

the King's Palace Viz. The Marchioness of Tavora Beheaded, Her son Joseph Maria on S<sup>t</sup> Andrews Cross strangled & his Bones Broke, the Count Attongnia & the young Marquis of Tavora served the same as also the Duke Aviero & the Marquise's Serv<sup>ts</sup> the same. Then the old Marquis of Tavora broke alive on the wheel & the Duke D'Aveiro Grand Master of the King's Houshold Broke intirely on the wheel. then Carpenters fix'd two stakes, one of the Dukes D'Aveiro's Serv<sup>ts</sup> that had shot at the King was chain'd to the stake & the Effigy of the other not taken. the Bodies executed were uncovered, the whole was set fire to & all consum'd together & the Ashes thrown into the Sea. Several accused remain in Prison Marquises, Bishops, Counts &c<sup>a</sup> & Jessuits the Latter are Supposed the Chief promotees of the intended Assassination. The Earl Marshall by the Intercession of the King of Prussia has obtain'd the King's Pardon. The Success of his Majesty's Arms last year Louisburg, Isle of S<sup>t</sup> Johns, Frountenax & ffort D'Quesne in America Senegal & Gorce in Africa, if Our sucesses are this year Equal, All will be over with the French in America Daily is Expect'd here an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Expedition to Martinica or Guardulope. God Grant Sucess & the means to us for an Hon<sup>ble</sup> Peace the King of Prussia stood his Ground well last year. Our Parliam<sup>t</sup> has Grant'd him Large Supply. His forces are greatly Augm<sup>td</sup> as also Our Army of Observation under Prince Ferdinand in Germany. the french tho' double in Number dared not attack them last year. I am much obliged to you for y<sup>r</sup> Bills inclosed in y<sup>rs</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Broth<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sharpe is married to a Widow M<sup>rs</sup> Sands, they have been Long Admirers, are now together for Holly Use, tis rather too late. The Tobacco Trade have had a Message from the Administration of 2<sup>d</sup> a pound on Tobacco for raising the supply in p<sup>t</sup> this year 'tis comput'd it will raise 100000£ p<sup>r</sup> Ann. tis to be laid on home Consumption Manufactor'd Tobacco. Excise on Tobacco is talk'd of, But the Merch<sup>ts</sup> tell me they think that will not be, they are offered to deliver the Plan the most suitable for the raising 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> Pound, they strive to have it but a penny p<sup>r</sup> £: the other penny on Sugar, by what I learn it won't do. March 10<sup>th</sup> the Commons voted 1<sup>s</sup> pro Rata value Ste<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> £ on Tobacco, Sugar, Storing Linnen & dry Goods an Additional Fund for the raising the Supply this year, the Duty on Tobacco home Consumption, Cap<sup>t</sup> Townshend Aid De Camp to Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Hopson is arrived from Bassetene in the Island of Guadalupe. By the Gen<sup>ls</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Pitt the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> it appears the 22<sup>d</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> Comod<sup>re</sup> Moore & the Gen<sup>l</sup> with the Fleet & Troops Besieged Bassetine & after severe