

William Curry, Master, loaden with Corn, was dashed to Pieces, against Scarborough Piers; but the Crew were saved.

The Ship from Bolton, lost off the Isle of Wight, proves the Sarah, Kelly.

The John and Daniel, Newland, bound from London to Newcastle, is stranded near Newcastle.

A Sloop, Morley, Master, bound from Liverpool for London, with Tar, and some Sugar, is lost near Bridport.

The Daniel, Bence, of 400 Tons, from Surinam, for Amsterdam, with Sugar and Cocoa, is lost in Whitland Bay.

A Ship with Wine, Brandy, Cotton, &c. is lost in Cuddon Bay, and all the Crew drowned.

The Stern of a Ship came on Shore on the South Bar of the Isle of Wight, with the following Words on it, viz. De Lisde, Anno 1747. About 500 Hogheads of Wine are floating to the Shore.

By a Letter from Cowes of the 15th Instant we are informed, that in the late stormy Weather four Vessels have been lost off that Island, and another at the Needles; of the Crews of two of the former only one Man saved, and the chief Part of the Crew of the latter were drowned.

Feb. 22. We hear that there will be a Tax of 20s. a Year laid on the Keepers of every Dog.

Some private Letters from Berlin say, we shall see odd Scenes next Summer, the chief Subjects of which may be Silesia and East Frizeland: And as the Power of Russia is to be dreaded, Endeavours are used to put the Turks in Motion, in order to keep the Court of Petersburg in awe; though as yet nothing more is pretended than a Design to settle the Affairs of Persia, and quell some tumultuous Tartars in the Neighbourhood of Oczakow.

It is said that the Court of Berlin intends to set up a West as well as East India Company, which is to take Place as soon as the Treaty of Commerce is regulated at Madrid.

The French Ambassador has presented several Memorials to the Spanish Ministry, soliciting Redress of some old Grievances, and the Restoration of several Privileges formerly enjoyed by the French Nation in Spain, particularly that of having a Judge Conservator, and an Exemption from being liable to be imprisoned by the Spanish Courts of Justice.

Feb. 22. According to Advices from Paris, the Government is pretty easy about the hot Disputes between the Clergy and the Parliament, from a Persuasion, grounded on Experience, that in case France embarks in any Broils with her Neighbours, the Peoples Attention will be immediately drawn from these Bickerings about Jansenism, refusing of Sacraments, Certificates of Confession, &c. which now find the whole Nation so much Occupation, for want of something more material to employ the Thoughts of that active, fiery, and giddy People. And if no War happens, the King has Power enough in his Hands to hinder those Disputes from being productive of any dangerous Disturbance; an Army of above two hundred thousand Men being more than sufficient to keep the People from coming to Blows, about such a Trifle as the Bull Unigenitus: For as Voltaire observes of his Countrymen, there is no Nation that murmurs louder, obeys better, or forgets sooner.

If we credit the strongest Assurances, the next Spring is like to prove a Season for Camps.—The Turks are to form two; the Russians, one; the Danes, one; the Prussians, two; the Austrians two; the Hanoverians, one; the Saxons, one; and the French, perhaps, more than one. As all arms in Defence of the general Tranquility, who will dare to disturb it?

Last Night there was a Cabinet Council held at the Cockpit, and within these few Days there have been four, which have sat very late on Affairs of great Importance.

Letters from Madrid of the 30th ult. assure us, that the Treaty of Commerce between that Court, and the King of Prussia is concluded, and will be made public. 'Tis added, that this Treaty contains a very interesting Article relating to the American Trade.

By Letters from Bohemia and Moravia we find they are very busy in recruiting all the Regiments in those Countries; and they even talk of marching some Regiments from Bohemia into Hungary; which cannot well be accounted for, unless it be supposed that there may be more Danger apprehended from the Side of Turkey than from Brandenburg.

Capt. Maxwell, in his Passage from London for Bristol, saw a Wreck off the Long Ships, which he took to be a Swede, Barthen 250 Tons, painted yellow and black. He went close under her Stern, but could not see one living Creature on board; her Stern was stove in, and only her Foremast standing, and the Stumps of her Mainmast and

Bowsprit; the former was stript, and it is supposed some People had been on board and rifled her.

Feb. 20. As it runs in the Heads of some vapourish Politicians, that the Bickerings about Prussian Ships taken by English Privateers may possibly end in a great Piece of Service to England, even nothing less than ridding her of Holland; in order to cure them of this Mistake, we take leave to observe,

1. That such an Event is very improbable, because the Importance of Holland to Foreigners is too well understood for us to hope for a good Riddance.

2. That unless they should become as great Fools at Brussels as we have long been, Matters will never be carried to Extremities with regard to Holland.

3. That it is likewise foolish to expect that England should Honour, or England should Laws and Customs should be vindicated at the Hazard of losing the Elbe.

And 4thly, That if ever it be lost, it will not be merely on Account of a few paltry Ships, not exceeding 50,000 l. in Value; tho' no body can tell what Events may be produced by the Dispute about England, the Election of a King of the Romans, the Affairs of Courland, the Lion's Alliance with the Bear, &c. &c.

They write from Madrid, that his Catholic Majesty has resolved to found several Marine Academies in his Kingdom under the Direction of Persons expert in the Construction of Ships, and every Thing relative to Navigation.

St. JOHN'S, in Antigua, March 30.

We have Advice by the People of a Schooner, which arrived here last Sunday, that on Friday, the 16th Instant, as they were lying at anchor, 5 Leagues off the Southernmost Part of Guardaloupe, which bore S. S. E. from them, about 2 o'Clock in the Morning, they descried a large Body of Smoke and Flame, mounting with great Violence, which they took to be a Vessel on Fire. This Appearance continued about 25 Minutes, when it dissipated in the Air, like a Vessel blown up. Their Desire to assist them was vain, because they were to Leeward.

B O S T O N .

April 16. Early last Monday Morning, we had very severe Thunder and Lightning, by which a Tree was struck in Newton, which stood at a considerable Distance from a Barn, wherein were several Cows and Horses: The Lightning ran along the Ground from the Root of the Tree to the Barn, and entered under the Sill, kill'd a Cow at one End of the Barn, and a Horse at the other. And we hear that a Barn at Reading, and a Mill at Maldon was struck at the same Time, and much shattered.

Last Week several Counterfeit Pistereens were discovered in this Town, of which we think proper to give the Public some Account, to prevent their being imposed on. They are cast in Sand or Chalk, and much lighter and whiter than the true Ones, and not mill'd on the Edges. When they are thrown down on a Board or Stone, they will not ring or rebound; and are thought to be made of Pewter, mixt with some baser Metal. Their Date is 1739, and the Letters and Figures are dull and imperfect, compared with the true Ones, the Letters and Figures of which are bold, clear and plain; and in a Word, no One of the last Judgment can be imposed on by those Counterfeits, that views them with Care and Attention.

N E W Y O R K .

April 23. By a private Letter from Trenton Ferry, we are assured that upwards of Twenty Frenchmen have passed over there within a few Weeks past, who all said they were Deserters from Mississippi, and represent that Country to be in a deplorable Condition for want of Supplies from France; and that at this Time a Conquest of their Country might be made with far less than 500 Men.

Capt. Sheldon, who arrived here since our last in twenty Days from St. Eustatia, informs us, that they had Intelligence there a short Time before he sailed, that Capt. Amy, in a large Sloop of Rhode Island, was taken either by the French or Spaniards off of Martinico: That Capt. Smith, in a Brig, likewise of Rhode Island, was arrived at St. Eustatia, after a Passage of 80 Days, in which he lost his Mate, one or two of his Hands, all his Stock, had one of his Sides stove in, and otherwise received considerable Damage: That he left at St. Eustatia, two Sloops belonging to Philadelphia; two Brigs, two Sloops, and a Schooner, belonging to Rhode Island; a Brig to Boston; and the Captains Coffee and Richards, of this Place, who were to sail soon after him: And, that about fourteen Days ago, he spoke with a Brig bound from Barbadoes to Virginia, the Captain of which told him, that before he left the Island, Information had been received from St. Dominico, that a Proclamation

had been issued there, importing, that three of the Neutral Islands (their Names Capt. Sheldon has forgot) were, by the Commissaries appointed at Home to settle the Differences between the two Crowns in America, adjudg'd the peculiar Property of the King of France; and that whatever English Vessels should hereafter be noticed to be within three Leagues of either of the Islands, were to be taken and condemned as lawful Prizes.

We are told by Capt. Everson, who arrived here on Friday Evening last, in 29 Days from Coracoa, that the Spanish Privateers and Guarda Costas still continue to cruize about the Island: That the Privateers fitted out some Time ago by the Merchants, were returned, and had brought in with them a small Spanish Privateer, which they had taken hovering about the Island, and who acted by Virtue of a Commission they had obtained from some petty Governor on the Coast of Caraccas, its Date as old as the Days of Queen Mary of Spain; wherein they were ordered to act indiscriminately against all Nations, and which they attempted effectually to execute, as they a few Days before had taken a French Sloop richly laden. These Fellows were in Goal when Capt. Everson left Coracoa, and as the Governor did not chuse of his own Accord to inflict any Kind of Punishment on them, he immediately dispatched Intelligence thereof to Governor Knowls at Jamaica.

We are further told by Capt. Everson, that whilst he was at Coracoa, an Embargo of ten Days was laid on the Shipping, the better to enable the Islanders to dispatch with all Expedition, two Sloops they were then fitting out as Privateers to act against the Spanish Cruizers; and they sailed a Day or two before Capt. Everson left the Island.

In Capt. Everson is come Passenger, a Sea faring Man, who reports, that he belonged to a Brig bound from Coracoa to Amsterdam, some time the Beginning of last Fall, having on board 17,000 Pieces of Eight, and was taken soon after they sailed by a Spanish Brig of 14 Carriage, and 20 Swivel Guns: And, that the Crew of the said Vessel the Spaniards put on Shore on a Maroon Island, on the Coast of Caraccas, where they continued six Weeks, subsisting all the while on nothing more than what they caught along the Shore Side.

April 30. Capt. Harris who arrived here on Saturday Evening last, in 16 Days from Tortola, informs us, that a small Spanish Schooner from Porto Rico for Stata, having put into Santa Croix, for some Necessaries, was boarded in the Night by three Men, who shot the Spanish Captain thro' the Arm, wounded the most of the Crew, and carried off about 1000 Pieces of 8. Diligent Search was immediately made after the Villains, when two of them were apprehended; one of whom turn'd Evidence for the King, the other was try'd and condemn'd; and executed at Tortola, on the 11th ult. in the Presence of the Spanish Captain and all his Crew.

Capt. Harris farther informs us, that Markets were exceeding low in all the Virgin Islands, Provisions being sold there under the first Cost; that they were greatly in the Want of Rain, and more in particular at St. Thomas and St. John's, where the Sugar Canes are almost ruined.

May 7. Yesterday Capt. Vicer Leaycraft arrived here in 22 Days from Coracoa; by whom we learn, that the Spaniards and Coracoers continue to make Reprizals on each other, as if War had actually been declared between the two Nations; and that a few Days before he sailed, two Dutch Privateers meeting with a Spanish Schooner, es'd her of a Cargo of Cocoa, and then dismissed her.

Extra of a Letter from Madaira, dated March 23, 1753.

"Last Week a Yacht arrived here from Lisbon, she brought no Letters except one to his Excellency; upon Receipt of which, Orders were given to put up Advertisements in all public Places, strictly forbidding all Vessels bound to the Brazils, to depart within two Months, nor even then without his Excellency's Permission. The Conjectures on this Affair are various; some impute it to a Difference between the Courts of Spain and Portugal; others suppose it to be owing to the Failure of the Diamond Merchants of Brazil, that have contracted with the King of Portugal, supposing he is determined to seize upon the Effects of those Merchants within his Dominions."

P H I L A D E L P H I A .

April 26. Thursday last the Shallop Rebecca, of this Port, Andrew Cox, Master, put off for Little Creek, in Kent County, the latter Part of the Flood, with a small Wind at West; but before she got to Gloucester Point, was suddenly taken with a violent North West Squall; which overcast her. There were thirteen Persons on board, and among them a Woman and young Child, who were all hap-

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