

PETERSBURGH, December 16.

THE King of Sweden having written a Letter with his own Hand to the Empress, desiring her Leave to purchase Corn in Livonia, and Finland, her Imperial Majesty has not only consented to let 60,000 Muids of Corn be sent to Sweden from the Magazines of Narva and Riga, but has likewise been pleased to make his Swedish Majesty a Present of 10,000 Sacks of Flour.

The following was the Answer delivered by Order of the Empress to Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, the 3d of last Month:

"After Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, Ambassador from his Britannic Majesty, had been already told, in regard to the first Proposition made by him, two Months ago, about the Mediation of her Majesty the Empress for reconciling the Court of Vienna to that of Berlin, that her Imperial Majesty did not expect such a Step from him; the said Ambassador will easily conceive, in the present Situation of Things, that the great Earnestness with which he has just reiterated the same Proposition to the Ministry of this Court, must have so much the more astonished her Imperial Majesty, as she thought she could with Justice expect more Regard to what had been already once declared concerning her Resolution.

"Therefore, the Empress orders his Excellency to be told, that as the Intentions of her Imperial Majesty contained in the first Answer, remain absolutely invariable; consequently, no ulterior Propositions for a Mediation will be listened to.

"As for the Menaces made use of by his Excellency, and particularly, that the King of Prussia himself would soon attack her Imperial Majesty's Troops; such Menaces only serve to weaken the Ambassador's Proposals; to confirm still more, were it possible, the Empress in her Resolutions; to justify them to the whole World, and only to render the King of Prussia more blameable in her Sight."

Vienna, Dec. 25. The Design of this Court is to put an End to the War as soon as possible, by executing some grand Stroke at the Opening of the Campaign; and as the Allies of the Empress Queen have the same Thing in View, they will unite their Forces very early, in order to oblige the Power that first took up Arms to accept of such Terms as they hope their superior Force will enable them to prescribe. The Plan of Operation is not such as mere Passion, Ambition or Repentment might dictate, but is founded upon the Principles of Humanity, and Regard for the public Good, in order to restore the Empire to a just Equilibrium, and procure a lasting Peace, by setting up invincible Barriers against the Progress of ambitious Princes, who thirst after enlarging their Dominions. With this View three considerable Sieges will be undertaken, as a Security for the Execution of the Conditions which are to be made the Basis of the proposed Peace.

LONDON, January 15.

Captain Cockburn, in the Hunter Sloop, has taken a French Brig from St. Domingo, and sent her into Bristol; also a Dutch Ship, with French Property, and brought her into Plymouth.

A Ship from Marseilles, laden with Bale Goods, for Valencia, is taken by the Chesterfield Man of War, and carried into Gibraltar. And another Ship from Marseilles, for the West-Indies, is taken, and carried into the same Place.

Yesterday several Merchants waited on the Lords of the Admiralty, in order to obtain Convoy, and their Lordships acquainted them, that Convoys should be appointed for the Places desired, and for any other Place which they at any Time should desire.

An Insurrection of Welch Women has lately appeared at Hertford on Account of the Price of Corn. They seized upon a Waggon Load, and after a smart Skirmish, in which their Opponents were worsted, they tied Cords to the Waggon, and, fastening them to their Bodies, triumphantly carried off their Prize.

Letters from Aberdeen mention, that on Wednesday se'nnight they had the most terrible Storm of Wind that had been known many Years. The Storm began betwixt nine and ten at Night, and continued with prodigious Violence till about three in the Morning, when it began to abate. Numbers of Chimney-tops were blown down, and most of the Inhabitants, dreading to be buried in the Ruins, forsook their Houses, and retired either to the Fields, or to such broad Places in the Town, where they could remain in Safety. The Steeple of the Town-house is so much bent to one Side, that it is thought it cannot stand.

An exact Copy of a Letter from Capt. Thomas Harrison, Commander of the Otter Stoop of War, to his Father, Rear Admiral Harrison, at Plymouth, dated at Mounts-Bay, January 11.

Honoured Sir,

"I have the Pleasure to acquaint you of my Arrival at Mounts-Bay last Night, having on board 106 French Prisoners, all I am able to show; the Remainder which I have been so lucky as to take, I have sent in other Ships, viz. in the Boscawen Privateer of Guernsey 60, and in the Tygrefs Privateer of Biddeford 60; the latter Privateer I retook in Lat. 49:28, 100 Leagues to the Westward, the 4th Instant, after engaging the Privateer and her Prize for about two Hours; both of them were superior to me in Men and Guns. On the 28th of December, in Lat. 46:30, I took, together with the Boscawen Privateer, a French Man of War, of 12 Six-pounders, had Ports for 26, and 135 Men, bound to the Mississippi, laden with Provisions, Arms, and Bale Goods on the King's Account, after an Engagement of three or four Hours, in which I was so fortunate as not to lose one Man, but had 4 much wounded, one of whom is since dead, and several slightly. On the 29th I gave Chase to a Snow, and at Night came up with her; she came from Nantz, and was bound to Martinico: The Man of War I lost Company with in Chase of the Snow, and the Snow in Chase of the two Privateers. The Men in the Biddeford Privateer, as I had no Men to put on board her, only an Officer, confined him, and carried her into Biddeford, where I have sent an Express to secure them all, and acquainted their Lordships therewith; the French who were on board her were all in Irons in the Hold. I lost Sight of her in the Night off Scilly. The Man of War I am in no Fear of, being in Company with the Privateer, but am in Doubt about the Snow."

No less than sixteen French Privateers have been taken within three Months past.

February 1. It is reported that the French Ministry have forbid all Communication with England by Way of Letter, through Holland, or any other Country, by which some conjecture, that their King is not in so good a Way of Recovery as has been given out.

Likewise, that he had Warning some Weeks since to take Care of himself, by a Paper laid under his Plate on a Table in the Room where he was to dine; and it may be remembered, that in the Year 1751, the following Lines were fixed up at the Louvre, one of his Palaces:

'By our brave Ancestors two Henries fell,
'A Victim one to Freedom, one to God;
'Lewis! by servile Flattery taught to swell,
'Thou tread'st their Steps, and shak'st the
Tyrant's Rod.

'Dread our Despair! to heal the Wound,
'A Guise, Ravillac, Clement may be found.

Entertainments of the most prodigal and expensive Kind having been, this Season, frequent among the Great, a certain noble Lord, who was impertinently to countenance the Frolic in his Turn, had the Courage, Humanity, and good Sense, to reply, *That while there was an Instance of Distress to Relieve, or of Merit to Reward, he could not answer it to himself to lavish Five Hundred Pounds in one Night's Riot and Ostentation.*

Whitehall, January 22.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Officers in the first Highland Battalion of Foot to be forthwith raised for his Majesty's Service.

Archibald Montgomery, Esq; Lieutenant Col. Commandant.

MAJORS. James Grant, and Alex. Campbell, Esquires.

CAPTAINS. Hugh M'Kenzie, John Sinclair, John Gordon, Alexander M'Kinzie, Roderick M'Kenzie, William M'Donald, and George Munro, Esquires.

CAPT. LIEUT. Alexander Mcintosh, Esq;

LIEUTENANTS. Alexander M'Donald, James Grant, Robert Grant, Colin Campbell, M'Nab, Duncan Bayne, Joseph Grant, Nicholas Southerland, Hugh Gordon, Charles Farquarson, Cosmo M'Martin, Donald Campbell, Alexander M'Kenzie, Roderick M'Kenzie, James Duff, William M'Kenzie, Alexander M'Donald, M'Donald, Henry Munro, Archibald Robertson.

ENSIGNS. William Hagart, Alexander Grant, Ronald M'Kinnan, James Grant, William M'Lean, Mairab, Lewis Houston, M'Donald, George Munro.

Staff-Officers.

CHAPLAIN, _____

SURGEON. Allen Stewart.

ADJUTANT. Donald Stewart.

QUARTER-MASTER. Alexander Montgomery. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Officers in the second Highland Battalion of Foot, to be raised with raised for his Majesty's Service.

Simon Fraser, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, Commandant.

MAJORS. James Clephane, and John Campbell, Esquires.

CAPTAINS. Thomas Fraser, John M'Pherson, John Campbell, Simon Fraser, Donald M'Donald, Charles Baillie, and John M'Donald, Esqrs.

CAPT. LIEUT. J. Crawford Walkinshaw.

LIEUTENANTS. John Fraser, Archibald M'Donald, Simon Fraser, Ronald M'Donnell, John M'Dougal, Charles M'Donnell, Alexander M'Donnell, Simon Fraser, Hector M'Donald, Hugh Cameron, Simon Fraser, William M'Donald, M'Tosh, John Murray, Rory M'Neil, Alexander Fraser, Archibald Campbell, Donald MacLean, James Fraser, Alexander MacLeod.

ENSIGNS. Simon Fraser, Archibald M'Alister, William Fraser, James Fraser, Allen Stuart, Evan Cameron, Lachlan M'Lachlan, Chisholme, John Fraser.

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On a late REPRESENTATION,

To the LORDS of the A-----Y.

(By a young Lady of Fifteen.)

My LORDS,

THIS is the humble Opinion of us the Court Martial,

(A Court of all Courts most surely impartial!) That A-----L B-----o his utmost did not

To engage—and judge him for that to be stout.

But to palliate his Crime with Deference to show, In our Sentence Distinctions quite subtle and new,

That 'twas prov'd he ne'er shew'd any Tokens of Fear,

(And how the Plague could be—so far in the Rear!) That clearly to us he appears in this Light: Not a Coward but only d--d backward to Fight!

Or more clear to refine it, we've shewn, in Effort, To be backward in Fighting is but a Neglect:

And tho' we've condemn'd him, for Mercy we pray, Left his Case be our Case, as it certainly may.

BOSTON, April 11.

The General Assembly have, in their present Session, passed an Act to prohibit the Departure of all Ships and Vessels from any Port or Place within the Province; and all Fishing Vessels, such only excepted as are not usually absent more than four Days at a Time, until the 20th Day of April Instant, without special Permission from his Majesty's Council, or the major Part of them, on Penalty of forfeiting One Hundred Pounds, to be paid by the Master, and the like Penalty to be paid by the Owner or Owners of every such Ship or Vessel departing as aforesaid: And Provision made in said Act, that his Majesty's Council, or the major Part of them, shall, if they see fit, lengthen out the said Embargo, to the First Day of June next. And on the 7th Instant the Council issued a Proclamation, giving public Notice of said Act, requiring Obedience to it.

Last Monday Night died at his Seat in Cambridge, after a few Days Illness, the Honourable SPENCER PHIPS, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, in the 74th Year of his Age; and on Saturday his Corpse was very honourably entombed, being attended by his Majesty's Council, and many of the Members of the House of Representatives, and a great Number of Civil and Military Officers, with other Gentlemen of Distinction. The Regiment of Militia of the County, and the Company of Cadets of this Town, attended the Funeral, and every Part of the Ceremony was performed with the greatest Order and Regularity. During most Part of the Day, all the Bells in this Town were tolled, and about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, Twenty half Minute-Guns were fired at Cambridge, as were a like Number at each of our two Batteries, and Fourteen at Charlestown: These put together, made the Number 74, equal to the Number of Years of his Honour's Age; after which the Snow-Prince of Wales, Capt. Dowling, fired 14 Guns.

PHILADELPHIA, From Jamaica there is Advice that the Governor of that Island, and the Adjutant-General, have received Orders from Great-Britain to protect the Trade in the Bay of that the Wager Man of War, was dispatched accordingly to that Trade, it is said, was never carried on with greater Success, than by this Government and their Successors.

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Last Sunday Se'nnight, the Commodore Hale arrived here in 31 Days, from whence they sailed in Company with the Ships the Princess Mary of 40, and the Sphinx of 40.

The next Day: 'Twas said they were his Majesty's Ship the Greenwell, of 50 Guns, then out on a Cruise, they were to proceed for Port Louis, in order to cut out a French Frigate, in there. They had Advice of the Packet from England for the West-Indies, an English Guineaman, and a Snow from Jamaica, were all carried into some of their Privateers.

Monday last Capt. Stewart, informed here in five Weeks from Home, informs us, that an English Man of War, commanded by Capt. Forrester, came up to Mahoo, with a Number of English Frigates, had been carried into that Place, Guarda Costas; and was to sail in order to cruise off the River Mississippi.

The same Day likewise, the British Frigate, of Dartmouth, John Bastard, arrived here in 6 Weeks from Lisbon, and was bound up the Straights, eight Days ago, the French, off Alicant, and that the English Vessel, bound up that Way, taken.

Tuesday last arrived here his Majesty's War Vulture, Capt. Scarfe, from the West-Indies, and on Wednesday arrived here the Commodore, War, Capt. Arbuthnot.

Since our last Capt. Seymour arrived here from Bermuda, and informs, that on the 20th of March, off the West Coast, the British Brig Johnson, Capt. Grigs, the British Sloop Alexander, and the Sloop Sally, were all of from New-York, who had taken Nine Sail of French Men on the Cape Francois, and on the 20th of Old France, off Cape Samana, the English Man of War, called the Adventure, Capt. Roddam, Commander; and before they heard of the Arrival of the British Fleet, they looked into the Harbour, and saw about 50 Sail of Vessels, deep loaded, as they learnt, and the Arrival of the before-mentioned Fleet, them out, all of whom the Prizes were of feeing.

Wednesday last returned here the Privateer Brig Prince George, and Snow Dreadnought, Capt. Munro, and yesterday a Prize Snow arrived, taken from the Commodore's Ball.

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