

afterwards fastened them to Stakes near a great Fire, where three expired; and the other three died a few Days after. Thirty of the Marshalsea Guards, who were sent to apprehend him, having beset his Castle, he barricaded the Doors, and fired on them from the Garret Windows, killing the Commanding Officer and five others. After which he made his Escape, and left the Kingdom; but absurdly imagining that his Crimes were forgot, he lately returned.

St. James's, Jan. 8. His Majesty having been pleased to deliver the Custody of the Privy Seal to his Grace Charles Duke of Marlborough, the Oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal, was, by his Majesty's Command, this Day administered to his Grace in Council.

At the Court at St. James's, the 9th of Jan. 1755.
P R E S E N T,

The King's most excellent Majesty in Council. This Day his Grace Harry Duke of Bolton, and the Right Hon. John Earl of Egmont, were, by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and took their respective Places at the Board accordingly.

L O N D O N, January 18.
Extract of a Letter from Paris, December 15.

"Whatever the Generality of People may think on your Side of the Water, or whatever may be the Sentiments of the Gascoons here, some of the most sensible of the French Politicians are by no Means satisfied with what has been done upon the Ohio, and when you hear their Reasons I think you will be convinced that they do not dissemble, but speak their real Sentiments, and have at the same Time good Grounds for what they say.

"They observe that the French Colonies in North America are not in any Situation to maintain a War without Assistance from Europe, and therefore they think it as none of the wisest Steps to begin one. They further remark, that the Scheme of tracing a Military Line from the Frontiers of Canada to Mississippi is a vast Undertaking, which they want Force to support; that it must equally alarm the Indians and the English; and that the latter having nothing to do but to put the former upon considering their own Interest, offering them their Friendship and Assistance, and strengthening these Arguments by Presents, to place the French between two Fires, and to render their Schemes abortive before it can be half executed. Besides, say they, the great End of Colonies abroad, is to cultivate a rich Country, to render themselves populous, and to transport the Fruits of their Industry to their Mother Country: This the English in those Parts are able to do; and the French by attempting to do it too soon, will never be able to do it at all. Some think that a certain Minister will lose his Credit, by having countenanced this Project.

"Some People reason in the same Manner in reference to Affairs in the East-Indies, and are so far from considering Mr. Duplex as the ablest Governor they ever had, that they make no Scruple of affirming, he has sacrificed the Company's solid and essential Interests to his own Ambition, and for this Reason would be very glad to see the Convention with the English Company fairly signed, that they might have an Opportunity of putting Things on a right Footing, and attend to Commerce instead of Conquests."

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, dated Jan. 16.

"On Saturday Orders arrived at Portsmouth from the Lords of the Admiralty, to take the Guns, Provisions, and Stores, out of his Majesty's Ship Terrible, in order for her going into Dock to be sheathed and fitted.

"This Day Orders were received from the Lords of the Admiralty, for the Monarch and Captain Guardships to be got ready for Dock with the utmost Expedition, to be sheathed and fitted."

January 23. The Marquis de Durfor, appointed by the Court of France to attend the Duke de Mirepoix, was presented at St. James's; Count d'Estain, Colonel of a Regiment of Foot, who by Order of the Court attends the same Ambassador, was likewise presented last Friday; being recovered of a Fit of Illness, which prevented his being presented sooner. The Court of France has, contrary to Custom, sent these two French Lords to honour the Duke of Mirepoix's Embassy.

Orders are issued for embarking at Cork the Regiments commanded by the Hon. Lord George Bentinck, and the Hon. Col. Waldegrave, who are to be landed at Bristol, and will be immediately augmented to 70 Men a Company, the same Number as the Regiments on the English Establishment.

Last Saturday the Sally, Oram, bound from Piscataqua for Topham, put into Dartmouth, having lost her Mainmast.

The William, Capt. Wintle, from Ireland for Virginia, is lost five Leagues to the Southward of the Cape; the Crew saved.

The Harwich Man of War, of sixty Guns, will be launched at Deptford the next Spring Tide.

Two Forty Gun Ships, and a Sloop, will likewise soon be launched there.

Yesterday it was currently reported that Madras, in the East-Indies, was taken by the French.

Yesterday there was a very great Levee at the Right Hon. Henry Fox's, Secretary of War, at his House in Conduit street, by Hanover square.

January 25. Yesterday's Mail brought an Account of the Death of Juliana Maria, Queen of Denmark. She was Daughter of the Duke of Brunswick Wolfenbuttle, and married to the King of Denmark the 8th of July, 1752.

It is said that Col. Bockland's, and another Regiment of Foot in Scotland, will be sent to America.

And that Lord George Bentinck's, and Col. Waldegrave's Regiments of Foot, will come over from Ireland to replace them.

They write from Cowes that they had the greatest Fall of Snow last Week known there in the Memory of Man, in some Places measuring more than six Feet deep.

It is said in the Hague Gazette, that the Treaty depending between the Courts of Great-Britain and Spain, is on the Point of being concluded; and by one of the principal Articles of this Treaty the English are to be reinstated in all the Possessions they formerly had in the Gulph of Honduras; and that their Commerce in the Gulph, as also in the Bay of Campeachy, will be regulated so as to prevent any Disputes hereafter between the two Nations.

Yesterday it was reported, that the French were marching 10,000 Men to make a Descent on our Coasts; and that a certain Foreign M—— had been refused private Audience; but this we look on to be mere Invention to affect the Stocks.

We hear that Capt. Saunders of the Navy will shortly be commanded on a secret Expedition.

Charles Saunders, Esq; Treasurer of Greenwich Hospital, and Member of Parliament for Heydon in Yorkshire, is appointed Captain of the Yarmouth, previous, as we suppose, to his being made Commodore.

The trading Vessels that lie in the River Thames within these few Days lost all their Hands, from the Apprehensions of a Pest, so that they are unable to proceed on their respective Voyages.

His Majesty's Ship Litchfield, lately put into Commission at Chatham, and the Command of her given to Capt. Charles Stevens, is ordered to be manned at that Place with all Expedition.

We hear that Commodore Broderick will soon sail to Jamaica, to relieve Commodore Coats, who now commands there.

Commodore How, lately appointed Captain of the Chatham, it is said, will sail to the Mediterranean.

On Thursday last Capt. Falconer, by Order of the Lords of Admiralty, went Post to Plymouth, to embark in a Sloop of War directly, in order to look into Brest and Rochelle, to see what Forwardness the French Fleet are in.

Extract of a Letter from Mountbay, Jan. 20.

"We are informed by some Smugglers, lately arrived from Morlaix, that there are sixteen Men of War, in the Harbour of Brest, ready to put to Sea immediately, and not a Sailor to be seen in the Ports of Brittany, but all called to their Stations; and the Merchants, who supply the Smugglers, are of Opinion that their Gain is near a Crisis, because nothing but an immediate Rupture with England is expected."

We learn from Constantinople, by the Way of Venice, that in a great Divan held in the Presence of the new Emperor, a Resolution was taken not to make any Alterations for the present, but to send certain intelligent Persons to inspect the State of the Provinces, and of the Frontiers, and to make Report thereof in a Divan, that is to be held in March.

They write from Parma, that the Infant Duke has forbid the old Method of accounting the Hours, which prevails over all Italy; and has directed in his Dominions, that they shall reckon as in France, from One to Twelve, and so begin again, and not from One to Twenty-Four, as had been the old Custom.

According to Letters from Koningsberg, where very exact Registers are kept, there have been born within the Compass of the last Year in the Kingdom of Prussia, Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventeen Children, and there have died Nineteen Thousand and Fifty-four; so that the Increase is Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three; the Number of the Persons in the whole Kingdom are about Six Hundred Thousand.

Our Correspondents at Paris acquaint us, that there has been lately a very brisk Action between the regular Troops and the Smugglers in Alsace, in which the former had not the better; and the latter have forced a Passage into the County of Liege.

February 1. It is thought that the Report of Madras being taken by the French is malicious and without the least Foundation, spread by Enemies to our happy Constitution, or with some lucrative View.

Two Expresses have arrived this Week from a neighbouring Court, which occasions various Conjectures.

Charles-Town, South Carolina, March 20.

On Thursday last arrived here the Snow Thetis, Capt. Jay, from St. Kitts. In her Passage five of the Crew seiz'd the Vessel and kept Possession of her fifty Hours, when she was recover'd by the killing of them.

B O S T O N, March 10.

About Twelve a Clock last Monday Night, in a violent Storm of Wind and Snow, Capt. Hatch, in a Brigantine inward bound from Jamaica, was forced on the Rocks near Cohasset, where the Vessel was beat to Pieces, and, with the Cargo, entirely lost; but the Men with the greatest Difficulty saved their Lives.—About the same Time, and near the same Place, a Sloop from the North River, bound to Nantucket on the Whaling Account, was put on Shore, and received so much Damage, that she is not able to perform her Voyage.

Two Schooners deeply laden with Grain, and a Sloop with 60 or 70 Men from Philadelphia, came over the Shoals with Capt. Hatch, of whom we have not yet had any certain Account.

In the said Storm, a Sloop from the Eastward with Wood, was cast away and lost, but the Men were saved, and are since come to Town.

We have also a Report, that a Ship is cast away near Plymouth, and several smaller Vessels on the same Side of the Bay, of which we have not yet got the Particulars.

March 17. Since our last, we have the following further Account of Damage done at Sea in the last Storm, viz. That a Schooner from Maryland with Grain, was cast ashore near the Monument, the Vessel and Cargo lost, one Man froze to Death, and the Master much hurt.—Near the same Place a new Sloop from the Eastward with Wood, her Stern painted Blue, with all the People.—A Sloop and Schooner are ashore near Scituate.—Another Schooner is ashore on the Back of the Cape near Chatham.—A Snow or Brigantine is ashore at the Table Land, near Eastham, and four Sloops are ashore on Cape Cod.—Also a Sloop bound in from Piscataqua, with Lumber, — Card, Master, was drove ashore in Barnstable Bay, and three of the Men drowned.

A Sloop from Philadelphia, with 70 or 80 new raised Men for his Excellency's Regiment, meeting with the Storm near Cape Cod, wisely put back, and got safe to Nantucket, from whence she arrived here last Wednesday.

Saturday last, Capt. Malcolm in a Brigantine arrived here in six Weeks from Cadiz, who informs, that on Wednesday the fifth Instant, (the Day after we had a violent Storm of Wind and Snow) he was drove on Nantucket Shoals, where he struck several Times, and was in imminent Danger of being lost. That at a Distance from him, he saw a Snow or Brig, he could not tell which, with all her Headsails standing, ashore on the Rose and Crown, and is very certain that the People must all have perished, as the Weather was extreme cold: And as two Snows failed from this Port the Morning before the Storm came on, both the Masters Names, Montgomery, it is greatly feared this was one of them; and there is too much Reason to think the other was lost on the Back of Cape-Cod.

March 24. Wednesday last came to Town Captain Robert Montgomery, late Master of the Snow that was drove ashore on the Back of Cape-Cod, in the late Storm, and informs, that when the Tide left the Vessel, he and his People got on shore, almost perish'd with Cold: That having got some of the Cape Men to assist him (tho' upon very severe Terms) he got out of the Vessel a considerable Part of the Cargo (Fish) which was much damag'd, but 'tis fear'd the Vessel will never be got off.

One of the Sloops said in our last to be ashore on Cape Cod, was from the Eastward with Wood, John M'Fadden Master, who, with his Men and some Passengers, five in Number, were found frozen to Death about a Mile and an Half from the Vessel.

Last Thursday Night arrived here from Halifax, Capt. James Nickles, after a Passage of near a Month, having been out in almost all the bad Weather we have had of late. He happily got into Cape-Cod Harbour in the great Storm. He has brought

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Postscript of a Letter dated February 12, 1755

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