

L O N D O N .

May 2. Two 45 Gun Men of War are ordered to be built at Woolwich, and three 20 Gun Ships at Chatham.

May 10. From Berlin we hear, that his Prussian Majesty has published a Declaration in Favour of the Asiatic Company, established at Embœen, importing, That if hereafter, whether soon or late, a War breaks out in Europe, it shall not occasion the least Prejudice to any Foreigners that may lodge their Money in the Funds of this Company, no not even if their Courts should be at open War with his said Majesty. The same Advices inform us, that they are remounting the Cavalry in Silesia with all possible Diligence.

They write from Vienna, that a Proposition has been made at Court to fix the military Establishment of Hungary at 70,000 National Troops: But though this may be easily done, as that Kingdom is well peopled, it is doubted whether the Government will consent to it, because the Porte continued to give them Assurances of a sincere Desire to live in Peace with all her Neighbours; and yet they acknowledge in the same Breath, that their last Advices from Constantinople bring a Confirmation, that both Turks and Tartars are making great Preparations for a War: However, they are very unwilling to take any Step that might give Umbrage to the Porte, and hasten a Rupture.

The last Letters from Dresden advise, that Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, has great Hopes of succeeding in his Negotiation for a Subsidy Treaty between that Court and the Maritime Powers.

They write from Paris, that their India Company has received an Express from Port L'Orient, with the agreeable News that the Town of Pondicherry, which had been blockaded and besieged several Months by the Nabob of Golconda, with an Army of above fifty Thousand Men, got rid of them in the Month of October last: The Nabob being discouraged at seeing his Army dwindle away to no Purpose before the Town, came to a Resolution to raise the Siege; but the French, sustained by the Indians in their Interest, pursued him as far as Girgy and Mazulpatan, which they made themselves Masters of, and from thence continued their March towards Arcatte, in order to bring the Nabob to Terms of Peace; and they reckoned he would make up Matters with them on their own Conditions, rather than go on with a War, which had already proved so expensive and ruinous to him.

May 11. The Algerines have cut out of a little Port, near Cutrove, eight Neapolitan Vessels, two Genoese, and a large Venetian Ship richly laden.

Yesterday the Society of the Free British Fishery, with their Officers, waited on his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and delivered the following Petition:

'The President, Vice President, Council and Society of the Free British Fishery, encouraged by his Majesty's Royal Approbation, humbly approach your Royal Highness to intreat your favourable Acceptance of being their Governor; an Honour condescended to by your illustrious and much lamented Father, whose princely Virtues were eminently conspicuous; by his constant Attention to, and his generous Concern for, the Welfare of this Kingdom, and the Prosperity of its Commerce.

'As we considered the Success of this national Undertaking, from which the most lasting Advantages are expected, to have depended greatly upon his gracious Protection, we cannot but hope for the same Benefits from the Influence of your Royal Highness the Inheritor of all his Virtues; and therefore, S I R, we beseech you to take this Fishery under your Protection, which will add new Vigour to our Endeavours, and prove the most auspicious Omen of its Success.'

To which his Royal Highness was pleased to return the following Answer:

Gentlemen,

'I return you my Thanks for this Mark of your Duty to the King, and of your Regard to me. You may be assured, I shall always be glad to contribute every Thing in my Power to the Success of your laudible Attempt for extending the Commerce of his Majesty's Subjects.'

After which they all had the Honour of kissing his Royal Highness's Hand.

K I N G S T O N, in Jamaica, May 11.

By a Vessel which arrived here on Sunday last, we have an

Account that two Dutch Sloops which fitted out from this Port about 3 Months ago, for the Spanish Coast, run foul of one another at Sea in the Night, and were greatly damaged; one of them putting in to rest, a little to Windward of Porto Bello, was attacked by a Spanish Guarda Costa; the Sloop made a sort of a running Fight, but unluckily run herself ashore on the Rocks, and was entirely lost, the Captain and most of his Men had just Time to get into the Canoe without taking any Thing with them, but were afterwards taken up by the Spaniards:—The above Vessel, which is a Dutchman, meeting them at Sea, ransomed the Captain for a considerable Sum, and has brought him in here. The other Sloop they can give no Account of, unless she has gone into some Port to rest.

St. J O H N'S, in Antigua, May 24.

Between Twelve o'Clock on Sunday Night, and one in the Morning, a very smart Shock of an Earthquake was felt here, and in other Parts of the Island, which lasted but a short Time, and, thank God, did no Damage that we hear of.

Notwithstanding the many Reports we have had of the Neutral Islands being evacuated, a Gentleman who has been lately at Dominico assures us, that the French there are under no little Apprehensions of being obliged to leave it, that they are building Houses and Works extremely fast; and the constant Supply of the Inhabitants which almost daily arrive there from Europe, and the other French Islands, having been so great of late, that they talk in Terms we don't chuse to repeat, in Case there should be any Attempts made to drive them off.

B O S T O N .

July 8. By a Vessel from Chinesco we have Advice, that the French are busy at Work in building a large and strong Fort within a Mile and a Half of ours, and that they had fired several Shot from it at his Majesty's Sloop Dove, as she lay at Anchor in a Creek near our Fort: And, that the French Man of War seen some Weeks ago standing up the Bay of Fundy, was arrived at St. John's River.

Saturday last his Majesty's Ship Success, Lord Colvill, Commander, arrived here from Halifax.

July 15. Last Week Capt. M'Carthy arrived here from Newcastle, who on the 23d of June last, spoke with Capt. Snow, in a Schooner belonging to this Town, bound to Newfoundland, who inform'd Capt. M'Carthy, that he came from Louisburg two Days before, where were five French Men of War of the Line, and that the Day after he came out, he met and spoke with another Ship of War of the same Nation, of 26 Guns, bound to Louisburg; and, that the Report there was, that they were going to take Halifax.

N E W - Y O R K .

July 15. We have Advice from Albany, that on Thursday, the 20th of June last, a Carpenter's Wife of that City, having been for some Time before uneasy in Mind, and her Husband then from home, went up Stairs, telling her Brother and Sister who were with her, that she would take a Nap; a Gun being in the Room, she tied a String to the Trigger, and setting the Muzzle to her Breast, fired it off, and died instantly: She appeared a Shocking Sight.

Friday last his Excellency our Governor arrived here in good Health from Albany, where he had been to meet the Chiefs of the Six Nations of Indians:—His Excellency arrived there the 20th of last Month, and the greatest Part of the Indians came down in 3 Days after: We hear the Indians were very well pleased at this Meeting, and at the Presents made them; and after promising to keep the Covenant inviolate, returned back with great Satisfaction.

We hear also, That the Presents brought by the Hon. William Bull, Esq; from South-Carolina, were thankfully received by those People; and the Chiefs of the Catawba Indians, who accompanied him, were received very cordially by them, and a Cessation of Arms, in order for a lasting Peace, was mutually agreed on.

We have Advice by private Letters from Rhode-Island, that Capt. Richards arrived there just as the Post came out, in but six Weeks from London; those Letters inform, that his Majesty's Ship Centaur, Capt. Crosby, stationed at this Place, as also the Brig Garland, Capt. Machet, of and from this Port, were both to sail in a Day or two for Nova-Scotia, and from thence to proceed directly here.