

Triple Alliance was signed; his Most Christian Majesty, trusting to the Divisions which his Majesty would raise in England, despised his Enemies. As the same Arts have perhaps been tried now, what Satisfaction must the Address of the two Houses give to every honest Briton!"

His Majesty's Ship the Orford, Capt. Stevens, of 70 Guns, (one of Admiral West's Squadron) fell in with the L'Esperance a French Man of War of 74 Guns in the Bay of Biscay, and fought fairly Ship to Ship for nigh three Hours, when Capt. Stevens finding his Rigging so mangled as to be unable to tack about, he laid by to repair, and then begun a second Attack, which lasted near two Hours, when he found the Frenchman very tardy in firing, and expected them to strike every Moment. However, finding his Rigging in the same or worse Condition than before, occasioned by their Double Chain Shot, he lay by a second Time to mend it. In the mean Time Admiral West came up, when the French, proud when an Opportunity offers of striking to a Flag, immediately paid him the Compliment. Capt. Stevens does them the Justice to say, they fought the Ship very well. The L'Esperance was the last Ship the French had in North-America, of which they had really sanguine Hopes, as she was quite in fighting Order, in thorough Repair, and had 500 picked Men on Board. The Numbers killed were 12 on Board the Orford, and 26 on Board the L'Esperance.

Extract of a Letter from Kinjale, November 2.

"Yesterday in the Afternoon, when the Tide had Ebb'd some Time, it suddenly returned with a Violence and Impetuosity, impossible to describe. A Sloop of 60 Tons, which lay at an Anchor in a Creek, secure, even if a Hurricane blew, was torn away from her Moorings, and two new Cables broke like two Threads, by Force of the Current (for a Breath of Wind did not blow) and drove ashore in a Moment: The Fishing Boats were whirled about like so many Corks, and with a Motion quick as the Fly of a Jack. By a special Providence the Boats were just returned from Sea, with the Sailors on board, or they would have been all dashed to Pieces against each other; those that were empty, and had no People to manage them, sunk directly in the Eddy Water as in a Whirlpool. Some others were drove with great Violence on the Land, where they must remain until got off by great Labour. These sudden and surprizing Fluxes and Reflexes of the Sea continued from Three in the Afternoon till Ten at Night, seldom more than a Quarter of an Hour between each Return, to the infinite Amazement and Terror of the Inhabitants, who feared Doomday was at Hand. The Waters did not rise gradually, but, with a hollow and horrid Noise, rushed in like a Deluge, and rose six or seven Feet in a Minute, and as suddenly subsided. It was as thick as Puddle, very black, and stunk insupportably. We hear that some Shocks of an Earthquake were felt Yesterday at Cork, and possibly this surprizing Phenomenon may proceed from such Cause at the Bottom of the Sea."

Extract of a private Letter from Leyden, Nov. 4.

"On Saturday last, in the Forenoon, a most extraordinary and apparently inexplicable Phenomenon alarmed the several Cities in this Province: The Water in the several Rivers, Canals, Lakes, &c. being agitated to such a violent Degree, that in different Places, as at Woubrugge, Alpen, Boskoop, and Rotterdam, Buys were broken from their Chains, large Vessels snapped their Cables, and smaller ones were thrown out of the Water on the Land, and others lying on the Land were, by the sudden Inundation, set afloat; and in the Lake of Harlem particularly, the Course of a Vessel on full Sail was suddenly suspended, and the Rudder unhung. Several Conjectures have since arisen concerning the Cause of these very peculiar Circumstances which appear the more extraordinary, as no Motion on Land of Houses or other Buildings was any where sensibly felt by the People therein; so that the vulgar Opinion of these Circumstances being the Consequence of an Earthquake is highly improbable, especially as the pretended Appearance of the Motion of several Weathercocks on the Churches was peculiar to the Spectators on the Water, which, with the following Particulars, is judged by the Curious in Physicks extremely remarkable: During the Time of this Agitation, which continued near four Minutes, not only the Water in the Rivers and Lakes, but also all manner of Fluids in smaller Quantities, as in Coolers, Tubs, Baths, &c. equally agitated, dashed over the Sides, notwithstanding no Motion was perceptible in their containing Vessels. In such small Quantities also the Surface of the Water had apparently a direct Ascent, prior to its turbulent Motion, and in many Places, even the Rivers and Canals, rose twelve Inches perpendicularly. It is asserted also

from Amsterdam, that during this Interval the Mercury in the Barometer, which about this Time was uncommonly high, descended instantly near two Inches, and made several consequent Vibrations, to the great Astonishment of the Observers."

Extract of a private Letter from Amsterdam, November 7.

"The late very extraordinary Agitation of the Water felt in this Province, we are informed, extended beyond Utrecht, and also Southward to Brabant, where, in the District of Hertzogenbosch, in particular, it lasted Half an Hour; occasioning Wrecks of Vessels long since sunk, to rise to the Surface, and float for several Minutes, notwithstanding there was not the least Wind, nor any Motion discovered in the Land, in all or any of the Places where this Phenomenon was seen."

November 13. At the Court End of the Town, People long to know what will be done with the French Ships; and are full of it, that the Parliament will go directly on Ways and Means for raising the necessary Supplies, and to distress our Enemies; building much on the great Harmony subsisting betwixt the King and them at this Juncture. Merchants and Agents in the City are for selling Ships and Cargoes forthwith. Brokers for entering, weighing, valuing, and disposing of the Sugars, Indigos, &c. &c. with all possible Speed. The Sailors are impatient to break Bulk, that they may know and dispose of their Shares. Some Coffee-Houses are at Times in great Joy, at other Times all a mort, according as War or Peace prevails in Change Alley. But they hope in all Cases that the Goods will be sold here, either by us or the French.

The Amiable Rose, from Canada for Rochelle, and the Colombe, from Oporto, for Bourdeaux, are sent into Portsmouth.

November 22. The Amiable Margaretta, from Gaspie for Bourdeaux, the Assurance, the Pucelle, and the Ceres, from Newfoundland for St. Malo's; the Subtle, from St. Domingo for Bourdeaux, and the Esperance, from Newfoundland for Honfleur, are sent into Portsmouth.

A French Ship for St. Domingo is taken by the Windsor Man of War, and sent into the Downs.

And a large Ship from St. Domingo, taken by the Savage Sloop, is sent into Plymouth; and a Ship from Newfoundland is sent in there by the Northumberland.

It is reported that Admiral West's Squadron has taken a French Frigate of 20 Guns.

On Tuesday Night a large French Ship was brought into the Downs by the Dispatch Sloop.

The Phoenix pass'd by Malaga the 27th of October for Gibraltar with sixteen or seventeen English Vessels under Convoy, and seven French Vessels she had taken to the Eastward.

We are favour'd with Accounts from different Parts of England, corresponding with those received from Portsmouth, Ireland, and other Places, relating to the very uncommon Phenomenon lately observed in the Water; particularly from some Parts of Wiltshire and Surry: In the latter County, near Godalmin, the Agitation of a Canal in a Gentleman's Garden was very singular; it suddenly arose so high, as to overflow the Bank on one Side, then subsided, and immediately overflowed the Bank on the other Side. The Gardener, who happened to be near the Spot, not a little surprized at so strange a Circumstance, ran into the House for instant Assistance, imagining a Number of Otters were got into the Canal, and were destroying the Fish.-----The Learned seem to be much at a Loss to account for this new Appearance in Nature. It is apprehended by many to be a Kind of Earthquake, moving the Earth in the Manner of the diurnal Motion, which, though not felt by us, may nevertheless violently agitate the Water, as has been described.

St. James's, Nov. 20. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Henry Fox, Esq; to be one of his Principal Secretaries of State, the Oath of Secretary of State was this Day administered to him in Council.

Whitehall, November 22 The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace Thomas Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, the Right Hon. Henry Earl of Darlington, the Right Hon. Sir George Lytton, Bart. Thomas Hay, Esq; commonly called Lord Viscount Dupplin, and Robert Nugent, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to appoint Thomas Dunbar, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of Gibraltar; Robert Ellison, Esq; Colonel of the 44th Regiment, late Sir Peter Halket's; Daniel Webb, Esq; Colonel of the 48th Regiment, late Dunbar's.

We hear that Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, lately created a Baronet, will also be installed a Knight of the Bath at the next Promotion.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, Nov. 17.

"The Royal William of 100 Guns is ordered to be fitted for Sea, and when her Upper Deck is taken off, 'tis thought she will be the finest Ship in the Navy, as she will carry 85 Guns on two Decks. This Ship is 36 Years old and was never out of this Port.

The Royal George and Duke, both fitted to receive pressed Men, are also ordered to be fitted for Channel Service.

Friday ended the Court Martial on Board the Prince George, Admiral Osborn, President, on the Lieutenant who fired into the Merchantman, and killed three Men; when he was acquitted.

Seven French Prisoners seized a Boat at Gosport, and went to Sea in the Night, but have not been heard of; it is thought they are all drowned.

Friday Evening arrived at St. Helen's the Monarch, Admiral Meyson, and the Somerset, Capt. Geary; and on Saturday arrived Admirals Bojcovica and Hellowren, in the Yorban and Terrible, with the Lys, Capt. Suckling; the Yarmouth, Capt. Norris; the Chichester, Capt. John Brett; Grafton, Capt. Holmes; Nottingham, Capt. Marshall; Dunkirk, Capt. How; Augusta, Capt. Willett.-----The Alcide is left at Halifax.

KINGSTON, in Jamaica, December 11.

Orders are arrived for all the Men of War in this Island immediately to refit and put to Sea, some to join the Commodore, who is now out reducing the Neutral Islands, and others to cruise off and on the French Ports, with strict Injunctions to seize all the French Vessels they meet with, and to distress as much as lies in their Power the Inhabitants of the French Islands.

BOSTON, January 9.

About five o'Clock last Tuesday Morning, a Fire broke out in an House in Cole Lane, and was got to such a Head before it was discovered, and Help could come to extinguish it, that it consumed that and several other Tenements adjoining, all but the Outfides, which were of Brick, with a great deal of valuable Household Furniture, Plate, &c. A poor Woman who lodged in an upper Room of the House where the Fire first began, was burnt to Death, and several other Persons narrowly escaped with their Lives.

January 26. We have Advice from Northampton, that several Tracks of Indians have lately been discovered on the Western Frontiers; so that we may soon expect to hear of Mischief done by those Wolves of the Wilderness.

By a Letter from the West-Indies, dated December 19th past, we are informed, that on the 29th of November they had a very severe Shock of an Earthquake at Nevis and St. Christopher, at two o'Clock in the Morning; but the Writer says, he had not then heard how it fared at the neighbouring Islands.

NEW-YORK, February 2.

Part of a Letter from Captain Bowers, twelve Miles above the Forks of Delaware.

"I am sorry to inform you, that on Sunday the 18th of January, one Pimb was going to remove his Goods, and mustered a few of his Moravian Brethren to help him to bring them down from a Place called the Wind Gap: The Indians Way-laid the Company, and killed 15 on the Spot, one being wounded in the Leg made his Escape. The Place where this melancholy Accident happened, is 18 Miles West from me, which Part is well as all the adjacent Country is all laid waste by a cruel and merciless Enemy, neither do I know what this Part of the Country will do, unless they raise a sufficient Force to pursue these Savages, even to their Towns, to which Party I, and the Forty I command, would willingly join. I am, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, February 5.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; and all with him at Fort Allen, were well on Saturday last.

Extract of a Letter from Carlisle, January 29.

"This Afternoon came to Town, a Man that lived on Juniata, who in his Journey this Way, called at the House where the Woolcomber lived, about ten Miles from this Place, and saw at his Door a Bed-tick, and going into the House, found a Child lying dead and scalped. This alarmed us much, and while we were consulting what to do, we received the Inclosed, which puts it past all Doubt, that the Enemy intend to attack either Shearman's Valley or this Place. We thought it necessary to acquaint you as soon as possible, not only to hurry you home, but, if thought needful, that the People of York might send over some Aid."

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Extract of a Letter from Paterson,

January 21

"This serves to inform some Time in the Afternoon, and his Wife were killed, and his Daughter and two Sons made Prisoners; and his Wife and two Children of his Wife made Prisoners; and his Wife killed and scalped, and off by the Indians; in all fifteen Places of the abovementioned three of the dead People, and Athes. I desire you would to his Brother to hurry over, and ing to our Company to come, you may be upon your Guard except two that went with over Juniata towards your a large Body of them, as w Tracks.

N. B. The above Mischief three short Miles of the For just now a Man came to the us, that Hugh Mitchelltree's Son of Nicholson's, were all are no more missing in this present."

On Monday last one Jehu Township, Chester County, Jail of this City, for the Mur

Extract of a Letter from F.

Last Friday a Party of ten's Men fell in with a Party Smithfield, and killed and and have good Reason to be four or five mortally. The Guns, one of which a Rifle bored French Gun; a fine three Match-coats. One is thought to be the famous C of our People has received a

A N N A P O L I

Tuesday last being the Birth Hon. the Lord BALTIMORE our Governor at Noon gave tainment at his own House, Gentlemen and Ladies: A Public BALL in the Council a charming Appearance of many Gentlemen.

The General Assembly of meet here To-morrow.

About the 5th of this Month a drowned Man was found had a coarse Coat and Jacket Shoes which had been soled with Nails, two Pair of Stockings behind his Neck. In one Pocket for a Rifle and some Powderkerchief, and some Bread Pocket.

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Mr. GREEN,

YOUR Correspondents BOB might have amused themselves Queries without any Animadversion Zeal of the latter betrayed him in Merchants in our Trade which I to ask whether Capt. L-- clear with an Occasion of insinuating had been neglected by the Mer Question would be justly releted of SOMEBODY given as much Cau as that of the Merchants, to cha lected their Correspondents?

What Elegance of Style or Del necessary to embellish a Question, in that Sort of Composition, it be you with a few plain Questions u SOMEBODY'S Letter.

"It can't be suppos'd, says k that Capt. L-- (for the Mast) clear'd out for Antigua to pre from our Correspondents in Engl given, six Weeks before, that jail for New-York, and it wa

"Ship would sail for Virginia, can, in Justice, blame any Body This is the Sum of his Reasoning the Merchants have generally cor by Way of New-York, or Virgini in clearing out Capt. L-- for Knowledge, that he was intended not a Design of gaining some Ad stance? Was there not an actu Destination? Had the Merchant ment in this Instance, to alter the pondence? Had the Merchants of Sales, &c. by the Packet, w Conveyance and Postage to, and might not Capt. L--'s O--r, i making the Advantage hinted, be suspected, hope to accompli