

hand cut off before he lost his head. As it was apprehended that the populace intended a rescue, two companies of dragoons, a strong detachment of the militia in the neighbourhood and another of the garrison, were ordered, contrary to custom, to guard the criminals to the place of execution, but no disturbance happened. Twenty other persons still remain confined.

Constantinople, July 19. The presents sent by the Emperor and Empress to the Grand Signior, amounting to between 40 and 50,000 dollars, have been delivered in a public audience by the Imperial minister, and were extremely well received. There is some advice from Erzerum and Aleppo, as if Mirza Ibrahim was fled, or had made his peace with Szawrook Schah, and even joined him; so that this latter remained sole possessor of the throne of Persia. A caravan is gone from Aleppo to Bagdad, with three hundred baies of English cloth. Haggi Mehemet, basha of Babylon, has entered that city; his first execution was the Bazirgan, the corps of Janizaries; a Jew offered 100 purjes of money to save his head, but without effect; he has also deposed the Janizary Aga; and it is now hoped, by this means, that the Grand Signior's government will be finally established in that province.

Dresden, August 1. Marshal Saxe, on his setting out for the court of Berlin, was desired by his majesty to take an opportunity of speaking on the difficulties that have retarded the execution of the late treaty, which is established a good harmony between this court and that of Berlin, and even to propose to the king of Prussia a definitive arrangement on that matter. We find he has done so, and that his Prussian majesty answered him in terms equal to his wishes; so that 'tis expected every dispute will be shortly adjusted, to the mutual satisfaction of both courts.

Extract of a Letter from an authentic Person at the Hague, dated July 30.

"The affair of renewing the treaty of commerce between France and the republic, is, it is said, in so fair a way of being justified, that their high magnificences have thought fit to send back M. de Larrey, who it was thought was assigned to supply the place of the count de Groenfeldt at Berlin. It is said that M. de Larrey has had the address to render the ministers favourable with whom he has treated, especially since M. de Roillie has not been of their number. So that if M. de Larrey does not absolutely conclude this business, M. Lestevend de Berckroed, appointed ambassador to France, will find most of the difficulties removed which stood in the way of finishing it to the satisfaction of the state. There are, however, some people who doubt, whether the good dispositions which appear at the court of France, are so sincere as they are pretended to be: For, say they, how can these be consistent with the unwearied measures which they are taking for advancing their commerce?"

Hague, August 8. The last ordinance published here by the states of Holland of the 29th of July, relating to the pro-rata tax, has had the desired effect, and greatly quieted the mind of the people; and it is assured that the levies go on without difficulty, and will raise a very large sum of money.

August 9. We hear that affairs still continue on the same footing between the courts of London and Madrid. The latter court is, to the exception of the 16th article of the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, relating to the four years' non enjoyment of the affirmo contract; but pretends not to be obliged to pay anything further. So 'tis thought, that if the court of Spain persists in the mind it at present appears in, the South-sea company will prefer the acceptance of a recompense, in lieu of the our non enjoyed permission ships.

Constantinople, July 1. The ferment which seemed to threaten this city with a new revolt, is dissipated by the care taken by the government, to apprehend secretly about 20 of the leading men amongst the factious, who have since been strangled, and their bodies thrown into the Black sea.

Our advices from Persia still represent that kingdom as miserably rent by factions, who all seem to desperately bent on each others ruin, that there is little probability of soon seeing an end to their civil wars. The new sovereign, Auil Nasir, has indeed endeavour'd to get the good will of all parties, but has succeeded with none, and at length has taken it into his head to practice severity, as a more effectual method to secure him on the throne. But all his examples of severity have been so ill judged and ill timed, that the people cry out against him as a tyrant, and he is hourly in danger of seeing himself belied in his capital city.

Algerine. His arrival here, with dis-

destroying the navigation of the states on the coast of Barbary: But it is doubted whether the Porte will make any preparations for succouring them, before she is well assured that Spain and the Italian powers are in earnest.

L O N D O N

July 29. We are assured that their graces the dukes of Newcastle and Bedford have subscribed 400*l.* for the encouragement of the Scotch fisheries.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, July 25.

"After the earl of Albemarle and the marquis de Miraport have had time to look about them a little, the two courts will nominate commissioners to regulate the limits of each, and clearly distinguish the property of each power. On our side, great stress is laid on certain claims or titles, whereby it appears that the island of C^o. should be included in France's share of that province: And tho' the British court does not entirely allow this, there is nevertheless room to believe, that the matter will meet with as few difficulties as the affair of Tobago did. There is still more reason to hope so, when we consider the perfect concert that reigns between the two courts, and the good understanding of which they mutually give each other proofs. One of the principal objects they have in view, is to make this harmony subservient to the maintaining of peace in the North, if it be possible to bring the jarring parties to such a final arrangement, as may prevent all thoughts of discord for the future. — This kind of harmony, says a daily paper, may be productive of discord, not yet understood here, but readily apprehended at St.—m, E.—n, and V.—les; perhaps at ——— too."

On Tuesday last a woman in man's apparel came to the shop of an eminent silversmith in the borough, to sell some pieces of silver, which appeared to be part of the ornaments of two silver candlesticks, advertised to have been stolen from a college in Cambridge; he stopped the person and the plate, and carried her before William Hammond, Esq; and upon refusing to tell her name, or give any account how she came by the plate, she was committed by him to the New goal for further examination. When she came to the New goal, and not before, it was suspected that she was not the sex of the dress she wore; the keeper immediately ordered her to be searched, which was done, and the imposture detected. Although she appears to be but a young woman, she is an old offender, and has made confession of a great many extraordinary robberies on the highway, &c. that she has committed in several parts of England, in the same apparel: And she likewise gives a very entertaining account of the amours she has carried on with her own sex, and has been actually married to no less than six within twelve months. It was always her custom, on the evening of the day of marriage, to take an opportunity to divest her supposed bride of every thing she had that was valuable, except her virginity.

This week the lords of the admiralty, who have viewed all the cocks, ships, &c. on the Eastern part of England, set out for Portsmouth to view those docks.

August 1. Last Wednesday it was strongly reported, that the crew of one of his majesty's ships, stationed on the coast of Ireland, had mutinied, killed their captain and some other officers, and run away with the ship.

August 3. By letters from Genoa, of July 28, we are assured that the affairs of the Corsicans are in no better a condition than they have been for some time past, as his most Christian majesty is not as yet come to any resolution concerning them.

The same letters add, that matters are so far from being adjusted, that there are fresh tumults and commotions; and that some of the malecontents have been so rash as not only to bid defiance to his majesty's troops there; but even to fire on some of the detachments of the troops that have been raised by the natives of the island.

The marquis de Curzay, who was at Ajaccio, having intelligence of this new insurrection of rebels, went away from thence directly, in order, if possible, to prevent any further mischief from those rebels.

August 9. On Sunday the lords of the admiralty, who had been surveying the docks, &c. at Portsmouth, set out for Plymouth, to survey that dock, harbour, &c.

August 10. We hear that the Carolina yacht, now rebuilding at Deptford, will be much larger than the former; and will be, according to her model, the most beautiful vessel hitherto built.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, July 20.

"The affairs of the ——— dir in such a manner ———"