

the Black Art & Dealings of the Romish Priests; The Divine Stroke is reported at the time of Enterance on that Festival.—The Calamity Befalling the whole Maritime Coast gave alarm to His Portuguese Majesty, who arrived in View to the downfall of his Towers, His Gorgeous Palaces, Solemn Temples, and of his Metropolis (the Stroke being particular at the City of Lisbon) where fell the Custom house, the Key Rich with Effects from all nations, and Crowded with People, Sunk at once Fathomless! The Rich India House, with the remainder of that opulent City left as a Rack behind! of which the best Effects are Dissolved by the General Conflagration that Ensued.—The King with Amaze and Fear retired under a Tent, attended with the Lamentations and Shrieks of his People, of whom the most were Naked, Destitute, Bereft of all! And upon rough Computation amounts to Twenty Millions Sterling and of People more than 50,000. The only Relief left was the Mint Rich in Treasure, and some Provision Vessels with Stores that fortunately arrived.—I know not its Equal in Misfortune, But that of Sodom and Gomorrah—destroy'd in the Land of the Canaanites, unless the Extention of the Deluge.

Account from Paris, mention a Jesuit stil'd Nicholas the 1<sup>st</sup> who is said to have assumed the Sceptre of Paraguay. It is there given out the Title of King has Succeeded that of Generalissimo, which he had before, as is the Custom of the Country of the Missions, where all Troops are Subordinate to the Provincial Father and alledge, the Natives of Paraguay have made Surrender of the Soil to Them; therefore they deem themselves Lords of the Soil and all things on it, and consequently may put in a Plea against the New Regulation of Limits between Spain and Portugal, at least their Title to Paraguay is as good as that of the Bishop of Rome to the Territories called S<sup>t</sup> Peter's Patrimony.—Sure these Casuists are from Satan! not from the Divine S<sup>t</sup> Peter's whole Kingdom was not of this World.

It has been talk'd and is of a Proposition to Parliament of raising 1,500 to consist only of Swiss and Germans, to be sent to Pensilvania; if not compleated in Europe than of such Foreigners in that Province, and the Command thereof to a M<sup>r</sup> Prevo a German; Here is a great Roar against it.—It disagreeing with the Rules of Policy in Regard to Officers here and America, I think it will be drop'd. On it's being mention'd to me by Particulars, I gave for answer, There could be no doubt of much Benefit from Forces sent to America, But to be composed of Corps Foreigners Quarter'd particularly at Philadelphia, in either Case with Submission I Judged would give great Dissatisfaction in America: It would Enrich Pen-