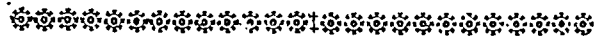


looks out for Help, and by chance meeting with my Letter, he discharges the heavy Load into my Lap; otherwise his Brain must certainly have burst. — He had no particular Malice it seems to me; and; unfortunately for him, would have buried a friend instead of an Enemy under Heaps of his Dirt. — The Thoughts, he tells you, were preconceived; they had occurred to him before he saw my Letter; it was absolutely necessary to bring them forth some how or other; and behold, an Occasion offered, which usher'd them out in the monstrous Shape of an Answer to me. — Mr. A Planter seems to hint that I am not unknown to him: If so, he must certainly have never seen me in a proper Light, or his Organs of Vision must be very much distemper'd. — Perhaps he may be troubled with a *Pannus*, what the Vulgar call the WED in the Eye. I have a most excellent Medicine by me for that Purpose, which I assure him is infallible; and if he applies to me, he shall experience the good Effects of it, by shewing him the Person he has so traduced, in quite other Colours. — I have all along declined any Remarks on his Manner of Reasoning, his begging the Question in what he calls my particular Case, and drawing consequences from his own suppositions, &c. If I thought you had no better materials for filling up your Papers I could easily turn the Tables upon him, and furnish you with several Paragraphs, to which he might reply, and so by Replication, Rejoinders, Surrejoinders, Rebutters, &c. &c. &c. in his way, we might proceed till we had tired ourselves, as well as all your Readers. — I desire Mr. A Planter will consider the following Case, in answer to his own, A Planter is indebted to me 3000 pounds of good clean Tobacco, which should have been paid me the Year before last for a Negro I had then sold him; but as he made but short Crops the two last Years, I am oblig'd to wait for my Debt, yet another Year; and as he is an honest well meaning Man, and promises to pay me very good Tobacco as soon as he makes it, I take no Bond from him, nor do I charge him any Interest: Now if the Law doth not take place next Year, in all probability I shall get my Debt; but if it doth take place, and one fourth of my Debt must be remitted, What then will Mr. A Planter

Say to a WESTERN or an EASTERN SHORE FACTOR?



L O N D O N, April 28.

There are some private Letters from Amsterdam, and other Places, which mention, that they heard that his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland had taken Possession of the Town of Antwerp, and that the Citadel of that Place continued to defend itself.

The late Dr. Manro, and his Brother Sir Robert Munro, of Foulis, Bart. both lost their Lives at the Battle of Culloden, and likewise part of the Baggage; but some part of the Doctor's being discovered, that was hid by the Rebels, there was a large Chest full of broad pieces of Gold, to the Value of 20,000*l*. It has been sent to London to Sir Henry Munro, Bart. Member of Parliament for the Shire of Ross.

The late Lord Lovat gave to the two Wardens that attended him at his Execution a Purse with 20 Guineas, besides his Thanks, for the Civilities that he received from them, and the rest of their Brethren.

It is said, that a Squadron of Men of War is ordered to cruise at the Entrance of the Channel.

We hear that some Men of War are order'd immediately to cruise to intercept four rich Ships, that are upon their Voyage for Cadiz from the South Seas.

Some time ago a Joiner in this Town, being willing to part with his Wife, a Journeyman Boat-builder of the Town agreed to give Niecepage for her; but an honest Tarr being present, thinking the Price too small, offered a Shilling; and at the same time an Article of Agreement for the Husband to resign his Property in her, was signed, sealed and delivered, in the Presence of several Witnesses, the same Evening; but the Woman, after Trial, returned to her Husband again, declaring her Dissatisfaction at the Change: The Husband received her with Careless, looking upon her Return as a great Compliment paid to him, and they are like to live together happily for the future.

It is said there is an Account, that about ten Days ago Lillo and St. Philippine surrender'd to the French.

It is generally reported, that Madras, in the East-Indies, was ransomed, after it had been plunder'd by the French, to save its Buildings and Fortifications, and the Loss to the Publick

and private Traders, is computed to be about one Million of Pounds Sterling at least.

As Mr. Thomson, the Messenger who arrived last Sunday, pass'd all the Roads from the Hague, he was huzza'd by the Multitude all along, crying, Long live the King of England, the Prince of Orange our Stadtholder, France William, Duke of Cumberland, and Confusion to the French.

April 20. The following is the Purport of a memorial presented to the President of the Assembly of the States General by M. Chiquet, charged with the concerns of France, from the King his Master, on the subject of the present Affairs.

That the King, with the utmost Regret, found himself oblig'd to continue the war; and that the Territory of the Republic must at last become exposed to the Calamities thereof, though his Majesty desired nothing more fervently, than to inspire their High Mightinesses, before it is too late, with Resolutions worthy the Foresight and Wisdom of their Government: That he endeavour'd to prevent the Dangers which threaten'd their State; and that they had it yet in their Power (by withdrawing their Assistance from the Enemy) to prevent the safety and Repose of their People, and pave the Way to a General Peace: That it was the Friendship of their High Mightinesses, not their Possessions, that he coveted; and that his Majesty should embrace with Eagerness every Opportunity to give them Proof of his Esteem and Affection, &c.

This Memorial was accompanied with a long Declaration setting forth, "The pacifick Dispositions of the King, and his Majesty's long Endeavours to keep the Theatre of War from the Neighbourhood of the Republic; expressing his Dispositions of Peace made in 1742 to the Ministers of the States, the Offer of putting Dunkirk in Possession of the Troops of the Republic, and the Proposal in the Month of September, 1745, for assembling a Congress to procure a Peace: That in all Probability the War would have been put to an End, if they had their High Mightinesses not espous'd the Cause of the King's Enemies; but that, notwithstanding all this, he should behave as favourably towards them as the present Situation of Affairs would possibly admit of, and restore those Places which Conquerors should put into his Hands, so soon as the United Provinces gave Proof, non equivocal, that they would no more furnish Succours to the Enemies of the Crown. — That to conclude all, his Majesty's sole View was, to render the said Dispositions of his Enemies of no Effect, to subdue their Insupportability, and bring them to the Means of Reconciliation."

By the Essex, arrived in Ireland, from India, there is Advice, that an English Privateer has taken a French Country Ship, bound for Mauritius, reckoned worth 15,000*l*.

Darremouth, April 19. Yesterday came in the Society, Williams, the Dolphin, Winton, and the Friendship, Dickinsea, all of Whitehaven; the two former from Greenock, with Tobacco. They were all three plunder'd by a small Snow French Privateer, the Day before off Portland. The above Ship spoke with his Majesty's Ship the Nottingham the Day after she sail'd from Plymouth, who inform'd them that the Hampton Court had that Day taken a French Privateer, but did not kill her Force.

London, April 27. In the several posts which this Genoa: were oblig'd to abandon at the approach of the Austrians, they were attacked with such vigour, that they were oblig'd to leave their cannon behind them, which they had drawn out for their defence.

April 28. By a list it appears, that there have been taken of French and Spanish men of war and privateers, by his Majesty's ships or sloops cruising at or near home, between Lady-day 1746, and Lady-day 1747, viz. 65 ships, having on board 6723 men, 818 carriage, and 419 swivel guns.

There is Advice that six Poluccas have been destroyed by two English privateers, near the Streights mouth; and that a French ship for Marseille, from Cadiz, was also drove on shore near the said place.

The earl of Traquair is, we hear, to be impeach'd before the rising of the Parliament, but will not be tried 'till the next Session.

B O S T O N, June 11.

We have Advice from Annapolis Royal, that Commodore Knowles in his Majesty's Ship the Norwich, with the other Vessels from hence were safe arrived there.

And from Newfoundland, that a Man of War of 50 Guns, with several Vessels under her Convoy were arrived there from England.

A Sloop belonging to Cass-Alne, Mark Parsons, Master, bound from thence to Maryland was taken about a Fortnight