

*Pinnac, Feb. 1.* Last Monday a considerable Number of Masons and Carpenters set out for Hungary, to repair the Fortifications of that Kingdom. Tho' the Centinels are relieved every Half hour in the Night-time, two of them, who were stationed on the Ramparts, were so much affected by the Cold, that they died in a few Minutes after they were brought to the Guard-house.

*Lisbon, Jan. 2.* Letters from Compostella pretend to say, that the Kingdom of Galicia is to be dismembered from the Spanish Monarchy, and given to the Infant Don Lewis, his Catholic Majesty's Brother, who will fix his Royal Residence at Compostella, and make it the Capital of his new Kingdom, on his Marriage with the Infanta of Portugal. But tho' these Letters add that they had already begun to settle the Boundaries between Galicia, the Kingdom of Leon, and that of Asturias, we cannot give Credit to this Piece of Intelligence, because a Settlement of that Nature would infallibly become the Source of very fatal Divisions; and, besides, the Age of dismembering is past.

### L O N D O N.

*February 15.* By the last Accounts from Lisbon and Cadiz, it appears that there are at this Time in those Harbours above an hundred Sail of English Merchantmen, some of which have been there a long Time for Want of Freights. When those Ships shall arrive, it is not doubted but a sufficient Number of able Seamen will enter on board his Majesty's Fleet, to support the Honour of the British Flag against any haughty Intruders.

We are well assured that two Men of War, one of 70, and one of 90 Guns, are sailed for India: That Madagascar was well fortify'd, and not in any Danger, in Case of an Attempt from the Enemy on the British Settlements there.

We are assured that his Excellency Charles Knowles, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Blue, will, in a short Time, be removed from the Government of his Majesty's Island of Jamaica.

*February 20.* We hear that the Preparations now carrying on with so much Vigilance, to the Honour of the Ministry, which can only be paral- leled by that in Queen Elizabeth and Cromwell's Time, will be continued, unless Hostages are sent over from France, to prove the Sincerity of their Intentions to preserve Peace with the Court of Great-Britain; and that in case of a Rupture, 150 Sail of Men of War will be fitted out with all the Dispatch that is possible.

*February 22.* On Tuesday last his Majesty's Royal Bounty, agreeable to Proclamation, was paid on board the Albany, Capt. Langden, at Deptford, by the Clerk of the Cheque there, to upwards of fifty Volunteers. This is the first Ship that has been paid. The brave Fellows expressed great Spirit on this Occasion, and, with three Huzzas, wished for an Opportunity to curb the Insolence of the Enemy to the British Flag. A brave Encouragement for Seamen to enter.

The reigning Prince in Germany, who, we said, the Week before last, was soon expected to declare himself a Roman Catholic, is the Marquis of Brandenburgh Bareith, married to the King of Prussia's eldest Sister. Is it to vex England, the first Protestant Power in Europe, that the German Princes are turning Papists, because she will not grant them Subsidies, which they want to enable them to set up Woollen Manufactories?

Our Correspondent at Paris acquaints us, that the Reports so strongly propagated of an Alliance concluded with the Court of Madrid, lose Ground daily; and that it begins to be suspected, they were calculated to keep up the Spirits of the People, notwithstanding the Apprehensions of a War, to which the Nation in general are averse, from the Dread of an additional Load of Taxes to those which are very grievous already.

*February 26.* The Newark and Kingston are ordered to be got ready for Sea at Chatham; the Dunkirk waited only for a Wind on Sunday last, to proceed to the Nore.

The York and Weymouth, two sixty Gun Ships, are put into Commission at Plymouth.

The greatest Part of the trading Vessels at Plymouth are or will be transformed into Tenders for impressing Men into the Service. Five more were ordered to be hired there last Week. Admiral Mofyn is very alert, nothing that can be done to make every Thing ready is left undone.

His Majesty's Ship Arandel is arrived at Spithead, from the Downs with press'd Men.

On Sunday two Tenders, with press'd Men on board, sail'd from the River to put them on board the Men of War lying at Chatham.

The Albion Sloop of War, now at Deptford, is ordered to Woolwich to take in her Guns, and from thence to proceed round to Spithead.

So noble a Spirit appears in the Nation at present, that to all Appearance our Eyes are opened, and the Treachery, Deceit, and Perfidy of our faithless Neighbours are no longer hid from us. We seem to know our real Interest at last, and resolve steadily to pursue it.

It is said, the French have offer'd to settle all Things *bona Fide*, according to the Treaty of Utrecht; but that our Court insists on being paid the Expences occasioned by their faithless Behaviour.

Letters received Yesterday from France advise, that the Court has sent Orders to erect Signals at certain Distances from Dunkirk all along the Coast quite into Brittany, in order to give the quickest Intelligence of what passes in the Channel; and that those Signals are disposed in such a Manner, that whenever a Squadron of Ships sail from England, it will be known at Brest in 24 Hours.

On Friday last the Commissioners of the Victualling Office contracted with Mr. Lewis in Whitechapple for 500 Oxen, to be delivered in a certain Time.

Advices from the Hague speak of War as a Thing inevitable; but with respect to any Augmentation of Troops, or equipping of Squadrons in that Country, we hear not a Word.

*March 4.* Yesterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochfort was sworn into the Office of Groom of the Stole to his Majesty.

We hear from Southwold, that 70 brave Sailors having offered to serve as Volunteers on board his Majesty's Fleet, the Lords of the Admiralty had ordered a regulating Officer thither to enlist them, and a Tender to carry them on board his Majesty's Ships in the Downs.

There were never a great Number of Coopers employed at the Victualling Office than now; notwithstanding which, the Commissioners contracted last Week for 30,000 Casks, to be delivered by other Coopers in a certain Time.

*Rochefer, Feb. 28.* This Day the Prince, Dunkirk, and Litchfield, sail'd for Blackstake, there to take in their Guns, and to proceed directly to the Downs. The Flag is now flying on board the Buckingham. Admiral Boscawen is expected Tomorrow or Sunday, to hoist his Flag on board the Torbay. Orders came this Day to make ready eight 70 Gun Ships in this Harbour, which have not yet been mentioned. Artificers are expected from Deptford and Woolwich Yards to assist here. Every Thing goes on with the greatest Expedition. The Ships under Repair have been turn'd out of the Docks, to make Room for those lately ordered to fit.

CHARLES-TOWN, in South Carolina, April 8.

On the 21st of March last, died at Sheldon, (the Name of his Seat) aged 72 Years, wanting a few Days, the Hon. WILLIAM BULL, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

The following Words his Excellency Governor Glen made use of in a Speech he delivered in the Council Chamber at the Time of Mr. Bull's Funeral, to the principal Inhabitants of Charles Town, who attended his Excellency upon the mournful Occasion, viz. "In whatever Light the Deceased may be viewed, he will appear to Advantage: "But the many excellent Laws that he passed speak his Praise better than I am able. He was careful in passing these Laws; he was vigilant in executing them; he procured Obedience to them; not so much by the Weight of his Power, as by the Authority of his own Practice, for no Man was more obedient to the Laws than he himself. "You all have Reason to lament the Loss of him, but I most of all, for I was frequently benefited by following his Advice, more frequently by imitating his Example, and when I could not be equal, I endeavoured to copy after him. I shall bequeath this Advice to my Successor, (Littleton) "Go, and do thou likewise."

B O S T O N, April 14.  
On Thursday last arrived here his Majesty's Ship the Success, of 20 Guns, John Rouse, Commander, in three Days from Halifax.

The same Day being appointed for mustering on the Common in this Town, the New-England Regiment, commanded by his Excellency, near 2000 came in on that Day, and the two following Days, and 'tis said some Hundreds more are daily expected.

Last Thursday Night, a young Woman at Wattertown, was delivered of a Child alone in her Chamber, which she afterwards carried down, and threw it into the Well, where it was found the next Morning, with several Marks of Violence on its Body. She is kept under a Guard, and will be committed to Goal as soon as she can be safely removed.

By a Person which came Passenger in Captain Mackey, who is arrived at Salem, from the West Indies, we are informed, that in the Lat. of Bermuda, they met with a sheath'd Brigantine Boat upwards.

*April 21.* By a Letter from Jamaica, dated the Ninth of March last, we are informed, that Capt. Robins, of this Town, and the Captains Shuttle, Harlow and Bartlet, all of Plymouth, lately died at Jamaica, of the Small Pox; and that the Markets are so bad, that our Northern Produce scarcely fetches one Half of what it cost here.

N E W - H A V E N, April 12.  
On Monday the 31st of last Month, his Honour the Governor of this Colony, issued a Proclamation, by the Advice of the other Branches of the Legislature, for encouraging Men to enlist in his Majesty's Service: "By this Proclamation each able-bodied Man is to have a Premium of 30s. lawful Money, or an Equivalent in Bills of Credit; and whoever provides himself a good Firelock, Sword or Hatchet, Belt and Cartridge box, to receive 19s. more, like Money, and a sufficient Blanket, 14s. more: Those who can't thus provide themselves, to be provided for by the Colony, but the Arms to be returned when the Service is over; and for such Arms as shall be inevitably lost, the Treasury is to pay: Each Man to have 26s. 8d. lawful Money per Month, reckoning 28 Days to each Month, and to have one Month's Wages Advance paid before they march.

N E W - Y O R K, April 21.  
By Captain Bennet from Halifax, we are advised, that they are building four new Batteries there; and that every Thing is in the greatest Forwardness for an approaching Campaign.

April 28.  
Paragraph of a Letter from London of February 18, 1755, to a Gentleman in New-York.

"You will observe our Marine Affairs are in great Motion: great Dispatch is made in all the Sea Ports in fitting them for immediate Service. The French are as active also in their Ports: What the Result will be Time only can shew. The Opinions concerning War or Peace are very various, as many think we have already discouraged the French from any Attempt they intended; and 'tis possible the French may be glad we should think so, in order to lull us; but 'tis hoped we shall not be at this Expence without settling what Terms we must expect both in the East and in the West. We this Week heard of our Six Men of War's safe Arrival at Madagascar, with the Transports in their Way to India, to protect the Settlements there. This News has enlivened that Stock; and indeed all the other Stocks, within these few Days, are on the Rise, from a present Opinion that Affairs will be amicably made up; and what adds to this Opinion, is the King's Intention for Hanover in April next. 'Tis imagined also, that if Affairs are settled, that the Election of a King of the Romans will be fix'd, in order to keep Things quiet in Germany. But all these are political Conjectures; for should any Acts of Hostility happen between the two Nations, either in Asia or America, it may notwithstanding draw on a War. Our Ministry at present differ; for we are told there is a strong Party that oppose the pacific Disposition of others, and say, the present Opportunity is a fair One to strike a home Blow on the French Ambition. We shall be impatient to hear what is done in your Parts, for should it prove successful, it will have some Influence on Measures here. I think you can't be too much on the Defensive in America, should the French aim any Thing there, which at first was supposed to be their chief View. It appear'd very extraordinary that your several Governments should continue so long inactive, when the Enemy were approaching so near you: It looked as if there was no Property to defend, or that none car'd whether they lost it or not. In short, it appear'd the highest Folly to dispute about Trifles, when Affairs of the highest Consequence should awake your Attention. Great Part of the Navy Debt 'tis said will be paid off by the sinking Fund, which will be generally approved of. The Parliament will rise the latter End of March (if nothing material happens) and it is thought a Vote of Credit will be given to prevent any Surprise. These Affairs are the general Subject of Conversation."

We hear that his Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint POUNELL, Esq; Secretary to the late Sir DANVERS OSBORNE, deceased, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New-Jersey. Last Monday Night a Sloop and a Schooner arrived here from the Eastward, with upwards of 100 Recruits for General Pepperell's Regiment; and several others, for the same Regiment, came to Town on Wednesday and Saturday last, from New-Jersey.

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"The French are with the utmost Expedition, I have seen Troops in bark; but 'tis Fleet the Beginning of April War, and all the America, if our Dis- and they can escape or the British and America, brought are, were flatly rejected, Ambassador set out for which if the French put will be amicable them, the Ambassador immediately begin.

are quite ready, with every Briton, to our We have commissions within the last Thirty Gun, Twenty one of of Fifty; and Three Twenty Gun Ships, mar's and Bockland on board Part of the Marines, or to land Occasion."

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The Sloop Nelson, maica from this Port in the 12th of March

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We are inform'd the Ship Wilson, C- ew Capts the 26th very hard Gale of Days, and in lying N. W. and a S. laid her down on b-