

The Public, that Mr. Keith is at length so far reconciled to this new Law, as to confess it a most happy Event for supplying him with an Independence in a few Months; having in one Day, from Eight in the Morning till Eight at Night, married 173 Couple.

Extract of a Letter from Newry, dated October 3, 1753.

"Our Tea Trade is long since lost, and is likely to be followed by that for Spirits and Tobacco, such Quantities being daily run from the Isle of Man, that if the Commissioners do not soon find some Means of effectually preventing it, the fair Trader must be obliged either to fall in with the Practice, or be ruined. It is computed, that his Majesty's Revenue suffers at least 10,000*l.* per Annum, by such clandestine Dealings in those Parts, as this illicit Trade is now mostly in the Hands of Persons of Property; so that the Dealers all around are supplied at home on much easier Terms than they can be from the fair Trader here. One great Encouragement is, the Freight being paid down on shipping the Goods, and the Wherries, if taken, not only suffered to escape, but the Boatmen rewarded with a few Anchors, to induce them not to be over diligent in getting away another Time: So that, when a Barge is not in Sight, they boldly make their Port in open Day, and thus find their Account in this destructive Commerce, their Freight being two English Shillings for an Anchor of 10 Gallons, which is almost equal to that for Goods imported from the West Indies. Nor are the Smugglers here less daring than numerous; for Notice being lately sent by them to the Coast Officers, that at such a Day they intended to carry a considerable Quantity of run Goods from the neighbouring Mountains, the Officers and their Assistants, on coming to prevent it found near 63 Persons mounted and in Arms, who divided into Parties, and the Officers doing the like, and by this Means being prevented from assisting each other, they attacked, disarmed, and grossly abused them. One of the Officers having in the Engagement fired among them, and shattered a Man's Leg; Examinations have been sworn against him, and all his Companions, to take off their Evidence, who must now undergo a Trial, for having endeavoured to discharge their Duty. These are the Effects of a petty, independent Sovereignty subsisting in the Heart of the British Dominions, which serves for an Asylum to Outlaws and Bankrupts, and may be considered as a Fortress in the Hands of our Enemies, (that Trade being principally supported by the French) a constant Drain of our Cash, and the Ruin both of his Majesty's Revenue, and the fair Trade of these Kingdoms."

November 16. On Sunday last Mary Brennan was safely delivered of three Children. One Child was born at Three a Clock in the Morning; the second at Eleven, and the third Child at a Quarter before Twelve a Clock; all were directly baptized, are well, and likely to live. The Father of the Children is sixty Years old, and the Mother fifty, and have not had a Child these nine Years; the Father is decrepit in his Hands and Feet, and very poor.

November 17. Last Thursday, after reading his Majesty's Speech in the House of Commons, and unanimously voting an Address of Thanks, Sir James Douglas moved for a Call of the House on Tuesday Fortnight; when he would make a Motion for the Repeal of the Jews Act. Lord Palmerston, who opposes that Gentleman as Candidate for Oxfordshire at the ensuing general Election, stood up, and said, that he entirely agreed with the Gentleman over the Way in his Motion for a Call of the House on the Day mentioned.

A Motion was made in the House of Lords, at the same Time, for a Repeal of the said Act, and that afterwards there was a Debate.

December 8. By private Letters from Dublin we learn, that on Friday Night the 23d past, Arthur Jones Nevill, Esq; late Surveyor and Engineer General of Ireland, was expelled the Hon. House of Commons of that Kingdom, for misemploying the Money allotted for repairing or building of Barracks in Ireland, and erecting many of them in so bad a manner, as to endanger the Health of his Majesty's Troops. At the same Time a new Writ was ordered to be issued for electing a Knight of the Shire for the County of Wexford, in his room. The Determination of this important Affair, so consonant (say these Letters) to the Dictates of Justice, as well as the general Voice of the People, was celebrated with all the Demonstrations of unfeigned Joy. Though the Night was far advanced, Bonfires were immediately lighted in all Parts of the City, one particularly near the Castle, which lasted till the Dawn of Day. The Patriot Tribune, the generous Assertor of Public Liberty on this Occasion, was ushered home amidst the Acclamations of more than 4000 Inha-

bitants, truly sensible of the Blessings secured to them by his unwearied Endeavours for the Kingdom's Interest.

December 11. Letters from Hamburg inform us, that the King of Prussia has requested the Consent of the Regency of that City, for raising 1000 Seamen in it for the Service of the Embden Company; which Request has been granted, but still without Prejudice to the Right which the Magistrates reserve to themselves, of granting or refusing such Licences on a future Occasion.

Yesterday Hamilton, for the Murder of Lord Harrington's Cook, was executed at Tyburn, and his Body delivered to the Surgeons. He died a Roman Catholic, and denied the Robbery and Murder to the last.

Last Tuesday, about Five o'Clock in the Evening, the Prisoners in the Castle of Norwich made their Escape by the following Stratagem: As the Governor's Son, and one of the Turnkeys were going to ward them up, they suddenly seized them, and tied them Neck and Heels together; and (having before agreed to lock up such of the Prisoners as did not chuse to go with them) they set two of the most resolute Fellows amongst them to stand Guard over the Keepers, till they should go and call at the Gate to be let out: And as soon as the other Turnkey unlock'd the Door, they gave him two or three Blows, which laid him senseless; and then made the best of their Way, sixteen in all; but four were retaken the same Night in Norwich, not having got their Irons off; two of which were Clarke and Rose the Smugglers, who broke out about two Months since.

On the 26th past was carried into Yougholl in Ireland, a French-built Sloop, call'd the Friend of Bantry, Capt. Thomas Farmer, from Nantz, laden with Tea, Brandy and Salt; and seized by William Jackson, Tide Surveyor of that Port.

The 22d past, a Snow call'd the Fortuna, Abraham Williams, Master, off and from Gouenburgh, laden with Iron and Deals for Dublin, was entirely wrecked in Carnarvon Bay; but the Crew were saved.

They write from Yarmouth, that on Tuesday the 27th past, a large Ship, supposed to be a Collier, struck on Scroby Sand, near the Town of Yarmouth. The Weather was so bad, and Sea so rough, that there could be no Assistance given by Boats, nor from the Ships in the Roads. The Men were seen for several Hours upon the Yards and Rigging, but by the Violence of the Sea they were drove off and drowned.

And the 29th past the Thomas of Dublin, William Hill, was sunk in Holyhead in a Storm of Wind at North.

The Molly, Hill, from Malaga, is sunk near Holyhead.

The Broughton, Courtney, from Riga, is lost on the Arklow Rocks near Dublin, but the Captain and Crew are saved.

They write from Margate that they have had taken up on that Coast several Firkins of Butter, which are under the Care of the Lord of the Manor's Officers: It's thought some Collier hath been lost in the Swin at the Back of their Sands, as there hath been Part of a large Ship taken up on one of their Sands.

The Thomas and Anne of Hull, Thomas Raven, Master and principal Owner, bound from London to Gainborough, loaded with sundry Goods, was, on the 27th of last Month, overfet and beat upon the Lincolnshire Coast upon the Sands of Saltfleet, about ten Miles South of the Mouth of the Humber: Five of the Hands were found drowned in the Hold; the Master and one Sailor were found drowned upon the Coast, some Miles from the Wreck; and also the Master's Pocket Book, containing a List of the Particulars of the Loading, and the Counterpart of an Insurance upon the Ship.

Extract of a Letter from Eyemouth, Nov. 30.

"A most violent Storm from the North and North East has produced fatal Effects on this Coast. A large Fishing Boat belonging to Berwick, with seven Hands on Board, was lost, and the whole Crew peris'd. On Monday a small Vessel, Andrew Simson Master, went from this Place to Berwick: She was wreck'd off the Monk-boufe, beyond the Skairs, on Tuesday Morning, and all on Board peris'd."

December 13. By private Letters from the Hague we learn, that in consequence of the Representations made by that Republic, in Conjunction with his Britannic Majesty, to the Court of France, touching the new Works at Dunkirk, the French Ambassador has presented a Memorial to the President of the Week, in which it is said, That the Court, in giving Orders to dig a Canal behind the Barracks of Dunkirk, had no other Intention, but to carry off the Filth of the Streets,

which infected the Air, and injured the Health of the Inhabitants and Garrison; that they never imagined this innocent Precaution could give any Occasion for the smallest Complaint; that, nevertheless, to give the Maritime Powers a manifest Proof of his Most Christian Majesty's religious Regard to Treaties, and to remove every Ground of Uneasiness, he had not only ordered the said Works to be stopp'd, but also given Directions for laying before their High Mightinesses a Plan of Dunkirk, that they may judge themselves of the true State of its Fortifications."

Letters from Florence advise, that the Regency receive frequent Expresses from Vienna, which give Occasion to the holding so many Councils; that it was reported the Empress Queen purpos'd to augment her Troops destined for Italy to 24,000 Men; and, that on the other Hand, it was rumoured that great Efforts were making to detach the Duke of Modena from his Engagements with the Imperial Court.

Advices from Turin say, that their Apprehensions of a Rupture in Italy were increased, since they received Information that the French Court keeps a Body of 24,000 Men on the Frontiers of Dauphiny and Provence, ready to pass into Italy as soon as Occasion shall require; and that the Court of Vienna is marching an Army of the same Force towards Lombardy, a Passage having been already demanded for it through the Venetian Territories. These Preparations, the Letters add, occasion his Sardinian Majesty to labour most assiduously with his Ministers, in concerting the most proper Measures for the Safety and Interest of his Subjects.

Newcastle, Dec. 1. A jolly Tar just arriv'd at Shields from Philadelphia, meeting a Lady of Pleasure in the Street there on Thursday Night, and being pretty mellow, desired her to take Part of a Bottle at a neighbouring House, which she readily consenting to, they mutually agreed to take a Nap together, for an Hour or so: But the Lady, in order to divert this Stranger in the best Manner she could, after he had put off his Cloaths, propos'd to dress herself with them, to let him see what a pretty Sailor she would make, &c. This being done, she found an Opportunity to march off, and left the poor Fellow without Money or Cloaths. About three Guineas were in his Pockets.

A polite Robbery on the Highway by Mons. Du Vall, a French Footman, much admired by the Ladies.

THIS Highwayman in Company with four others, overtakes a Coach on Turnham Green, which they had set over Night, having Intelligence of a Booty of Four Hundred Pounds in it. In the Coach was a Knight, his Lady, and only one Maid Servant, who perceiving five Horsemen making up to them, presently imagin'd they were beset; and they were confirmed in this Apprehension by seeing them whisper to one another, and ride backwards and forwards. But as there appeared no Way of escaping, the Lady, to shew she was not afraid, and to insinuate she had nothing to lose, takes a Flageolet out of her Pocket and plays; Du Vall who amongst his Accomplishments of Dancing, Singing, &c. delighted in that Instrument, takes the Hint, and tuning his own Flageolet excellently well, approaches the Side of the Coach in that Posture; and addressing himself to the Knight, Sir, said he, your Lady plays charmingly, and I doubt not but that she dances as well; will you please to walk out of the Coach, and let me have the Honour to dance one Minuet with her on the Green? The Knight replied, I dare not deny any Thing to one of your Quality and Good Nature: You seem a Gentleman, and your Request is very reasonable; and ordering the Footman to open the Door, Du Vall leapt lightly off his Horse and, hands the Lady out of the Coach. They danced, and tho' in his Boots and Riding Dress, Du Vall performed wonderful both in Footing and Singing; and when the Dancing was over he handed the Lady into the Coach again: But stopp'd the Knight as he followed his Lady, telling him he had forgot to pay the Music; no, I have not replies the Knight; and putting his Hand under the Seat of the Coach pulls out a Hundred Pound Bag, and delivers it to him. Du Vall took it with a good deal of Grace, and courteously answered: Sir, you are liberal, and shall have no Cause to repent your being so: This Liberality of yours shall excuse you the other Three Hundred Pounds, and civilly took his Leave.

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December 31. We hear from Scarborough, that a Man of that Place lately complaining that the Palate of his Mouth was fallen, one of his Neighbours desired him to sit down, and he would raise it

it again; upon which a Lock of his Hair pulling for about a Week down in his

January 3. W. on the 17th of 1. House of Mr. Alpo consumed by Fire Stores, viz. English &c. hardly any Divine Goodness known how the Fire

January 21. V. Time ago, a German aged 106 Years; him, to the fourth all living. 'Tis had a good Stomach Death.

Extract of a Letter "On the 15th from Schoire. a 1 Squaw with her Child, and eat the of the Child. A came that Way, at length killed him

We hear from some Whale Men to the Southward, one of which was had struck at several Places to assist in

January 15. was indicted at which he pleaded Death.

January 22. that the two Ships here, are both good except about 150 that of the Jalep mage; and that so much as might

January 29. young Children Monday Night, sent out in the Sheep, but lost the not found till the On Thursday Twelve, a Fire in the immediate A being no Wind, out any other Lod the Dwelling house the Shop of Mr.

A N Sunday last by Honourable the Secretary of this Province Twenty third Year and here on Monday made an elegant Dinner, for a great dish: In the After drank, the Great in the Evening by the Council Chamber were repeated; at which the Ladies appearance: There Common, where the Populace, as was beautifully:

Last Friday d. City, aged 22 1/2 Mr. JOHN HEN CHARLES CAR -leman, who, by and virtuous and and Esteem of all Body was very a for it, a great tending his Faith their much believe We hear from that the Two M dored their Ours executed.

Friday last T. Huses, belonging Sheriff of Frin Anne Town, a Fire began in his been fired on the Dwelling H