

mirish ensued, in which four or five burghers being killed, and ten or twelve wounded, the rest retired. The same day a deputation came from Haerlem to the prince, demanding the abolition of the taxes, with many other ridiculous proposals; but the prince gave no answer thereto, and committed the deputies, who were eight in number, to prison. Several of the ringleaders are taken, and the prince seems to be vigorous in the punishment of those offenders, and a strict enquiry will be made into the conduct of the magistrates.

This military execution at Haerlem has produced so good an effect, that at all the other towns in Holland they continue quiet, and the collectors proceed in raising taxes, without any opposition.

L O N D O N.

Extract of a letter from Gosport, Feb. 4.

Several robberies have been committed since my last in these parts, both on the water and land: one night several sails were cut away, and stolen from sailing Boats in the harbour.

The wind has been excessive high for several days and nights past, many boats have been drove from their anchors and lost; others have been sunk; and on Friday the Lion hoy, in the government service, going with stores for Plymouth-yard, run on shore on the beach near South-Sea castle, where the hull remains; all the persons on board were saved, as likewise the stores; she still stands upright but part of her bottom is out.

By the unhappy misfortune of the lots of his majesty's ships in the East-Indies, a great number of widows, and fatherless children are left in this town; as likewise many persons have lost their relations and friends; in short, no person can describe the sorrow and grief amongst them, but those persons who are left in those unhappy circumstances.

Feb. 7. On Sunday morning a boat overset just below the stile of Dogs; there were seven persons in her, but happily six of them were saved by a boat's putting off from the shore. The body of the lost person, a man, was on Monday found among the reeds a little below the place.

Feb. 7. Sunday evening several people were robbed in the Five Fields leading to Chelsea, but robbery was ill used; one of the footpads said while they were robbing a gentleman, *take the buckles out of his shoes*, but his comrades made answer, *no we only take watches and money to night.*

Last Saturday night one Macdonald, said to be a priest, was taken from a house in George street, Bloomsbury, for speaking several treasonable words, and singing disloyal songs, for which he was committed to prison.

On Friday night last as Mr. Alix was going from Camberwell to his house in Coalharbour lane near that place, attended by his own servant with a candle and lantern, he was attacked by three fellows, who robb'd both master and man of their hats and wigs, shoe-buckles, and what money they had about them, and afterwards tied them back to back; in which condition they got home, which was near a quarter of a mile.

On Friday last one Peirce was committed to St. Alban's goal, for robbing Mr. Butler on that road a few days before.

On Monday John Wilkinson, alias Windsor, and William North were re examined before justice Fielding, and were committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell, for robbing Mr. Crompton of a gold watch and money, near the Hospital at Hyde-Park-Corner.

Yesterday two men were a second time brought before the said justice, on a suspicion of having robbed Enoch Hall, Esq; in his chair in New-street, Covent Garden; and after an examination which lasted several hours, were at length discharged.

Last night came down a respite for Hammond, who was to have suffered this day with the other malefactors.

Feb. 13. As there is not any reason to doubt that the surprising shock which happen'd last Thursday in and about this metropolis, was occasion'd by an earthquake, we believe that a short account of the causes of this dreadful phenomenon will not be unentertaining to our readers. To conceive which, it is to be observ'd, that the earth every where abounds in huge subterraneous caverns, veins and canals; some of which are full of water, others of exhalations, and some replete with nitre, sulphur, bitumen, vitriol, and the like igneous substances. 1. The earth, therefore itself may be the cause of earthquakes, when the basis of some large mass being wore away by a fluid underneath, sinks, and with its weight, occasions a tremor of the adjacent parts, produces a noise, and frequently an inundation of water. 2. The subterraneous waters may

new courses; or the water, being heated and rarified by the subterraneous fires, may emit fumes and blasts, which by their action, either on the water, or immediately on the earth itself, may occasion great Percussions. 3. Air may be the cause of earthquakes; for if it be pent up in the too narrow viscera of the earth, the subterraneous, or its own native force rarifying and expanding it, the force with which it endeavours to escape, may shake the earth. 4. Fire is a principal cause of earthquakes; both as it produces the subterraneous air or vapour from the different matter and composition of which arise sulphur, bitumen, and other inflammable substances, so that it is forced either from some other fire it meets, or from its coallition against hard bodies, or its intermixture with other fluids, and bursting out into a greater compass, the adjoining parts are shaken, till having forced a passage, it spends itself in a vulcano. An earthquake happen'd at Oxford in 1665, and another in 1683, but they are not attended here with the terrible appearances that they have in hotter climates.

Feb. 19. Saturday last at Covent Garden vestry was held a general meeting of the governors of the Hospital of the small-pox and inoculation, at which were present the right hon. the lord Macclesfield, the right rev. the lords bishops of Worcester and Caichester, the right hon. Edward Southwell, Esq; George Cooke, Esq; and several others of the nobility and gentry, when divers sums were subscribed, towards the further assistance of that great and necessary charity.

Feb. 20. On Sunday morning a woman was found murder'd in some waste ground at the back of Whitecross street, having several wounds in different parts of her body.

The same day was committed to the said goal, Mary Maplesden, charged with having stolen two shirts from Martha Roberts, of Ashford.

On Wednesday night several persons attempted to break into the house of the right hon. the earl of Leicester, in Great Russell street Bloomsbury, but being overheard five of them were taken, and committed to prison yesterday under a strong guard.

Feb. 22. On Tuesday night Mr. Hyndes, a distiller in Carnaby Market, was knock'd down by two fellows within a few yards of his own house, who robb'd him, and beat him in so barbarous a manner with a hammer, that his life is despair'd of.

Yesterday several persons were taken up on the evidence of the fellow committed for robbing the countess of Albemarle.

Feb. 23. Yesterday it was said, that George Taylor the famous boxer died on Wednesday night near Enfield.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Parker, a brewer at Epsom, was attacked on Clapham common by three men in sailors habits, who took from him his money and horse. The same fellows afterwards robbed two other persons, and took from them likewise their horses.

On Thursday se'nnight Mr. Moon, a farmer of Marden, was beat, cut and robb'd on Cock's-Heath, by two highwaymen.

And on Saturday several robberies were committed near Maidenstone.

Extract of a Letter from Almwick, dated June 29.

For some time past this neighbourhood has been infested with a gang of rogues, commonly employ'd in ballad singing, begging, or fortune telling; and on Saturday last a man and a woman (said to be his wife) both of the last named profession, were whipp'd and sent to the Tower. Besides committing some petty robberies, he forged a pass for himself, with the name of one of our neighbouring justices at it; by which he was detected. Some more of the gang were taken up that night, one of whom had some lace on his cloaths. He was afterwards dismissed; but by a description given of him, he appears to be one that had made his escape from Morpeth jail.

Monday was committed to his majesty's goal in St. Dunstan's, Thomas Baker, charged by Robert Marsh, of Longport in this county, for entering his dwelling house between two and three of the clock in the morning, under pretence of being pursued as a deserter by two soldiers, and for being a loote, idle and disorderly person, and grossly prevaricating in his examination, and for not giving any reasonable or probable account of himself.

They write from Canterbury, that Mr. Wattle, a taylor of Maidstone, was robb'd on Monday se'nnight about 9 in the morning, of about 5*l.* by two young fellows, well dress'd, between Chatham and Maidstone.

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