

whoever shall deliver their Country of some of the principal Chiefs of the Rebels.

The Genoese have been lately solicited by many Powers to enter into certain Engagements proposed to them; but we are informed they have rejected them all, declaring that the present State of their domestic Affairs was sufficient to employ their whole Attention.

This Morning died the Right Hon. Sir John Strange, Knt. Master of the Rolls, who was taken ill Yesterday at Dinner. He was elected Member of the ensuing Parliament for Tonnes in Devonshire.

May 19. 'Tis again reported, that his Majesty will go abroad soon after the Meeting of Parliament.

The Yachts are all order'd to be clean'd, and got ready as fast as possible.

There is a talk of his Britannic Majesty's entire Cession of his Claim to East Frisia in favour of the King of Prussia; for which he will be indemnified by the Empress Queen.

M. Cornabe, Major General in the Service of Holland, has, since his Arrival in England, made a Report to the Ministry, in Conjunction with the English Commissaries, of the present State of the Fortifications of Dunkirk; by which it appears that they are not of such a Nature as to be deemed an Infraction of Treaties.

According to private Letters from one of our Settlements in the East Indies, prodigious Alterations have been made there, in Point of domestic Oeconomy; and more especially in the Managements of the Natives, who live under the Government of the Companies Servants, and who were formerly most grievously oppressed by one of their own Countrymen to whom the Power of rendering Justice amongst them was delegated, which he converted into as grievous a System of Tyranny and Oppression, as perhaps, was ever felt, and yet so well covered and disguised, that it subsisted many Years.

Col. Braddock's Regiment of Foot, now at Gibraltar, is shortly expected in England from thence.

Our Correspondent at Paris acquaints us, that the Parliament is on the Point of being restored, in which the Duke of Noailles, Belleisle, and Richelieu, have taken great Pains.

The Penelope, Wyatt, is cut off on the Coast of Africa by the Negroes.

They write from Plymouth, that on the 9th, the Monarque and Captain Men of War sailed from thence, with General Pulteney's Regiment on board for Gibraltar.

It is said there are at least 3000 German Protestants actually shipped, or on the Point of shipping themselves for our Plantations this Season; which is a Proof, how much the Excellence of our mild and equal Constitution is approved and desired, wherever it is known.

A Letter is lately come to Hand, setting forth, that the Army of Ireland are better provided for and paid, than any other in Europe, but that the common Soldiers of France have superior Advantages to those of our Establishment, as all Regiments have Masters to instruct the private Men the Art of Gunnery and Engineering, which is of great Service to their Officers in all Engagements, Blockades, and Sieges; keeps them to their Discipline, employs their Minds, and keeps them from Idling, Drinking, and Gaming, and other atrocious Crimes.

The India Company will, in a few Days, take up eighteen Ships into their Service for the Year ensuing.

The six Regiments of this City are ordered to be mustered successively, and they will begin the 21st of July.

May 23. Yesterday the India Company received Advice, that the Edgbaston, Capt. Tiddeman, the Griffin, Capt. Dethick, the Harcourt, Capt. Webber, and the Clinton, Capt. Nansan, from China, are safe arrived at Falmouth. They bring Advice that the Grantham, a Storeship, Capt. Oliver, arrived at St. Helena, outward bound, the 30th of March last, and that Capt. Cuth, of the Tavistock, died at Bombay, and Mr. Cunningham, Chief Mate of the Harcourt, died on his Voyage homeward.

Yesterday se'night an Express arrived at Edinburgh, with a Reprieve for Archibald M'Donald, late of Barrisdale, suspending his Execution (which had been appointed by the Court of Justiciary to be Yesterday) during his Majesty's Pleasure. When the Reprieve was intimated to him, he behaved with great Composure, and expressed with becoming Decency the Sense he had of his Majesty's Mercy.

May 25. On Tuesday about One o'Clock in the Morning, a Fire broke out at Houghton Mills, near Huntingdon, by which they were entirely

consumed, notwithstanding the Assistance of several hundred Persons from the neighbouring Towns, and a large Quantity of Wheat and Flour was destroyed. By the Violence of the Wind the Flames were communicated to a House and Barn about a Furlong distant, which were also totally consumed. It is thought the Mills were set on Fire by some evil-minded Persons, one of which is committed to Huntingdon Goal on some strong Suspicions.

Tuesday Night a Man well dress'd, had the Impudence to ask a Soldier of the Guards to leave his Corps, assuring him that he might live much better in the Service of the French King. The Soldier immediately seized him, intending to bring him to the Tower, the Affair happening near that Place; but a Number of Men fell out, and not only refused the Fellow, but likewise beat the Soldier in an unmerciful Manner.

The Honourable James Hamilton, Esq; having resigned as Governor of Philadelphia, the Honourable Robert Hunter Morris, Esq; lately appointed, will embark at Plymouth in a few Days on board a Man of War for that Colony.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, May 20.

"A Courier from London has called here in his Way to Hanover, and we are assured he carries Advice of the King of Great Britain's Resolution to go over to that Electorate this Summer. That Courier, after delivering his Dispatches to the Regency of Hanover, is to proceed to the North. Another Courier from London has taken the Rout of Vienna. His Britannic Majesty's Resolution is attributed to some favourable News received from the Empire, concerning the Means to bring to a happy Issue the Negotiations for the Election of a King of the Romans. The Affairs of the North seem likewise to be the Occasion of that Monarch's Voyage. It is only from Poland that we have received the News of the Grand Signior's Death: They know nothing of it at Vienna, where they could hardly have failed to receive such an Account by a Courier, if it were true."

By Letters from Petersburg of the 30th of April, we find, that they had then thirty four Gallies in Readiness to put to Sea, and that they are to transport to Revel some of the Regiments of Infantry assembled in the Neighbourhood of Petersburg.

According to the last Letters from Toulon, the Mutine Frigate was arrived from Brest with Mortars, Bombs, and other warlike Stores; the Count de la Galissoniere was daily expected; and the Squadron, which he is to command, must be at Sea by this Time: But its Destination is still a Secret.

May 28. France has contracted with Sweden for building four more Ships, each of which is to carry 45 Guns.

On Saturday last the India Company received Advice, that the Walpole, Capt. Fowler, and the Suffolk, Capt. Willson, from India, were safe arrived in the Downs.

Yesterday came Advice, that the Dodington, Capt. Hutchinson, from Mocha, in the Service of the East India Company, arrived on Sunday last in the Downs. She left St. Helena the 22d of March.

There is Advice that the Algerines have taken a Maltese Vessel of twelve Guns. She was attacked off the Island of Rhodes by the Algerines, and defended herself for several Hours. The Captain was dangerously wounded.

May 30. Sir Thomas Salusbury, Judge of the Admiralty, having Yesterday made a Report to the King, of the Trial and Condemnation of Capt. Launcey, for sinking the Ship Nightingale, with Intent to defraud the Insurers; his Majesty was pleased to order him to be executed on Wednesday next.

At the same Time William Moreton, Esq; Recorder of this City, having made his Report of the Convicts under Sentence of Death in Newgate, his Majesty was pleased to order John Paery, for robbing Dr. Dawson; David Edem, for robbing his Master in Wood Street; and Hugh Mackabe, for a Rape on the Body of Mary Holmes, an Infant under five Years of Age, to be also executed on Wednesday: And to order Silas Dowling, for robbing Nathanael Stent of a Silver Watch in Fetter Lane, to be transported for seven Years.

Whitehall, May 18. The King has been pleased to grant unto the Hon. Edward Hay, Esq; the Office of his Majesty's Consul General in the Dominion and Kingdom of Portugal, from the Caminha, Northward, to Casiro Marin, Southward, in the Main, and the Islands of the Azores, Porto Santo and Algarves, and the Frontier Towns of Barbary.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Naish, Esq; to be his Majesty's Agent and Consul General in the Island of Madeira. The King has been pleased to constitute and ap-

point Burrington Goldworthy, Esq; to be his Majesty's Consul at Cadiz and Port St. Mary, in the Dominions of the King of Spain.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint John Dick, Esq; to be his Majesty's Consul at Leghorn.

Sixteen PEERS chosen to Represent the Peerage of SCOTLAND in the ensuing Parliament.

Campbell, Duke of Argyll,
Hay, Marquis of Tweedale,
Ker, Marquis of Lothian,
Leslie, Earl of Rothes,
Douglas, Earl of Morton,
Stewart, Earl of Moray,
Home, Earl of Home,
Maitland, Earl of Lauderdale,
Campbell, Earl of Loudon,
Ogilvy, Earl of Birlston,
Campbell, Earl of Breadalbin,
Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen,
Home, Earl of Marchmont,
Carmichael, Earl of Hyndford,
Murray, Viscount Stormont,
Cathcart, Lord Cathcart.

June 1. Yesterday both Houses of Parliament met at Westminster, and were opened by a Commission from his Majesty, when the Commons were sworn in the Court of Wards by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Steward of the Household; upwards of 300 Members were sworn.

After which the House of Commons proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, when the Hon. Arthur Orflow, Esq; was chosen without Opposition, and led up to the Chair by the Marquis of Granby, Knight of the Shire for the County of Cambridge, and Thomas Pelham, Esq; Knight of the Shire for the County of Suffex. - This is the 5th Parliament that Gentleman has been elected into that high Office.

And this Day a Commission from the Honourable House of Commons waited on his Majesty at Kennington, for his Approbation.

BOSTON, July 29.

Mr. FLEET, Boston, July 27, 1754.

AS the Power of sharp pointed Rods, attracting the Fire out of the Clouds in a Thunder Storm, has been tried with Success and Satisfaction in many Places, and made public to the Honour of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; who was first favoured with the wonderful Discovery) I hope I need not apologize for publishing the following Matter of Fact concerning sharp-pointed Rods, and their Properties. I have for some Time past, erected upon my House a sharp-pointed Rod in the following Order; the Point is about ten Feet above the highest Eminence of the House; from the Rod a conducting Wire is brought through the Garret Window down to a Window over the Stair Case, where the End of the Wire is fastened to a small Bell: This Bell and Wire hang at a Distance from any Non electric; then about an Inch from that, is another Bell fixed on a strong Wire, from which a conducting Wire is communicated to the Earth; between the two Bells is a small Tongue, suspended by a Silk Cord. Last Tuesday a black Cloud, about one o'Clock, passing over the Point, the Point, Wire, and Bell, became electrified, then attracted the small Tongue, delivered its Fire, then repelled it; the other Bell then attracted it, which occasioned it to vibrate with considerable Quickness: Observing this, I called several credible Friends to be Witnesses to what I did, which was in the following Manner; I applied my Knuckle to the electrified Bell, and drew a Spark which gave a pricking Sensation; I then took one of my coated Vials, and partly charged it from the Bell, in the same Manner as we do from the prime Conductor in electrical Experiments, then I discharged the Vial with a curve Wire, and the large Spark appeared to all present, and a Snap in Proportion to the Quantity of Fire; then I partly charged the Vial again, to try the Shock, which affected the Nerves as exactly as if charged from the prime Conductor: The Fire appeared of the same Colour, the same Form, produced the same Effects, as Electric Fire does. Joseph Hiller.

On Monday last, a Barn, with a Quantity of Hay in it, and a Corn House, were destroyed by Fire at Marsh-field, occasioned by a Lad's firing a Pistol, the Wad of which lodging in the Hay, set it on Fire.

Tuesday last, in the Afternoon, the Light House at the Entrance of our Harbour, was struck by Lightning, by which several of the Windows were broke in; and the Shingles split to Pieces and tore off in many Places, but the Lamps and Iron Work a top happily escaped.

Extract of a Letter from his Friend in Boston, 1754.

We are now to acquaint you with the Account come in a Vessel from the Havanna, of a very great fail'd from thence with a

the English at the Bay, and of their own: The Particulars are as follows: On the twelfth of April 24 Gun Ship, in Company with two other Vessels, both fitted with discipline, Havanna for the Key M. dezvous, where they had Don Novorette, the present wito 20 Sail of Vessels, Sloop, &c. They also a considerable Body from might make in the whole Key Mugar, and to proceed, with a Determination wood Cutters, and to mown; and from thence to the Musquito Shore, and

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July 18. The Account Prince George Sloop being premature. The Captain at a Place called Prisoner with his People, his Escape; and his Sloop ver when the last Vessel writes, that a Sloop from Master, had been taken dered of her Cargo, Sa Captain with all his Crew tives; but that the Vessel don Snow passing that W

The Schooner Two John Burges Master, be London, foundered in hain and Crew saved ther met with a Vessel at Sea

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August 5. Early on we had a very violent G these and Parts adjacent, Abundance of Damage to neral, but more especial destroying much of that and tall Growth.

Friday last ended the Court of this Colony, w indicted and tried for k City: The Jury found h and he was burnt in the

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We are now every against the French at the We hear from Virginia 1500 Men in that Colon Innes.

Custom House, A Ship Frisby, George Da Shallop Two Maries, I York; Sloop Georgia Packet, D Carolina.

Clear'd for Snow Polly, John Troy

To be

At ANNAPOLIS, on Tuesday (Being the Gift)

A PURSE

POUNDS, Gelding, carrying Nine Three Heats, each Heat on the Race Ground; tween each Heat. The ed with: Jonas Green c ing Twenty Shillings B Shillings.

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Richard Mest, Maccubbin, intends to Chapman, John Dars

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