Havanna, with a prodigious Sum of Money on board. By this Snow the Admiral was inform'd, that 6 Galleons were expected from the Havanna, with vast Sums of Money on Board; upon which he sent Admiral Medley with a strong Squadron to cruise for 'em in