

The *Lucy Peggy, Dipple*, from Rotterdam for London, having on board 150 Tons of Clover Seed, was attacked on the 25th Instant by a Privateer of Dunkirk, mounting 14 Guns. Captain Dipple, whose whole Crew consisted of only 12 Men and a Boy, made a brave Resistance for near three Hours; when two large Ships appearing in Sight, the Privateer thought proper to steer off. Captain Dipple had one Man killed, and two wounded.—The *Raphael*, a Swedish Ship, from Havre de Grace for Cadiz, is taken by a Man of War, and carried into Gibraltar.—The *Bigot* Privateer, of six Carriage and ten Swivel Guns, and fifty Men, belonging to Dunkirk, is taken by the Dispatch Sloop of War, and sent into Portsmouth.—Yesterday se'night a small Smuggling Vessel, belonging to Guernsey, laden with Tea and Brandy, was taken by the Otter Sloop of War, and sent into Penzance.

January 4. It is said that no less than two and thirty thousand Pounds are paid annually to the Government by two Distillers only, as Duty upon the Grain they distil.—As this is an undoubted and most melancholly Truth, notwithstanding the many temporary Advantages that may be pretended to flow from this Branch of the Revenue to the Crown, Where is the Wonder of the present Scarcity of Corn? Query, therefore, whether this Evil does not loudly call for an immediate Redress, in Imitation of that truly laudable Example set us by the Swedes? And whether those poor unhappy Wretches, who have lately risen in different Parts of this Kingdom, impelled (as I may say by extreme Hunger) to commit Outrages on their Neighbours, and have thereby, in the Eye of the Law, forfeited their Lives, are not, in the more lenient Eye of Humanity, real Objects of Compassion?—[In Spain they take particular Care of the Produce of the CHESTNUT-TREE, when Apprehensive of a Scarcity of Corn; and were the People of England more careful in raising POTATOES, 'twould greatly help the Necessities of many.]

Private Advices from Holland say, that M. d'Affrey, Minister from France to the States-General, has publicly declared, That the King his Master has found it necessary to have an Army of Observation on Foot next Summer, which will assemble on the Frontiers of the Republic. The same Advices add, that it is generally believed, that the Prince of Nassau Weilbourg, will soon be married to the Princess Carolina, Daughter to the late Stadtholder.

We hear from Warsaw, that the Count de Bestucheff, great Chancellor of Russia, has written a circular Letter to the Primate, Senators, and Ministers of the Republic of Poland, setting forth, that the Empress of Russia is extremely affected with the King of Poland's Distress, which she thinks ought to excite the Compassion of all other Powers, but more especially that of her Allies; and that with this View the Empress is determined to assist the King of Poland with a Body of 30,000 Troops, which are actually upon their March, under the Command of General Apraxin.—[The French say they have certain Advice, that 32,000 Russians have already entered Poland, in their March to assist the Allies of the Empress of Russia; and this Corps will be immediately followed by two others of equal Force.]

Most of the European Powers are deeply employed on the present Crisis; and Couriers are continually passing from one Court to another. In the mean while, some dexterous Decypherer has found out certain numerical Letters, according to the Latin Text in Jerem. li. 57. that Tally with the Date of the present Year. The English of which is as follows: "And I will make Drunk her Princes, and her Wisemen, her Captains and Rulers, and her mighty Men."

We hear from Paris, that the 13th Instant the Cumberland Frigate, and the Squirrel and Agatha Tenders, arrived in the Road of Brest, with 12 Vessels laden with Timber, Cordage, Meal, and Flour. These are the Remains of the Fleet that was dispersed by a violent Gale the 22d of last Month. Some other Vessels have had the good Fortune to reach other Ports, and the rest are lost.

On Friday last Mr. Boyd, a Gentleman of good Character, Engineer and Storekeeper of Fort St. Philips, was examined (at Portsmouth) as to the Possibility of Mr. Byng's landing Men in Boats on the Island of Minorca, and of succouring St. Philip's, and gave his Opinion that the same was very possible.

The Lieutenants of the Buckingham were also examined for the first Time, and according to the

best Intelligence that can be collected, they all speak of the Possibility of the Commander in Chief's engaging.—[How indeed could it be otherwise, when the Wind blew the same Way for the First in Command, as it did for the Second?]

A French Privateer of 20 Guns, was lately stranded in the West of Cork in the late Gale of Wind. A Sloop of War has taken the Infernal, a large French Privateer, after a smart Engagement, and carried her into Rye.

January 6. Capt. Gilchrist has been examined and cross-examined, concerning the Signals made in the Engagement; and has given his Evidence, as the other Gentlemen, That he thinks Admiral Byng might have engaged properly: And being interrogated, If the Admiral had engaged, whether he might have defeated the French Fleet? He answered, That his Opinion was, he might.

Another Officer, whose Name we know not, was peremptorily asked if he saw the Admiral engage? who said, he saw a Firing. When one of the Gentlemen said somewhat smartly, Is not firing engaging? The Respondent said, he did not call firing of Guns at so great a Distance Engaging.

On Monday Capt. Everitt was again examined, and Capt. Gilchrist, and Capt. Hervey were examined. And Yesterday Capt. Hervey again, and Capt. Amherst; the two latter much in Favour of the Admiral, asserting that he was engaged with the Enemy some Time.

January 8. By a Gentleman arriv'd in Town from Portsmouth, we are informed that Admiral Byng, on Lord Blakeney's saying there was a Possibility of the Admiral's landing Troops in different Places, ask'd his Lordship, Whether he imagin'd, that if he had landed them, Minorca would by that Means have been saved?—His Lordship answer'd, That he believ'd if the Admiral had landed those Troops, he might have held Minorca 'til Admiral Hawke could arrive to his farther Relief.

Mr. Byng has been observed to weep several Times during the Course of his Trial. All the Evidences are deliver'd with the maturest Deliberation, and every Thing conducted with all imaginary Order and Decorum.

They write from Paris, that four Princes of the Blood are laid under an Arrest for their Remonstrances against the Step taken by his Majesty, in his late *Lit de Justice*, concerning the Parliament.

Several Persons are set out for Scotland, to facilitate the raising 3000 Highlanders, to be sent early in the Spring to America.

Brussels, January 11. On Saturday Evening a Courier arrived here from Paris, with the Account of an Attempt made on the French King's Life the 5th Instant, the Particulars of which are as follow. On the abovementioned Day the King went from Trianon to Versailles, to visit Madame Victoire. About six in the Evening, as his Majesty was stepping into his Coach to return to Trianon, a Man who had concealed himself behind the hind Wheels, rushed forward with his Hat on, made his Way to the King's Person through the Guards (one of whom he shoved against the Dauphin) and struck his Majesty on the right Side; of which however the King only complained by saying, That Man has given me a violent Blow, he must be either mad or drunk. But having perceived that his Hand, which he clapt to his Side, was bloody, he said, I am wounded; seize that Fellow, but don't kill him. His Majesty was immediately carried to his Apartment. The Wound (which from the very first was not thought dangerous) was given with a sharp pointed Knife, which glanced upwards between the fourth and fifth Ribs, and is not of any considerable Depth. And, at the first Dressing, it was even judged that the Cure would be speedy. That Night the King slept an Hour and a Quarter. The Villain who committed this Attempt is named Damien, and is a Native of Arras. The Weapon he made use of was found upon him, and proves to be a common Clasp Knife, with two Blades. At first it was feared it might have been poisoned, but he assured the contrary, and the Experiments that have since been made with it, on several Animals, have made good his Assertion. Another French Courier arrived here on Sunday Night, with an Account, that the Wound was so slight, that his Majesty had been able to assist on Saturday Morning at a Council that was held at Versailles.

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December 28. It is said that the Troops ordered for America are to consist of 10,000 Men compleat. The two Regiments raising in the Highlands are

to consist of 1000 Men each, to be commanded by Col. Frazer, Son of the late Lord Lovat, and Major Montgomery, Brother of the Earl of Eglington. No Lowlanders are to be received into these Regiments, but are to be raised from the following Clans, viz. the Campbell's, the Mackenzie's, the Frazer's, the Macdonald's, and the Grant's.

January 13. We hear that Orders will soon be given for several more Regiments to embark for America.

Admiral West, with ten Sail of the Line, besides Frigates, is now under Sail with a fair Wind, he is to take with him from Spithead, the Falkner, Falmouth and Windsor Men of War, and the Tartar Sloop.

The Royal George Privateer was chased into Lisbon by 4 French Men of War, which Admiral Hawke being informed of, dispatched 4 Men of War in Quest of them.

There are near 70 Sail of Transports taken up by the Government.

Admiral Coates will certainly sail by the 10th of February, and Jamaica, we hear, will be the general Rendezvous.

Admiral Hawke is arrived in the Channel.

A Lottery will be granted for the Service of the current Year, which is to consist of two Millions of Tickets, we hear, to be sold out at one Guinea each Ticket.

Jan. 18. An English Prisoner on board the Indiaman lately taken says, that there failed, about the same Time she did, from Canton, and other Parts of India, for France, 15 Sail, 12 of which are yet on their Passage, who it seems expect to be met and conveyed home by the Fleet that lately failed from Brest.

The Cargo of the French East-Indiaman, lately taken by the Dover Man of War, consists of Tea, China, Rhubarb, Silk, &c. amounting, in Value, as appears by the Bills of Lading, to 160,000l. Sterling, exclusive of private Ventures, which are very considerable.

The Jupiter, a French Prize, from St. Domingo, is sent into Falmouth by the Defiance Privateer, Capt. Dyer; and also a Dutch Ship, from Rotterdam to Bourdeaux.

By a Letter from Mountsbay, we hear, that the Otter Sloop of War is put in there, and has taken the Tyger Privateer of Biddeford, and taken the French Privateer that took her; also a French Ship of War of 12 Guns, laden with Stores for Canada, on the King's Account; and a Snow from Nantz for Martinico.

Jan. 20. The Antigallican Privateer has taken a French East-Indiaman, after a very smart Engagement, in which the French Captain was killed, and several Men on both Sides. This Account, we hear, is brought from the Groyne by the Alban's Man of War. The Privateer did not engage, till she was near enough to fire her Small Arms into the Cabin Windows.

St. George, Portsmouth Harbour, Jan. 20. Yesterday Mr. B. came on board, and delivered a Paper, declaring he had no more Evidence to produce, but his Secretary; and would give the Court no farther Trouble; so that we may soon expect the Sentence.

Extract of a Letter from Jersey.

"The Revenge Privateer of this Place, Captain Charles Alexander, Commander, has taken and brought in here the *St. Clude*, a French Letter of Marque Ship, Burthen 150 Tons, with 6 Carriage Guns, and had 74 Soldiers and 25 Marines on board, besides 40 Women and Children, bound from Rochelle to Mississippi, loaded with Provisions and Ammunition for the King."

Jan. 22. We hear that an Express arrived this Morning at the Admiralty from Portsmouth, with Advice that the Court-Martial had capitally convicted Admiral Byng.

The Mermaid, from St. Domingo for Nantz, with 323 Hogheads of Sugar, 4327 lb. of Indico, and 15 Tons of Coffee, is taken by the Lion Privateer, who is arrived at Bristol; but she parted with her Prize last Friday Night, 15 Leagues to the Westward of Lundy.

The Isaac Privateer, of Liverpool, of 18 Guns, David Clotworthy Commander, has taken and carried into Kinsale, the *Victory*, of and from Havre, upwards of 300 Tons, John Chevalier Commander, bound to Porto Rico, in Hispaniola. Her Cargo consists of 600 Barrels of Gunpowder, and other Warlike Stores, and is computed worth 12,000l.

We hear that the Engagement between the Antigallican Privateer and the French East-Indiaman (which is supposed to be the Duke de Penthièvre)

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great many Men; also, the...
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men. Capt. Foster landed...
r Cape Finisterre. The St...
Capt. Gordon, who brought...
bove Capture, left a St. D...
he had taken, under Convoy...
Privateer.

Cork, January 3. Yesterday...
Cove by his Majesty's Ship...
Capt. Christopher Hill, Com...
agement of two Hours, the...
L'Orient, a French East-Ind...
Burthen, Homeward bound...
turn out a Prize of between...
One of his Majesty's Ships...
Kinsale; in her Passage she...
there a French Privateer of...
Men.

Cork, January 13. We he...
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are taken and carried into C...
CHARLES-TOWN, South-C...
On Saturday last the Priva...
Stoddard, brought in here...
Ship, bound for Bourdeaux...
with Indico, Coffee, Sugars...
on the 23d ult. off Bermud...
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Letter of Marque, and came...
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Convoy of 4 Men of War, w...
with them. Captain Stodda...
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NEW-YORK

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Paris by Order of the Fr...
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in proper Terms. "Ow...
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Country seem to rejoice...
"tho' this was the Place wh...
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of our Colonies, that w...
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and take small Forts the...
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100 Leagues in Length...
"The Cherokees, or Flath...
carry on the War vigorou...
"We learn from Carillon...
the Amount of 10 or 110...
"by Lord Loudoun, seem...
"make themselves a Passa...
"the taking of Oswego we...
"our Forces there, and o...
"prizes."

Saturday Night last return...
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Haddon, Commander, hav...
Prizes during her Cruize a...
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