

...ty, but still expressing a great Regard for his Prussian Majesty, and inviting him to take more ample Informations of the Nature and Circumstances that have occasioned this Difference.

Our Correspondent at Paris acquaints us, that a very considerable Embarkation will be made for the East Indies, and that it has been proposed to send Mr. de la Bourdenaye in Quality of Commander in chief of the Squadron, and Governor General of the French Settlements in India.

February 8. They write from Madrid, that the Marquis de la Mina, Captain General of Catalonia, prosecutes, with extraordinary Diligence, the Repairs of the strong Towns in that Province; but as many new Works are to be added to those new Fortresses, they may not all be in a good Posture of Defence 'til towards the latter End of the Year. The same Advices add, that a Rumour prevails, as if the Court of Spain intended to purchase Corsica; and that the French Troops are to stay in that Island, 'til the Bargain is struck, and ready to be put in Execution.

There is a Report from the Hague, that the new Armament of the English, 'tis conjectur'd, were to go first to Africa, and from thence to the East Indies, to secure our Interest there, since our late Advantages in those Parts.

From Furnes, in Flanders, we have an Account that all the Papers left, that were in the Possession of Capt. Cranston, at the Time of his Death, were sent from thence, sealed up, to Scotland, pursuant to the Direction of a Letter sent for that Purpose; as was his Will, which he made some Time before his Death; and that before he died he declared, that he and Miss Blandy were privately married before the Death of her Mother, which was near two Years before Mr. Blandy was poisoned.

Feb. 13. We hear that this Morning a Messenger was dispatched from the Secretary of State's Office to the King of Prussia, with Affairs of very great Importance.

Feb. 13. By Capt. Wright, in the Endeavour from the Coast of Guinea, we have the following Account of the Loss of the Marlborough, Capt. Codd, of Bristol, the Beginning of October last, and the third Day after he left the Bar of Bonny: Capt. Codd had indulged 28 Gold Coast Negroes with their Liberty on Deck, for the sake of their Assistance to navigate the Ship, who behaved for a considerable Time, in a very civil Manner, and quite unsuspected of any Design of Mischief. But whilst the principal Part of the Crew was below, cleaning the Rooms, and none but the Capt. and two Whites left above to take Care of the Ship, (armed with Cutlasses) all on a sudden the Negroes on Deck snatched the Arms from them, wounded the Captain, and forced him up the Fore Shrouds, where they shot him to Death. The rest of the Negroes securing the Quarter Deck and small Arms, were soon Masters of the Ship, and spent the rest of the Day in most cruelly butchering the Crew, who were in Number 35, except the Boatswain and Cabin Boy, whose Lives they preserved to conduct the Ship back again, which they did after eight Days, and came to an Anchor within the Bar of Bonny. About the same Time the Hawk, Capt. Jones, of Bristol, arrived at the same Place, and hearing of the Affair, bore down upon her, with an Intent to retake her; but the Negroes were so expert at the Great Guns and Small Arms, that they soon repelled them. After putting the Bitter Negroes ashore, that chose to go, (in Number 270) the Remainder, (consisting of 150) weighed Anchor, set their Sails, and stood to Sea, with Intent, as is supposed, to go to their own Country, tho' the Undertaking was extremely hazardous, as they had no one to navigate the Ship, the Boatswain having jumped overboard the Night before they sailed, and got into the Hawk; and it is supposed, that on his Escape, the poor Cabin-Boy, fell a Sacrifice to their revengeful Hands. Capt. Codd has left a Widow and four Children.

Feb. 3. They write from Munster, that their Recruiting Officers are dispersed all over the Country, raising Men with all possible Diligence, in order to complete the Troops of that Bishopric.

From Dusseldorp we hear, that they continue to raise great Numbers of Recruits in the Duchies of Juliers and Bergues, to complete the Regiments quartered there; and they assure, that the Prince of Deux Ponts is coming to review them some time next Month.

Feb. 15. We learn from Lisbon that two English Ship Builders, have agreed to build the King of Portugal 10 Ships of the Line, and eight Frigates of a new Invention, and to finish them in 2 Years; in which they are to be assisted by several able Hands of their own Country.

We hear from Leghorn, that the Corsicans pre-

tend to be able to bring 20 Battalions into the Field, of 600 Men each; and that they have Magazines to support them during a Campaign of five Months. All they aim at is Liberty.

Yesterday there was the greatest Number of Members in the Hon. House of Commons as has been this Season, being near 400.

Col. Hacket's Regiment, now in Ireland, is to embark early this Spring for Nova Scotia, to reinforce the Troops there.

Feb. 20. Yesterday an Express arrived in Town, which brought an Account of the Death of the eldest Son of the Chevalier de St. George, who made the Descent into Scotland in the Year 1745.

According to Advices from Hamburg the Hannoverian Troops will certainly encamp early in the Spring, and be joined by a great Body of Forces belonging to the other Princes of the Empire.

We hear that 47000*l.* will be granted for the Support of the Colony of Nova Scotia for the Year 1753.

We hear that an Affair of very great Importance will soon be laid before a Right Hon. House.

We hear that it is proposed to send all Soldiers to Nova Scotia who shall desert from their Corps, and be found guilty thereof by a Court Martial.

Tuesday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships gave Orders for the continuing of the Artificers, Shipwrights and Labourers, in his Majesty's Yard, and none to be discharged 'til Notice be given from the Board.

Several Articles of Importance, that came by the last French Mail, demand Confirmation before they are made known in other Countries.

The Bess, Scott, from Maryland; the Confidence, Groose, from Norway, and the Mary, Dundas, from Dieppe, were drove on Shore the 14th Instant, near the West Harbour of Greenock.

KINGSTON, (in Jamaica,) January 6.

The Case of Captain Nehemiah Skelding. On the 26th of June 1751, Capt. Nehemiah Skelding sailed from Montego Bay, on board the Sloop Elizabeth, bound for Dry Harbour with a Cargo of sundry Merchandise on board, to the amount of 4205*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.* as per Invoice, and on the 28th Day of the said Month of June, between the Hours of 9 and 10 at Night, the Crew of said Sloop mutinied, and after they had attempted to destroy said Skelding, by giving him severe Wounds on the Head, they were prevailed on, after much Solicitation and Entreaty, to allow him and his Clerk to get into a small leaky Boat, being then 15 Leagues from Land. Capt. Skelding on his Arrival in this Island applied to his late Excellency Edward Trelawny, Esq; for a Commission to go in Quest of the said Crew of said Sloop, who had run away with her in such a pyratial Manner, which his said Excellency was pleased to grant him for the Schooner St. George, on board of which he proceeded over the Coast of Cuba, being almost certain that the Pyrates must have put into some Port on that Coast to get Water, as they had but little on board when they mutinied; said Skelding being arrived on the Coast of Cuba, to the Westward of Cape Cruise, fell in with two Spanish Schooners, who demanded to know his Business on that Coast, on which he informed them, and produced his late Excellency's Commission to the Spanish Commodore, who scornfully threw it aside without shewing the least Regard thereto, saying, the English had no Right to the Island of Jamaica, much less to come on their Coast, and ordered said Skelding to make sail after him or Trinidad, which he absolutely refused, and telling the Commodore, if he had any Warrant for searching the Vessel for contraband Goods he might do it there, and to let him, said Skelding, go in Search of the said Pyrates; the Commodore thereupon took Possession of the Schooner St. George, by putting a Spanish Officer and several other Men on board of her, and then proceeded to Trinidad, but in their Passage said Skelding discovered the Sloop Elizabeth lying near Moon Key, half sunk, with a small Part of her Crew on board, and asked Leave of the Commodore to permit the Seamen of the St. George to assist in recovering the said Sloop; to which the Commodore having consented, he went to Work, and with much Difficulty saved the said Sloop, and a small Part of her Cargo, which was no sooner done than the Spaniards seized the same also, and carried her into Trinidad, where said Skelding discovered the Pyrates, and had them seized, and by them understood that the Spanish Commodore had seized them; and what Goods they had taken out of the Sloop, before he met the said Skelding in the St. George, and was also informed that several Horse Loads of said Goods had been delivered at the Commodore and his Clerk's House at Trinidad. After this Discovery said Skelding

applied to the Governor of Trinidad for Relief, but none was granted him; on the contrary he was sent Prisoner to the Havannah with the Pyrates who were to be tried there, and which he was obliged to submit to, leaving his People, and four Negro Slaves, that assisted him in navigating the St. George, and on his Arrival at the Havannah, he applied to the Governor, setting forth his Case, but was thereon confined in Goal for Forty eight Hours, and then set at Liberty on Parole of Honour, but his People still confined; 'til Capt. Richard Jasper, of his Majesty's Ship Prince Henry came in there by Streets of Weather, when by his Intercession, they were set at Liberty, and allowed to return to Jamaica in the St. George, but was obliged to leave the Sloop Elizabeth, and that Part of the Cargo he had saved, with two white Men, and four Negroes, in Pledge for his the said Skelding's returning with One thousand seven hundred and eighty Dollars to discharge the several Charges concerning the Pyrates, &c. though said Skelding desired Leave to sell either the said Sloop, Part of her Cargo or Negroes, to discharge the same, but was refused.

Capt. Skelding therefore made a Protest in due Form, before Capt. Jasper at the Havannah, and then returned to Jamaica with the Loss of his Sloop, the Cargo, four Negroes, besides the additional Charge of the Hire of the St. George, and Wages of her Mariners five Months, which in all amounts to Six thousand Pounds and upwards; notwithstanding he prayed the Pyrates may be delivered him in order to be brought to Justice here, or delivered to Capt. Jasper, both were absolutely refused him; by reason of which Misfortunes the said Nehemiah Skelding is entirely ruined.

March 17. A large Prussian Vessel of 36 Guns, fitted from Amsterdam, in attempting to trade with the Spaniards, was attack'd off Carthagea by 2 Zebecks, whom she fired at and left upon Careen; in few Hours after they were chased by a Spanish 24 Gun Ship, who took the Prussian, and carried her into Carthagea: She was soon condemned, and is now fitting out for a Guarda de la Costa.

On Wednesday last one Robert Heg, supposed to be an Overseer, riding on Horseback from Spanish Town to Passage Fort, was met by a Negro Fellow and a Mulatto; the Mulatto went off, but the Negro attack'd him, and at the first Blow knock'd his Eye out, then robb'd him of a Moidore, three Pistoles and some Bitts, and so made off.

#### WILLIAMSBURG.

April 13. By Capt. Elligood, of the Brig Milcab, just arrived from Madeira, we have Advice, That the Spanish Ship which sailed from hence in December last, under Convoy of his Majesty's Ship Triton, bound for Cadix, put into Madeira the 8th of February in Distress, being obliged to cut away her Beamsprit and Fore-Topmast at Sea, to secure her Stem, which was very weak.—On the 12th following, in a very severe Gale of Wind, she drove from her Anchors to Sea.—The Man of War split and went after her; and as they were not heard of when Capt. Elligood came away, which was a Fortnight after, 'twas supposed they had made the best of their Way for Cadix.

This Day Lowe Jackson, pursuant to his Sentence, was executed at the Gallows near this City. He was drawn on a Sledge from the Prison to the Place of Execution, where he addressed himself to the Spectators, in a very moving and pathetic Speech on the fatal Consequences attending an early Habit of Vice, which had been the Means of bringing him to that shameful and untimely End. He appeared with a Composure of Mind, not frequently attending Men in his unhappy Circumstances, and died in a very penitent Manner. His Body being put into a Coffin, with this Inscription Mercy triumphs over Justice, was delivered to his Friends, and is to be interred in the County of Nansemond, where he was born.

April 20. Capt. Whitwell in his Majesty's Ship Triton is arrived in York River, last from Madeira, having safely convey'd the Spanish Ship, aforementioned to Cadix, by him we are informed that there is likely to be a Rupture, between the Courts of Spain and Portugal, which has occasion'd an Embargo to be laid for two Months, in all the Ports belonging to the Portuguese: A Packet Boat arriv'd at Madeira, with these Instructions, while he remain'd there, and immediately set Sail for another Port. It is said the Difference has arisen, from the present King of Portugal's refusing to deliver up to the Spaniards, some Lands in Brazil, which the late King, his Father, had agreed to.

Capt. Chip, in a Ship belonging to Mr. Lavitt, of Cork, and Capt. Kelly in the Excursion, from Liverpool, are both by near Carristuck Inlet: The People all saved.

#### ANNAPOLIS

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