

travellers, set out in three post chaises from Vincennes, without any other escorte than the marquis de Peruzzi, an officer of the guards, charged to conduct him by the way of Fountainbleau, to the place of his destination. Some say, he is gone the Lyons road, and will take up his residence at Avignon: Others think he will be conducted as far as Marseilles, and shipped off there for Civita Vecchia. Another set of people will have it, that he is gone to reside in Switzerland, but whether at Friburg or Solothurn they don't know; nor can any man tell what to make of this farce, till the restoration of our marine, upon which they continue to work very diligently, clear up the mystery, and give half an eye to some people, who at present seem to have none at all."

*Paris, December 20.* There arrive here a few days since, the duke of Richmond's secretary, in order to take for His grace one of the best houses in this city. The English lords and gentlemen, who had retired from hence on account of the Pretender's son being still here, have returned again, on hearing that he is sent to Vincennes. The reason of the name of Edward, which the young Pretender has assumed, has been lately very much the enquiry and conversation of many people here, who profess themselves surprized at his taking the name, when in all his declarations and professions, he calls himself Charles. But various reasons have been assigned, too many to enumerate here; but the names the royal almanack of Paris give him are, Charles Edward Lewis Philip Cadmar. The affair relating to his departure is at length determined: He declared the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month, that he was disposed to conform to the directions of the king: His majesty, after having been informed of his intentions, was pleased to give directions that he should be released on his parole of honour, provided he departed without delay, and retired absolutely out of these dominions. He was released the 15<sup>th</sup> from Vincennes, and came to Fountainbleau, where he resided till the 17<sup>th</sup>; then he departed, attended by two captains of the guards, and a commandant of the musquetairs. We cannot yet tell exactly the place where he will retire.

*Paris, December 25.* The young Pretender, after having parted from Fountainbleau, went chiefly to Pont Beauvoisin; from whence he crossed to Savoy, to go, as it is presumed, to the canton of Friburg, where the regency received him with the utmost satisfaction, and treated him, with the lords and gentlemen who attended him, with great respect, and presented him with a magnificent service of plate, made by the king's goldsmith.

*Paris, December 27.* There have appeared lately five ordinances from the king, relative to various reductions in the troops, and other points of a military nature. His majesty has been pleased to grant to marshal count de Saxe, one of the islands in the neighbourhood of Martinico, with the title of sovereign, to him and his descendents, with permission to people it, and to make such establishments therein, as shall seem to him expedient.

#### KINGSTON, in Jamaica

*Jan. 14.* This day came in the privateer Resolution schooner, Capt. Owens, from a cruise, but last from Rattan, where he has been for some time past; he has brought in with him a Spanish prize, which he took before the cessation of arms, in which was the governor of Fort Chagre, whom he used with the greatest humanity, and afterwards dismissed. In the taking this vessel (which was greatly superior to him in force, having several great guns, small arms, and between 40 and 50 men), he was obliged to use a stratagem, which had the desired effect. Capt. Owens had with him at this time a small vessel, which he had taken some time before, but could be of no service to him in fighting. He came up to the Spaniards in the night, and after the usual salute, call'd out to him, *That he had better strike to him, for if the other captain came up, meaning his small prize, which was behind, he would give them no quarter;* upon which, being all in confusion with the suddenness of the thing, the governor called out of the cabin window for good quarters; which being misunderstood by the others, they fired a volley of small arms upon them; and they immediately struck, deliver'd up their guns and other arms to Capt. Owens, but were not a little vexed at themselves to find, when the small prize came up, that our captain had not more than 22 men that were able to assist him in the attack.

*Feb. 11.* We are informed by Capt. Woods, who touch'd at the Windward Islands, in his way thither from the coast of Guiray, that the French guarda costas keep a strict look-out at Martique, to prevent a clandestine trade. It had been

trading on their coast, and that they had used the captains and crew with the utmost rigour, insomuch that several of the captains died in prison.

#### Pursuants, New-Hampshire, Feb. 7, 1748 9.

Some time in December last, a man arrived here by 11 o'clock A. M. who had that morning walked from Exeter, about 15 miles, and the day before from Londonderry (the place of his habitation) between 20 and 30 miles from Exeter: He would have come through the first day, but being unacquainted with the road, eat heartily and slept soundly there. His business was with an attorney, to get something done that would prevent his son, between 80 and 90 years old, from injuring his daughter (of about 20) of her dowry; and after dexterously performing his business, was going 25 miles out of his way home, to see how many children his grandchildren's grandchildren had, for they had been married several years. By his countenance and sprightly gait, he appears as though he was but about 50, 55, or not more than 60 years of age. He was just leaving the grammar school when Oliver Cromwell died, of which he has a perfect remembrance; and indeed of a most every remarkable event that has been since, as well as many before that. The powers of his mind are as vigorous and active as those of his body. He labour'd last Spring at days work, making stone wall, and received common wages, or as much as any of his great grandchildren children would have had. He calls himself 104 years old, but comparing notes, 108 is thought to be nearer the truth. He never had a moment's sickness in his life, and don't know what we call pain; in particular, a load or oppression at the stomach; never eating or drinking without an appetite, and never cloying that. He has thoughts of the matrimonial state, having lived near 20 years single, after living near 20 matrimonial lives. *Rara avis in terra, Guiteima faminis Scabie.*

#### WILLIAMSBURG, March 23.

*Extract of a Letter from Barbados, Decemb. 11.*

The Chesterfield man of war, from Guiney, is brought in under command of the boatswain: One of the lieutenants (named Leuchman) form'd a party on board on the coast, and set up for themselves as pirates. Accordingly, they took their opportunity when the captain (Dudley), two lieutenants, and the purser, just went ashore, and return'd to hoist the barge on board, weigh anchor, and set sail. All went well with them for 5 or 6 days, during which time the boatswain being applied to among the rest, gave curious answers, and only avoided giving them offence, and took his opportunity to found one and another of the crew on the matter whom he perceived least earnest, and by that means confirmed above one half of the number on his side against the piracy; and without collecting or hercing together, he took, a sudden occasion to pipe, and call all hands upon deck, and in few words told them the inconvenience and impossibility of success in what they were going upon, and demanded who was for their king and country, and for being honest men? Whereupon, in an instant, more than two thirds of the crew join'd him, with their usual uproar: And the boatswain himself, without any discomposure, went and seiz'd the new captain in his cabin, and clapp'd him and near fifty of the crew, his best friends, in irons. Among them is the carpenter's mate, who it seems was one of Lowther the pirate's crew, and from whom it is conjectur'd the whole has arose; the lieutenant himself having been a man of extreme good character, as well as an officer, as in his private life and family, wholly supporting a mother and sisters by his pay; but all must be charged on him, as the commanding officer."

The brigantine Endeavour, Capt. Simpson, bound from Glasgow to Virginia, with a considerable quantity of goods on board, was taken last October, near our capes by a Spanish privateer. Several gentlemen here, who were interested in the said brig, agreed to send in search of her to St. Augustine and Havana, as she was taken out of time. They accordingly fitted out a vessel, and sent Capt. Simpson in her. He return'd to Virginia last week, and relates, that he found the brig at Havana; but could not get her released; the governor refusing it on account of admiral Knowles's having taken a Spanish man of war, and burnt another, but a little before. That admiral Knowles, the next day after he took the said ship, took a packet boat from Old Spain; and finding in it the articles of peace signed between England and Spain, return'd to Havana, and sent it on shore to the governor; and also demanded restitution of the English ships there, and of the English prisoners there: To which the governor answered, that as to the prisoners they should be treated as he would see fit.