

Cathagena, October 8. *The Centurion* Mah of War, of 66 Guns, and 650 Men; and the *Lovest Frigate*, of 34 Guns, and 350 Men; a *Packet Boat* of 20 Guns, and 150 Men; and four other Vessels of 18 Guns, and 200 Men each, sail'd since August from this Port for the West Indies: they are to cruise on the Coast of the Caraccas, in order to prevent the contraband Trade which is carried on from thence with the Island of Coracca. Most of these Vessels were lately built under the Direction of an Englishman, whom his Majesty has appointed Surveyor of his Works, which are carried on in this Yard.

Vienna, October 18. *The Empress Queen* being desirous to show how sensible she is of the Pains, which the King of Great Britain has, for several Months, taken in the Affairs of the Empire, has caused it to be intimated to that Prince, that she referred the Management of her Concerns intirely to his Counsel, as well those which relate to the Accommodation of the Pretensions of the Elector Palatine, as the other Affairs wherein he has employed his good Offices.

Paris, A la main, October 30. A new Company establish'd here, has invented a Composition which exceeds the ordinary One for preserving the Bottoms of Ships, and his Majesty has granted them a Patent for it.

L O N D O N.

October 3. To the favourable Account of Affairs in the East Indies, we must add, that the good Success of our India Company is chiefly owing to the Courage and Conduct of Mr Clive, a Gentleman, whose first Station in those Parts, was only a Writer to the Company, 'til the ambitious Designs of the French, and the Danger the English were in, rous'd his innate Bravery, and gave him an Opportunity to display Talents which had hitherto been conceal'd. As soon as it was known that the French had resolv'd upon the Siege of Arcot, Mr Clive obtain'd of the Company an handful of Men, and engag'd to defend the Place against them; which he accordingly did in the most gallant Manner, and forced them to raise the Siege: The French batter'd in Breach, and came on to the Assault; but as he had thrown up an Intrenchment in Haste behind the Work that was beaten down, and planted it with all the Artillery in the Place, the Assaultants met with so warm a Reception that they quickly abandon'd the Breach: The first Volley from the musk'd Battery having killed 60 of them on the Spot. Whereupon Mr Clive and his little Garrison, assist'd with some Indians, sallied out upon the Besiegers, whilst they were in Confusion, drove them from their Camp, mounted his Men upon what Horses he found, and without staying to plunder, tho' the Bait was very tempting, pursued them about 20 Miles, and so dispers'd them, that scarcely Half a Dozen of them could be found together. The Consequence of this heroic Action turn'd the Scale of Trichinapali, Tillicheri, and Surat, and produc'd Overtures from M. Duplex to live for the future in a better Harmony with the English. — Moreover, according to some Letters brought over by the Warwick Indian, it seems that M. Duplex has been order'd home by the French Court, but invents Excuses and Evasions to delay his Departure to Europe: Almost all the Armenian Merchants are, some secretly, and some openly, his Enemies; and it is thought, that if the English improve this Turn of Fortune, they may find it no difficult Task to dethrone the King of Golconda, set up by the French Governour-General.

October 9. On Saturday Afternoon, about six o' Clock, a Gentleman and a Lady, who were going from London to Eaton in a Post Chaise, were attack'd about four Miles on the other Side of Hounslow by a Highwayman, who told the Boy, if he did not stop he would blow his Brains out, on which the Gentleman snapp'd a Pistol at him; he then swore he would shoot the Gentleman, who told him, that might be, or not; and immediately fired his other Pistol, but miss'd him, and unfortunately one of the Balls glanced so, that it went in to the Post-Boy's Back, and lodg'd in his Shoulder: On this the Highwayman swore he would blow the Gentleman's Brains out; but he took up the first Pistol, which he had snapp'd at him before, and got out of the Chaise, went up to his Horse's Head, and snapp'd it in his Face; the Highwayman then fired one of his Pistols at the Gentleman, the Ball of which pass'd his left Ear, and went over his Shoulder, and swore if he did not give him his Watch and Money, he would not only shoot him, but would take Care of the Lady; on which the Gentleman thought it prudent to give him his Watch and Money. He then demanded his Sword; but the Gentleman told him he was an Officer, as he might see by his Cockade, and

he would not on any Terms give up his Sword. The Robber then told him, that he was reckon'd as brave as any that ever cross'd those Plains, but that he did not know what to make of him; so rode off towards Longford. The Ball has been extract'd from the Shoulder of the Post Boy, who belong'd to the King's Head at Hounslow, and 'tis hop'd he will do well.

October 14. On Thursday a Highwayman being closely pursued on Hounslow Heath, shot himself through the Head. He was carry'd to the King's Head at Hounslow, in order to discover who he was.

October 16. Letters from Paris bring a Confirmation of the Revolt of the Negroes at Martinico, and add, that the Blacks had also rose a'out the same Time in the neighbouring Isles, particularly at the East End of Guadaloupe, and at a Place which they call Grande Terre, where they killed many Frenchmen, and made great Devastations in the Sugar Plantations. They also tell us, that it is no longer doubted that they were the Authors of the late Fire at St. Pierre in the Island of Martinico, where a Number of Houses were burnt down, and abundance of People reduced to the utmost Misery. This great Fire was chiefly owing to the Resistance of a Negro Woman, who resolv'd to be revenged on her Master by setting Fire to his House. She was apprehended, and attor'd for her Crime by horrible Tortures, which she endur'd to the last Gasps without the least Shriek or Groan, telling the Spectators, *That the Torments she suffered were not equal to the Pleasure she felt at having ruin'd her Master, by doing him more Harm than he could have done her.*

A private Letter from Paris advises, that a General Officer going to a great Minister's Levee, ask'd in Discourse what News came by the last Dispatches from Constantinople? "All I can tell you, Sir, said the Minister, is, that Sedition is now broke into the Seraglio, and that some of the Ladies there have engag'd the Janizaries to demand the Head of the Sultana, as the prime Source of that Monarch's Aversion to War and Business; in which, tho' unwillingly, it is fear'd he will comply, to save his own." At these Words the General fell from his Chair, crying out, *Alas! my Lord, she is my Daughter!*

Within these two Months, a great Number of Busses have been launch'd, for the Society of the Free British Fishery, in this River, and at Rochester, Chatham, Sittingbourn, Itchenor, Arundel, Ipswich, Poole, Southampton, the Isle of Wight, &c. The Advantage arising from which has greatly increased the Spirit of Industry and Cheerfulness in all those Places; and will add so many Bulwarks to our floating Fortifications.

October 23. On Monday last John Apperley, Esq; chief Engineer to the African Company, set out for Portsmouth, in order to embark for Africa, to direct the building and repairing several Forts and Castles on the Coast of Guiney.

October 24. Advices from Rochelle take Notice of the Arrival of 8 Ships from Martinico with in this Month, so richly laden, that their Cargoes are estimat'd at near 8 Millions of Livres by these Ships they have received a particular Account of the Damage done by the great Fire at St. Pierre, in the Island of Martinico, whereby it appear'd that about 180 Houses were reduced to Ashes, and not 7 or 800, as was at first related; and that the Mischief done to the Sugar Plantations was but insupportable.

October 26. We are inform'd by Letters from Paris, that at a late Conference between the English and French Commissioners, the latter propos'd settling the Article of the Limits of Nova Scotia, at the same Time urging divers Arguments, tending to prove, that the Crown of France had an incontestible Right to great Part of Arcadia. The others asserted the Right of the Crown of Great Britain, grounding their Arguments on the twelfth Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, whereby France renounc'd her Pretensions to that Province, and ceded the Property of it to Great Britain. The British Commissioners having transmitted to London an Account of this Conference, fresh and more ample Instructions have been sent to them, whereby they are furnished with the strongest Evidence of the Right of this Crown to the whole Province of Arcadia, including therein a Tract of 30 Leagues along the Sea Coast.

Extract of a Letter from Cape Coast Castle, dated June 4, 1752.

"About 10 Days ago arriv'd here Capt. Brodie, &c. Passengers on board Capt. Brown, a Bristol Snow, who took them out of a small Portuguese Bark, on the Windward of the Coast, who soon gave me the melancholly Account of the Schooner *Charming Betsy*, which happened on the 18th

of December last, about 45 Days after her Departure from hence; at which Time she became so bad, from an extraordinary Leak sprung that her Hold was full of Water in a Day's Time, notwithstanding all Hands were kept constantly at the Pumps, and all the Slaves at bailing, inasmuch that she would not steer, which oblig'd them to cut away the Mainmast, and then she was governable for some Hours. Next Morning the Water gain'd so much upon them, that it came almost to the Hatch-ways, and all Things in the Hold were swimming about; wherefore they were oblig'd to take to their Boats on the 18th aforesaid, with all the white Men and such Provisions as they could stow in her, which was but a small Quantity, as may well be judg'd, the Boat being but a small Punt, 17 Feet in Keel, and 17 People in her. They had not quitted the Vessel 15 Minutes before they saw her sink, with all the Slaves on board, who, poor Wretches, were all drown'd. At this Time Capt. Brodie and the Crew, judging themselves to be about 150 Leagues from Brazil, made for the Shore, and land'd, after three Days and three Nights, about 10 Leagues Northward of Parabis, whence they were convey'd to Pernambuco by a Guard of Portuguese Soldiers, where they continued in extreme Distress upwards of 3 Months, for want of a Passage to Europe; and at last were oblig'd to depart thence on board a small Portuguese Bark, no bigger than a Long boat, and suffer'd great Hardships for the Space of 10 Weeks, as well from the Crew of the Bark, as for want of some Shelter from the Rain and Sun.

October 26. We are inform'd from Leeds in Yorkshire, that the following extraordinary Robbery was lately committed there; viz. A Person dress'd in Black, with black Face and Hands, and a large Pair of Horns, got into the House of Mr. F—, a Cloth Dresser in that Place, and conceal'd himself therein 'til Mr. F— came home, which was about 12 o' Clock at Night, who immediately went to Bed without a Candle, as none of the Family were up; where he had not been long, before he heard somebody in his Room striking a Light, and saw the Person light a Candle: On his calling out to know who it was, he was answer'd in a hoarse Voice, *It is the Devil come for you*, and immediately came to his Bedside: The Oddness of the Figure surpriz'd him very much, but seeing him take hold of his Breeches, in which was a Gold Watch, four Guineas, and some Silver, and going off with them, the old Man in a Rage call'd out, *If thou art the Devil, I'll have a Knock at thee*; and jumped out of Bed, and struck him several Blows, which the other returned as smartly; and in the Scuffle the old Man pulled the Horns off, which so enraged the pretended Devil, that he caught Mr. F— in his Arms, threw him on the Bed, and with a large Leaden Pot that held Tobacco, beat him so terribly about the Head as to render him speechless; the Noise awaken'd Mr. F's Sister, who directly coming up Stairs with a Candle to see what was the Matter, was very much surpriz'd at the Sight, and cried out to alarm the Family, but the Thief blew her Candle out, tumbled her down Stairs, and made his Escape, leaving his Horns behind him. The next Day Advertisements were printed, and a large Reward offer'd, to discover the Thief, but without Success.

November 3. The last Letters from Jamaica advise, that the Merchants of that Island have had several Meetings, in order to consider of forming a Settlement on the Musquito Shore.

Forces will soon be shipped for the Garrisons on the British Establishment in the Mediterranean and the West Indies, to reinforce those already there.

We learn from Lisbon, That the Scalabitan Academy lately had a public Assembly at Santarem, and examin'd this Question: "Which of the two Countries can boast of being the happiest; that which has a good Prince, but bad Ministers; or that where the Ministers are good, but the Prince wicked?" (They don't give us the Decision of the Academy, but we suppose much was said on both Sides of the Question; and the Solution may be, The Devil a Barrel better Herring.)

B O S T O N.

November 30. By Letters from New London we have an Account, that on the 25th of November past, a Spanish Register Ship call'd the St. Joseph, of near 300 Tons, and 50 Men, came in there to refit. She was bound from the Havannah to Cadiz, but having sprung a Leak, and suffer'd other Damage, had been several Days in great Distress, when happily meeting (in the Latitude of Bermuda) with a Brig, belonging to New London, she was assist'd and conduct'd into that Harbour by the Brig's People. It is said she had on board 40 Chests of Dollars, 3 Chests of Gold, and a vast Quantity of wrought Plate, Images, &c. besides Indigo,

Indigo, Cöchineal, Merchandise. — disputes between several about the keeping of some Things will be most eminent Law consulted in the A there is Room to be have been guilty of which (if true), was Time.

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December 11. By we are inform'd, that longing to that Illa ther Craft, and ma Part of the Island of protect'd; and now made Application to have not received the

December 25. W North Branch of barbarous and cruel Wednesday the 13th Jacob Vaneste, by with another of his Provocation was M the Fellow's Tobacc been on a Visit to D bonr, the two Negro him off his Horse; Skull, and dragg'd The Horse coming Master, gave some per Search being ma gro was thereupon t the Coroner's Inque his Master's Body, t of the dead Man's N wife from the Neg slung with Guilt, c together with his Ac in order to receive t

January 1. The the Negro Fellow w the Body of Mr. J burnt at Millstone, the Fire with the they had taken the F

January 15. We don, that the Court judg'd 22,000 Piece English Vessel that Ship off Bermuda, Port: The Spanish to proceed to Sea; l cut have given the mander to hire or p Cargo to Cadiz. or

A N N Saturday last, being Honourable Lord B Province, when his Twenty-one Years, Demonstrations of were discharged; and the President gave a handsome Appara The Loyal Healths, MARYLAND, &c. Town was beautiful Bonfire near the Do given to the Popula

We hear that the grave, from this Pl Philadelpbia, was e above 9000 Bushels Ground within our C last, at Night, when but the People were

We likewise hear the Bay, on Pool's s long'd to New-Engla tity of Wheat on bos

In several Countie ple who had not F Almanack, and were observ'd *Shrove Tu* we don't learn that a Lent yet.

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By fresh Advices f inform'd, That upon Sprightly; Embassadary from his Serene at the Courts of the his Embassy lik to