

his Britannic Majesty looking upon that Accommodation as the only and most speedy Means of causing the Election of a King of the Romans to be brought to a happy Conclusion, and to prevent any Violence resulting from it in the Empire: The Tranquillity which it at present enjoys, his Majesty is desirous of preserving, and perpetuating by gentle and benign Methods; and by such Means this Monarch will avoid being exposed to the Reproaches which have heretofore been cast upon the Court of France, which has been but too justly accused, that when it has contributed to restore Peace, and oblige foreign Powers who were in War, to be reconciled to each other, it almost always employed for that Purpose, Remedies which proved worse than the Disease.

News have been lately received here, that the Bantams had surprized Batavia, and plundered some Quarters of that powerful City; but that the Troops of the Castle having fallen upon them, drove them out of the Town. We have yet no Particulars of this Affair.

Amsterdam, May 16. According to what appears by Letters from Hanover and Vienna, the Earl of Hyndford will be charged with negotiating the delicate Affair of reconciling the Misunderstanding which has long subsisted between the Courts of Berlin and Hanover, an Undertaking which is far from being easy to execute, since great Difficulties will unavoidably arise in uniting the Interests of the two Electoral Houses, which are at present, in so many Respects, absolutely opposite: As however, in Point of Politics, there are few Enterprizes impossible to be effected by the great Monarch who undertakes this, so it is hoped that, in Time, the Court of Hanover will accomplish the salutary Work.

Berlin, May 23. The King has received from Mr. Pollman, his Minister at Ratibon, a full Account of the Deliberation in the Dyet about the Affair of East Friesland, and the Protest delivered by the said Minister on that Occasion; and his Majesty has just sent him fresh Orders, which are said to be extremely precise, and which cannot fail of rendering this Affair still more interesting, and worthy of the whole Germanic Body's most serious Attention.

Ratibon, May 24. The Affair of East Friesland continues to make a great Noise. The King of Great Britain, in Quality of Elector of Hanover, having desired it should be taken in Consideration, the Dyet proceeded thereto a few Days ago. The Minister of Brandenburg, pretending he ought to have been previously acquainted with this Step, has in Consequence delivered a Protest to the States of the Empire, drawn up in very strong Terms. The Public is vastly impatient to see the Issue of this Affair.

Ratibon, May 25. The Affair of East Friesland is still vigorously pushed in the Dyet. Since the first Steps taken on this Subject by the Electoral Envoy of Hanover, this Minister has referred to the Consideration of the Colleges of the Empire, Whether it would not be proper that on the Part of Brandenburg, the Suffrage of East Friesland should be provisionally renounced, 'til the Affair be legally settled by the Emperor in his Aulic Council? The principal Reason, on the Part of Hanover, for insisting on this, is, that the House of Brandenburg's Possession has not yet been acknowledged as valid: that it is disputed not only by the Electoral House of Brunswick, but also by collateral Pretenders to the Succession of East Friesland, such as the House of Lichtenstein, to mention no others; and that it hence follows, according to the Laws, Constitutions and Usages of the Emperor that a simple Possessor, whose Possession is moreover contested, cannot have a Seat nor Vote in the Colleges of the Empire, without infringing the same Laws, Usages, and Constitutions.

L O N D O N.

March 30. They write from France, that in Pursuance of a Royal Order, the Prostitutes in Paris, and other great Cities, are taken off the Streets, and sent to the Plantations; and that various Encouragements have been devised to promote Marriage amongst common People; to which, from the Hardships in their Way of Living, they are not naturally inclin'd. Some of the principal Academies have been likewise desir'd to propose Rewards for the best Discourses on Behalf of Industry; and to shew that Poverty is rarely the Lot of any, except those that seek it.

April 10. Yesterday Afternoon, a Man dressed in a Plaid Night Gown, a Scarlet Waistcoat, black Velvet Breeches, white Stockings, and a clean Shirt, walked up Drury Lane and down Queen Street, and various other Parts of the Town, with a treasonable Inscription on his Hat. He is said to be the same Person who a few Months ago was

committed for prophesying his Majesty's being poisoned, and was afterwards discharged for Lunacy.

April 11. On Friday John Jackson, alias Nicholas Moony, and John Jones, were brought to the Bar; they were arraigned for robbing Mr. Samuel Rich, and Mr. Shiercliff, Clerk to Mr. Wrazall, of two Watches, and several Pieces of Money, Gold and Silver. Jackson gave the Court but little Trouble, by pleading Guilty, agreeable to his Intention for several Days past: Confessed his having been a very wicked Man, and had committed other Crimes besides the above; that he had been an Officer in the Rebel Army, &c. John Jones absolutely denied his having any Concerns with Jackson in the above Robberies, or any other: That he had liv'd five Years in London, and never had a bad Character. — Both Guilty.

We are informed that Jackson, while in the Pen at Guildhall, went to Jones, and shook him by the Hand, and told him, "He hop'd they should meet in Heaven together;" on which Jones, who is much irritated at the other's being the Instrument of his present unhappy Circumstances, answered, "He did not care where he went, so as he did not go along with him." Some Time after Jackson went to him again, and spoke in the same Manner; when Jones made a second Reply, "That he did not care if he went to the Devil, so he did not go with him."

April 17. The Utrecht Gazette informs the World, that "Though his Majesty, in Quality of Elector of Hanover, has reserved his Claims to East Friesland on all Occasions that required such Reservation, he is not the less disposed to refer this Difference to a legal and impartial Tribunal that may give Sentence between him and the King of Prussia, in Regard to the Right of Possession of the said Principality, to the End that this Affair being also settled, nothing may obstruct the salutary Arrangements which his Majesty is taken up with for the Good of the Empire." — Upon which it may be observed, that the Aulic Council, before whom one of the Parties would fain bring this Affair, may be just as impartial as the Court of Vienna pleases; and if the other Party refuses to have his Pretensions to East Friesland canvassed by that Tribunal, how must the Affair be decided? The King of Prussia has already objected to the said Tribunal; therefore he must either recant, or the Affair must lie dormant, or be entirely dropt; especially as he gave very broad Hints, previous to the Memorial delivered by the Hanoverian Minister to the Dyet of the Empire in February last, that though Judgment should be procured against him, he would nevertheless find Ways and Means to keep Possession of East Friesland. However, let us hope that these Difficulties will easily be got over, though we can't readily guess by what Means.

May 2. Yesterday Col. Hopton set out, in order to embark for Nova Scotia; being appointed Governor there, in the Room of Col. Cornwallis, who is come to England.

Our Merchants have received Advice from Amsterdam, that a Dutch East India Ship, called the Fidelity, was arrived in the Texel, having on board 350000 lb. of Coffee of Java, 536000 lb. of Tea, 60000 lb. Wood of Japan, &c.

May 7. It is said, that Commodore Saunders, who has hoisted his Flag on board the Penzance, and is to protect the Fishery on the Banks, and at the Isle of Newfoundland, has Instructions to look out once more for the Island in the Latitude 49 Deg. 30 Min. of which the World has heard so much, and seen so little.

Our Correspondent at Paris acquaints us, that some People give out, the Court has actually received Advice of the Surrender of Trichempali, in the East Indies, but that is attended with Circumstances which at this Juncture render it improper for the public Ear.

May 11. Yesterday it was reported, that an Account was come from Gibraltar, that the Spanish Troops had made such Motions, as indicated they had an Intention to lay Siege to that Place, and that the Governor, apprehensive of such a Proceedure, had sent an Express to the Commandant of Port Mahon, to send him what Troops and Artillery he could spare. — How this Intelligence came is very uncertain, and we hope it's without Foundation.

May 11. By a Letter from Suffolk we have an Account, that Gangs of Fellows, consisting of 15 or 20, supposed to be Smugglers, go about armed and disguised, and best neighbourly Gentlemen's Houses, which they plunder, and carry off their Effects, after using them in a very cruel Manner, one of whom they were going to behead.

May 16. We are informed from Paris that the Manufactory of China is to be promoted and established to a very great Height; they expect in that

City from London some of the greatest Artists and best working Hands of our China Manufactories, by which they will be enabled to fix their own. In which we shall fulfil the Fable, that we are Cat's Paw for the Benefit of Strangers.

May 21. Letters from Spain and Oporto mention, that Trade is prodigious bad; that the Markets are so glutted with English Woolen Goods; that they are sold 20 per Cent. under prime Cost; and that there are more Goods now at their Markets, than will be sold these 15 Months, occasioned by the large Quantity of French Woolen Goods. If the Trade is not better conducted, what will our Farmers do with their Wool, which is now fallen in Price 30s. a Pack? And if our Trade is not better taken Care of, our Wool will be worth very little; a melancholy Thing to think of, — the Bulwark of our Country.

Great Quantities of Corn being daily exported from hence into foreign Parts, has considerably risen the Price thereof in several Parts of the Country, altho' there are Prospects of fine Crops the ensuing Season.

On Tuesday last an extraordinary Affair happened in Goswell Street: A Fellow who drove a Cart, sitting on the Cope drinking with several others, saw his Wife, whom he had left for another Woman, some Years, through the Window of an opposite House, ironing Linnen: Upon which he swore the most horrible Oaths, that he would murder her that Night, for he hated her; but at that Instant the Horses took Fright, and gave a sudden Start that threw him under the Wheel, which ran along his Body and over his Head, and tore him all to Pieces in the most miserable Manner; so that the Sounds of his Words were scarce heard, when he could utter no more.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, May 26, N.S.

From electrical Experiments perform'd by our most consummate Naturalists, in pursuance of those by Mr. Franklio, in Philadelphia, to find whether the tonitruous and electrical Matter be not analogous; it appears that to fix on the highest Part of Buildings or Ships, sharp pointed Iron Bars of ten or twelve Feet, and gilt to prevent Rust, with a Wire hanging down on the Outside to the Ground, or about one of the Ship's Shrouds, is a Preferation against Thunder. The Sieur Dalibard having placed in a Garden at Marly, an Iron Bar on an electrical Body at the Height of 40 Feet, was inform'd, that on the 10th of May, about twenty Minutes after Two, a Tempest passing over that Spot, the Parish Priest and other Persons, drew from the Bar such Sparks and Agitations, as are seen in the common electrical Performances.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire, July 23.

We had last Night as severe a Thunder Storm as ever was known in America: — There was distant Thunder from the Sea, heard all Day, and a black Cloud observed to rise from the Eastern Board very gradually, which came over us about 6 o'Clock P. M. and covered the whole Hemisphere, and so continued (there being scarce any Wind) 'til about Midnight, with incessant, and extremely severe Thunder and Lightning, and great Rain: — The whole Atmosphere seemed to be in a Blaze, with the unintermitting Coruscations, and as terrible Thunder Claps as were ever heard; so that the whole Town seemed to be coming down about our Ears; and expected every Moment to see some Part of it in Flames (as we then saw a great Fire upon Kittery Side, which we heard was a Barn burnt: But thro' the great Goodness of God, we've sustained but little Damage. — The Main Mast of a Schooner at the North End was struck by the Lightning; and altho' the Mast is shiver'd to Pieces by it (and the other Mast ruin'd by the Shock) 'til it came to a Ring that encompassed it (which it melted a little); yet below that Ring there is no Effects of it. — A plain Proof of the Electric Nature of Lightning.

B O S T O N, July 27.

Wednesday last we had here very severe Thunder, and the sharpest Lightning that has been known for many Years past, which continued from about Noon, 'til ten o'Clock at Night, almost without Intermision, attended with much Rain. The Damage done by the Lightning (so far as is come to our Knowledge) is as follows; viz. The Block House on Governor's Island was struck, and pretty much shattered; — at Braintree a valuable Horse and an Hog were killed, and a large Tree in Milton Woods shiver'd to Pieces like a Broom. — At Nantuxet a new Vessel on the Stocks was struck, and received a great deal of Damage; and several Persons being on board at the same Time ran to a House for Shelter, but were no sooner enter'd, than a Flash of Lightning came in, and stann'd them for a Time, split the Stock of a Gun that was hanging up, made a Hole thro' the

Chimney, and did some Damage to the House.

W I L L I A M S B U R G. On Monday last the famous T. after staying here four Days, left cut Molestation, intending for his nover. — If this Man, after the has play'd, is really sincere in his Reformation, and his Intention of and industrious Life, it may perhaps to many, who are apt to say, *Change his Skin, or the Leopard his may he do Good that has been accus'd.* A N N A P O L.

On the 14th Instant, one of the *Chaptico* had one of his Legs so cruelly cut off by the head of Tobacco, that he was obliged to cut off.

One Day last Week the House in *St. Mary's* County, took Fire on Family were at some Distance on and was burnt down to the Ground: a Negro Child was burnt to the Furniture, &c. consumed.

By the last Ship from London, count of the Death of Mr. PHILE in the Temple, of the Small Pox. very decently buried in the Temple his Tomb Stone is the following I

Here lies interr'd the Remains of Philip Queen Anne's County in Maryland a Member of the Society of the N. Who largely and usefully Animate Probity of Unassisted Reitude of M. Disinterested Humanit And, Universal Benevolence As the genuine Result of his M. And to a penetrating fertilit. Joined an unwearied Appl. Tbst, his natural Endow. Were confirm'd, By an early Judgment, Honest Heart, And in Defence of an A. Licentious Lewity, And powerful patronizing Bravely maintained His Integrity to God and And swifed a Life (On the 12th of May, Of Twenty four Year An exemplary Pattern of virtuos

By Permission of his PRESIDENT

AT the New TH in Upper Marlborough, by the COMEDIANS from Annapolis, on being the 14th of September, (at the Ancient and Honourable Society of ACCEPTED MASONS,) will be performed

THE BEGGAR'S O

With Instrumental Music to each Set of private Gentlemen

AND "A SOLO on the FRENCH

ALSO A MASON'S SONG by Mr. Grand CHORUS.

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Charles Mr. Lawler