

consider, whether it may not be as friendly an Office to conceal it, as to relieve a Neighbour under Necessity.

XI. Look back into former Times, and recollect your Memory, whether the Person in Question has ever wrong'd you? If not, you are about to act a Piece of Cruelty; and if he have, your Slander is, at best, but the Fruits of Revenge and Malice.

XII. Recollect likewise, whether that Person has never done you a Favour, if he have, you add to this Vice the Sin of Ingratitude; and if not, may he not have an Opportunity of doing it for the future?—May the Time not come when, by the Instability of Things of this Life, his good Will may be of Service to you?

XIII. Think as far forward as possible and reflect upon the various Consequences, which may arise from Detraction. Though at first they may be little regarded; the greater may be the Danger hereafter. A Slanderer always finds his Match, who pays him in his own Coin. He is hated by all Men; is liable to be involv'd in Law Suits, and falls imperceptibly into Broils and Quarrels, which are often not to be ended but by Bloodshed.

XIV. Lastly consider, that though the various Underminings of Detraction, are not punishable in this World; yet they are a direct Breach of the ninth Commandment, and incur eternal Punishment in the World to come.

MALAGA, December 27.

THE Cordan posted to cut off the Correspondence betwixt Gibraltar and the Country, execute their Orders so strictly, that some Peasants surprized in Default were immediately hanged.

Bastia, Dec. 25. M. Courcy, the new French Commandant, having sent circular Letters to the several Parishes of the Island, notifying to them his Promotion and his Zeal for restoring public Tranquillity, and exhorting them to a sincere Concurrence in so beneficial a View; has already received several Answers, which all turn upon Respect for the King, and Esteem for the new Commandant, but interspersed with some Strictures of Discontent at the Arrest of M. de Cursay. M. de Pujols being arrived at Corte, and relieving M. de Curcy in central Parts of the Island, has been complimented by principal Parishes in those Parts. After declaring their Surprise at the Marquis de Cursay's Affair, some of them, pushing their Curiosity about it a little too far, he made Answer, 'Gentlemen, be satisfied to know that without very weighty and just Motives the King is too just to order any Officer into Arrest. M. de Cursay will be at Liberty to justify himself, which if he can do, you will then have another Proof of his Majesty's Justice. Allow me in the mean Time, Gentlemen, again to exhort you to cultivate the Favour of a Prince, who still interests himself for your Happiness, but whose Goodness may at length be wearied out by your Oppositions.'

Lisbon, Dec. 27. A Body of Merchants are upon forming a Company for a regular Commerce with the East Indies, by the Means of Register Ships, and on the same Footing as that of Cadiz to America.

Venice, Jan. 18. The Bahaw, so famous for the Plot he contrived during his Imprisonment at Malta, has brought on himself his everlasting Quiet; for being represented to the Grand Signior, as a Person too dangerous to be allowed to live at the City of Constantinople, or else where, his Highness, in his Clemency, ordered him a pleasant Island in the Archipelago, where he began to raise Factions, which being reported to the Emperor, he ordered him to be strangled.

Naples, Jan. 9. The English are very desirous of a Treaty like that they have lately enter'd into with Holland, which will be taken in Hand upon the Arrival of the Ministers at the respective Courts.

On the 6th, by Order of the Government, public Notice was given, that Mr. Allen, the British Consul, had failed for 90,000 Ducats, of which 20 were on our Merchants Account.

Malaga, Jan. 8. The Emperor of Morocco has sent Orders to all the Commanders, to treat all Dutch Ships as Friends; and that Matters at that Court turn out so favourably to the Danes, that Col. Longueville and his Men are to be released, and only the Return of a Courier from Copenhagen wanted for Confirmation of a Commercial Treaty.

Madrid, Jan. 9. Further Remittances are preparing for Italy, and so considerable, that some Persons cannot but think there is something more than Commerce at the Bottom.

Cadiz, Jan. 8. Three of our Register Ships being on their Return from the Havannah, one of them struck near the Bahama Islands, but the Crew

saved themselves, and a great Part of the Treasure; the other two continued their Way; these three Ships were to bring above 4 Millions of Piasters.

Petersburg, Jan. 19. Notice has been given, by Order of the Empress, to all the Foreign Ministers, that her Majesty permits them to put up, in their Journey to Moscow, at the Houses built for her Majesty's Accommodation, when she stops by the Way. This Intimation is most agreeable to the Ministers, for the Intercourse with that Capital being inconsiderable, except while the Empress resides in it, the common Inns are most wretched.

Hamburg, Jan. 26. His Danish Majesty having given Orders for compleating all his Regiments against the Spring, they are enlisting Men here for his Service. According to our Advices from Constantinople, the Liberalities of the Grand Signior and his Prime Minister have not made the expected Impression on the Minds of the Janizaries, who begin again to murmur so loudly, that if some Method be not speedily found to appease them, a grand Revolution at the Ottoman Porte is to be apprehended.

Prague, Jan. 20. A Soldier of our Garrison coming home drunk last Night, and his Wife beginning to expostulate with him, the unnatural Brute ran his Sword through her Body, and killed her on the Spot. He was immediately seized, and this Day broke alive on the Wheel.

Paris, Jan. 27. Instructions having been sent to the Duke de Mirepoix, to complain to the Ministry of the Behaviour of the English to the French in the East Indies, particularly in the Affair that happened last June, which was a manifest Violation of the Peace subsisting between the two Nations: The last Dispatches from his Excellency brought Advice, that the Secretary of State had made Answer to his Complaint, that the English had copied after the French: These having taken Part with the King of Golconda their Ally, the English, as Allies of the Mogul, were obliged to assist him, and did nothing but as Auxiliaries: Consequently their Behaviour needed no Apology.

Hague, Feb. 2. The Negotiation between the Empress Queen and the Elector Palatine having met new and unexpected Obstacles, which are ascribed to a certain Prince, who seems not disposed to change his System, and whose military Preparations cannot fail to give some Anxiety to the Allied Courts who are interested in the Success of the Election of a King of the Romans; to disconcert his Designs, a Treaty, we hear, is on the Carpet, between the Courts of Vienna, Petersburg, and London: It's chief Object will be the Accomplishment of this Election, by uniting the Forces of the three Powers (whose Contingents will be stipulated) to repel any Attempts to traverse, and disturb the Peace of Germany.

LONDON.

December 5. Letters from Toulon advise, that on the 21st of last Month, they launched a new Frigate of 30 Guns, called the Rose, and were going to put the Ocean, an 84 Gun Ship on the Stocks: They were likewise finishing the Warrior, and the Hector, of 74 Guns each, and had just begun to set about another of 64 Guns, which is to be named the Valiant.

From Paris we have a Rumour, that the French Court has sent new Commissions into Sweden, for building a certain Number of Ships for her Service; and 'tis even pretended, that the Contract for the same was lately signed at Fontainebleau by the Swedish Minister.

[BRITONS] beware, look sharp, take Care!
See how the French prepare for WAR!

January 12. Yesterday Morning died at his House in Chelsea, Sir Hans Sloane, Baronet.

January 15. The late Sir Hans Sloane, Bart. has directed by his Will, that his valuable Museum (which cost him upwards of 50,000 l. in collecting, exclusive of the many Presents he received, which are worth upwards of 10,000 l.) should, for the Sake of preserving it in this Kingdom, be offered to his Majesty at the Price of 20,000 l. The Value of the Medals, Ores, &c. alone reckoned at the current Price of Gold and Silver, is said to amount to several Thousand Pounds.

February 1. We are informed that his Majesty has determined to purchase Sir Hans Sloane's Collection of Curiosities, &c. out of his own private Purse; and that there will be additional Buildings made to the Queen's Library for them.

Some Persons having, in the Night of Saturday the 20th of last Month, maliciously cut off the Tail and Teats of a Cow belonging to Mr. West, of Bathwicke in Somersethire, and having before maimed four of his Cows in the same Manner; his Majesty has been pleased to promise a Pardon to any concerned therein, who shall discover their Accomplices; except the Person who cut off the Cow's

Teats and Tail: And, as a further Encouragement to bring the Delinquents to Justice, the Lord Bath hath offered a Reward of 25 l. on Conviction of any one of them.

It is said a Squadron of Men of War will be sent to the Coast of Africa: And that a Fleet of Observation will be ready to put to Sea, in Case the French should fit out any Force of Consequence from their Ports.

Tuesday a Butcher's Dog running hastily against a Child of about four Years old, who stood in the Street near Norton Falgate, threw it down on the Stones, and fractur'd it's Skull in so violent a Manner, that it languished about three Hours and then died.

Yesterday Morning a melancholy Accident happened at Mr. Pereira's, a Jew Merchant in Mark-lane; Part of the Family being just come out of the Country, the Servants left their Pistols on a Table, which two Sons of Mr. Pereira being at Play with, one of them shot his Brother through the Body, of which he instantly died.

Last Week a Coach going to Dover was attacked near Shooter's Hill by a single Highwayman; who, after the Guard had fired twice at him, came up to the Coach, and robbed one of the Passengers of eight Guineas.

Yesterday Daniel Brown was re-examined before Justice Fielding, for robbing the Cirencester Mail; when he was committed for the same, and several Persons were bound over to appear against him at the next Assizes at Buckingham.

Yesterday likewise a Warrant being granted by the Justice against one John Jones, for a Fraud, he was presently apprehended; and while under Examination, was charged with being the famous, or rather infamous, Jetter, who escaped some Time ago from Newgate, and against whom there are many capital Indictments. He confessed that he was the Person, said he knew himself to be a dead Man, and had now no farther Care than for his Soul.

According to some private Letters from Petersburg, they have discovered the Secret of a certain new System, which was, and perhaps is, on the Point of breaking out; and the entire Detail of this important Discovery has been sent, by Couriers, to the two great Courts with which her Imperial Majesty is in Alliance.

We learn from Naples, that the Inhabitants of Salerno have presented a Petition to desire Leave to cleanse and repair their Harbour, which it is imagined will be of great Utility, when restored, to the Trade of the whole Kingdom: And they have not only received the King's Permission, in Terms as full as they could desire, but also an Assurance of fresh Privileges so soon as they shall have executed their Design.

They write from Berlin, that his Prussian Majesty, accompanied by two of his Brothers, was lately at Spandau to see a Camp mark'd out, in which a great Number of Troops are to assemble; some say in the Month of March, and others not until September.

Private Letters from different Places assure us, that in Case the public Tranquillity should be at all disturbed, her Imperial Majesty, the Queen of Hungary, will march 25,000 Men to cover the Electorate of Hanover, and 50,000 to the Frontiers of Silesia.

The People of Brussels were lately amused with an Account from Orford, that a Ship was arrived in that Port, of an unusual Make, from an unknown Part of the World, manned by People with Beards down to their Waists, and who spoke a Language which Nobody understood. Upon close Enquiry, this appears to be a Ship from the Levant, laden with Cotton, Silk, and Drugs, the Sailors of different Nations; and for these, and other Reasons, she will be obliged to perform a long Quarantine.

We hear that the Right Hon. Sir George Lee, Dr. Hayes, and the Solicitor General, are appointed to examine and answer the King of Prussia's Exposition about our taking his Ships; as also the Memorial published by his Secretary, Mr. Mitchel. We are also assured, that this Affair is ordered to be laid before the House of Commons.

We are assured that the Proprietors of the several Sorts of Three per Cent Annuities, transferable at the Bank of England, who neglected to consolidate on or before Christmas last, agreeable to Act of Parliament, will have 'til Midsummer next allowed them to do the same. And,

That the Land Tax, for the ensuing Year, will be but Two Shillings in the Pound.

Tuesday last Capt. D— and Capt. B—, of the Foot Guards, fought a Duel behind Montague House; in which the former was mortally wounded.—This unhappy Quarrel was occasioned by the favourite Maxim of *Humbugging*, which is become too common, even among People of Quality. Yesterday

Yesterday Comm... the Hon. Miss Com... the Earl of North... great deal of Beauty... Fortune.

This Week, the C... Year ago, the Tid... ca, and has been lo... of the King's Bench... go out at Times to

Feb. 3. The s... happened last Week... shire: A Man and... of a Babe about... Girl about 12, who... bourhood left it in... Sow came in and e... of the Head and f... came home and se... tore to Pieces, her... the Husband comin... Thing presented to... the Sight of which... recovered.

Extra of a Letter

" On the 2d of... of the Burgundy C... ing to the Queen... Miles East of this... Cranstoun, aged 4... above nine Days, ... so very great, and... that it was thought... cary that attended... and by the great... thought to be ravi... his Death embrace... he was buried in g... attending the Funer... the Corpse in the C... ly illuminated, an... little Time before... was sealed up in... (whose Maiden N... Name he went b... were also his Acq... with his own N... which was in his... who is now living... with her Mother, ... denied being mar... a Curse attended... so good a Wife.

Mr. Blandy's Mu... greatly, yet said... have blamed him... Particulars of w... known 'til his D... left an Account... first made his E... of last February... known to be the... cealed by Mrs. F... threatening Rever... that Mrs. Rofs... from Bologne by... July last, and 1... The Fortune in l... left to his Child... mony, which he... for; but on his... sions of Scotland... lidity of his Ma... out of the 75 l... be paid to his V... her and the Chi... ved ever since... Hexham afore...

Feb. 5. The... way of Venice, ... putes in the Div... the Bench havin... better than a V... the Members h... was the next I... on the Black S... selves to be of... They write f... as many Courie... City every We... War. It is re... deracy will be... the beginning... Bristol, Jan... tlewoman of... of her Childr... Parent), after... Dinner; with... Nathaniel Day