

The way they were found out was by a young woman whom they hired as a servant, with the wicked intention to confine her in the same manner; (as 'tis said they have done to several before, whom they starved to death;) she had tasted some of their inhuman usage for about the space of a week; but very fortunate for her, the man forgot to lock the place of their confinement, and so took that opportunity to make her Escape: she went immediately and told some of the heads of the parish the affair, who went to the house and found those objects of pity in the most miserable condition that possibly can be expressed: the man and woman were brought to Preston, and committed as above; they likewise brought hither the two miserable young women, and hundreds of people flocked to see them; they returned next day to Plumpton, where many people still resort to see them; and though all possible care is taken of them, it is thought one of them cannot live.

As the officers were conveying these miserable to their confinement, the populace were so enraged at them, and pelted them so severely, throwing them down, &c. that it was with difficulty they were got there alive. It is hoped that Justice will pursue those barbarous, inhuman wretches, according to their deserts.

Extract of a Letter from Horsham in Sussex, dated the 25th of January.

A Gentleman of Billingham, near this town, having for some time been represented to have misused his wife, a daughter of a shop-keeper there, to whom he was lately married, and had a handsome fortune with, by almost starving her, &c. allowing her and her maid only bread and water for three days and nights together; the women of the place were greatly enraged at it, and determined to duck him in a pond near his own house; and accordingly last Friday morning they, with some men they took to their assistance, went before his house, where they rung what they called the rough music, in order to get him out of the house, which had the desired effect; and he no sooner appeared among them, but the women put him in a blanket, and carried him to the pond, where he was severely ducked several times, in the presence of two or three hundred spectators, who were highly delighted at the sight, the more so, because his wife has an unblemished character; and before the women let him go, they made him promise to be very good to his wife for the future, and never misuse her any more.

Admiralty Office, March 3. Capt. Edgcombe of the Salisbury has taken and carried into Plymouth a French east India ship of 700 tons, called the Jason, of 30 guns, and 180 men, bound to Pondicherry, laden with ammunition and stores, and 8 casks of silver.

London, March 6. On the 4th arrived at Portsmouth the Union, a French register ship of 30 guns, and 113 men, from the Havannah bound to Cadiz, taken the 27th ult. about seven leagues from the latter port, by the Bristol, commanded by the hon. capt. Montague. She had 360,000 dollars registered on board; besides cocoa, cochineal, spanish snuff and hides.

The same day arrived the Grand Biche, a French privateer of 22 guns, and 160 men, which was taken the 27th ult. within sight of Ushant, by capt. Campbell, in his majesty's ship the Bellona, after a chase of 4 or 5 hours, when upon firing 14 guns she struck.

On the 2d instant, his majesty's ship the Monmouth, commanded by capt. Henry Harrison, brought into Plymouth, a French privateer of 20 carriage and 8 swivel guns, and 136 men, called the Count deMaurepas, which she took on the 19th of last month, after a chase of three days.

Whitball, March 8. The king has been pleased to constitute and appoint James Francis Mercer, to be lieutenant-colonel of the regiment of foot commanded by Sir William Pepperrell, bart.

Calwal. Blaney, to be major. And, Warren Johnson to be a captain in the said regiment.

London, March 21. By express from Bristol we hear the Tyger privateer, capt. Sieux, was arrived there with a Spanish register ship from the Havannah, bound to Cadiz, which he took within 8 leagues of that port. She is call'd the Theresa, and is a prize of considerable value, having on board 60,000 dollars, besides a rich cargo. The Tyger having fallen in with Sir Peter Warren's Squadron, 5 days before his arrival at Bristol, the captain of her took the money out of the prize, and put it on board admiral Warren, who ordered a man of war of 40 guns to see him and his prize safe to Bristol.

There is advice, that Sir Edward Hawke's Squadron, consisting of twelve ships of the line of battle, is before Cadiz, in order to prevent outward bound, and intercept inward bound ships.

The Lydia, Tiffin, from Maryland to London, is retaken and sent into Plymouth by a Dutch man of war. The Marshal, Feron, from Maryland for London, is lost off Rye.

We are assured that his majesty the king of Prussia has presented the prince Stadtholder with a hundred pieces of brass cannon.

Extract of a letter from a person of credit at The Hague, dated March 15.

"It is certain, that not only the inhabitants, but the garrison of Bergen-op-zoom, are ready to perish for the want of provisions and necessaries: They pay 18 sols for a pound of butter, ten stivers for a pound of cheese; for a loaf of three pound weight 12 stivers; for one pound of very lean bad flesh near nine stivers; for a sack of potatoes ten florins; a cartot one stiver, an egg two stivers. An epidemical Distemper has carried off near 5000 French soldiers. To make coffins for the dead, they are forced, for want of other wood, to pull up the floors of the houses.

Extract of a letter from Gosport, March 17.

"Yesterday morning sail'd from St. Hellens, with the wind at N. E. admiral Osborne, in the Tilbury man of war, and Speedwell sloop of war, with a large convoy of merchantmen for the West Indies; and as the wind still continues fair, 'tis hoped they will get clear of the channel."

His Catholick majesty, has caused the French minister at his court to be informed, that the count de Montijo will assist on his behalf at the ensuing conferences at Aix la Chapelle, and that it would give him great pleasure to see the preliminaries of a general peace speedily adjusted, since, besides the vast expense of the present war, the interruption of the trade with his Dominions in America has been so fatal to the colonies there, that many of them are almost ruined. Upon some hints given, that the ministry of Versailles were not ignorant of a certain separate negotiation, the bishop of Rennes was very plainly told, that separate negotiations were to the full as justifiable as separate operations in war, and that the settlement of the Infant Don Philip in Italy, was as much the object of his Catholick majesty's views, as the procuring the cession of a great part of the Low Countries, or of an equivalent for them, was that of the most Christian king.

The computation formed of the force of the allied army in the low countries next campaign, carries it so high as one hundred ninety-two thousand men. All the operations; if we are justly informed, will be concerted between his royal highness the Duke, and his serene highness the prince Stadtholder; but the grand army, which is to act offensively against the French, and which will consist of one hundred thousand men at least, will be under the sole command of his royal highness.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, May 12.

Sunday last arrived here the snow Molly and Salley, capt. Perry, from Barbados. In her passage she met with, engaged, and took, the ship Aurora, capt. Maccarty, from Mississippi to Cape Francois; which vessel is likewise safe arrived in this port. The engagement lasted about an hour and a quarter, in which time capt. Maccarty had one man killed, and several wounded; capt. Perry had none kill'd nor wounded. The ship mounts 18 guns, and had about 40 men on board; the snow carries 14 guns, and had about the same number of hands with the ship. Unluckily for the captors, capt. Maccarty, having touched at the Havannah, put some chests of money he had on board, into a frigate 36 guns, likewise bound to the capes.

May 19. Tuesday last arrived here Capt. Davis, in a flag of Truce from the Havanna, with about Twenty Prisoners. By him we learn that Don Pedro and his Concert were still at the Havanna, but that there were a Number of other Privateers out; and that as he came out two large Prizes were going in.

This Morning arrived here Capt. Pyramus Green, who sailed last Week from this Place for Bermuda, in a small Schooner, called the Phenix, laden with Bread and Indian Corn, but was taken about 30 Leagues S. E. of the Cape last Sunday Morning, by a Privateer Sloop from Cape Francois (formerly the Clinton of N. York) mounting 14 Carriage Guns, and 16 Swivels, with 175 Men, the same that cruized in our Bay last Year. They took out his Hands, and all his Bread, threw the Indian Corn over-board, put 10 Men on board his Vessel, with Muskets and Blunderbusses, and order'd them to proceed to the Capes of Delaware. On Monday Evening they anchored in Hoarkill Road, and about Midnight weigh'd and boarded the Brig. Tinker, Capt. M'Carter, from Providence, then lying there at Anchor. All the Frenchmen went on board