

In a Letter of good Credit from Madrid are these Words; "It is very apparent that the new King desires to see Peace restored in Europe, and will readily employ his good Offices for that End, which must naturally have some Effect in the present Situation of the belligerent Powers, all of whom are groaning under the Load of a ruinous War."

They write from Saxony, that 200 Merchants, and other principal Inhabitants of the City of Leipzig, have been sent Prisoners to Magdeburg, as Security for the Payment of Contributions demanded by the Prussians.

We hear that his Royal Highness Prince Edward intends to go on the next Expedition, supposed to be on the French Coast, for which Preparations have been some Time making.

Letters of Thanks from one Branch of the Legislature have been wrote to Brigadier Generals Maudsloni and Murray, at New-York, in America, for their gallant Behaviour at the Taking of Quebec.

By a Letter from Quiberon Bay we hear, that the Indivisible is entirely lost, and Eveille (both of 62 Guns, in the River Villaine) has received so much Damage, that she is with great Difficulty kept above Water.

The Joanna, Sheer, from Philadelphia, is arrived at Dublin. The Marlborough, Rofs, from Philadelphia, bound to Londonderry, is lost at Londonderry, 150 Casks of Flaxseed saved. The Britannia, Garrison, from New-York, is lost near Littleford; two of the Crew are saved.

The French Squadron that sailed from Cadiz the 2d of January, is arrived at Toulon.

It is said Sir Percy Brett will have the Command of a Mediterranean Squadron the ensuing Summer; and that there will be three Captains soon promoted to the Degree of Admirals.

It is reported that the Admirals Osborne, Pocock and Saunders, will be created Knights of the Bath.

It is reported that Letters are brought by the Elephant French East-India Ship, lately arrived at the Groynes, giving Advice of the Surrender of Pondicherry to the English. But as no Confirmation of this Event has been received, we do not give it as authentic.

Tuesday Evening, January 8th, a Comet was discovered, and astronomically observed, by Mr. Dunn, at his Academy in Chelsea. It appeared to the naked Eye like Jupiter or Venus through a thin Fog, and made a near Appulse to the Star in Orion's right Knee, and moved more than four Degrees of the Heavens in four Hours of Time.

Feb. 12. The King has been pleased to issue his Royal Proclamation for a General Fast (in order to implore the Blessing of God on his Majesty's Arms) throughout Great-Britain and Ireland, on Friday, the 14th Day of March next.

On Friday the East-India Company exported 20,000 lb. of Gunpowder, and 160 Tons of Military Stores, for the Use of their Settlements.

Sunday Night it was reported, that an Express had arrived that Day from Germany, with the agreeable News of the King of Prussia's having got a great Advantage over Count Daun, by which he has prevented any Communication between him and Dresden.

The Catherine, Jamieson, from Beiton to Clyde, is lost in the Highlands of Scotland.

There are 93 Ships of the Line preparing at the several Dock-yards, to put to Sea upon different Services.

Sir Edward Hawke is preparing for Sea again.

However incredible it may appear, it is believed by some Folks, that an Accommodation will soon take Place, between the Empress Queen and the King of Prussia; the Consequence of which is to be a Junction of their Forces, in order to drive the French entirely out of Germany; the Alteration of a political System amongst Princes, however seemingly inconsistent to a Person, who views the World with a philosophic Eye, ought no more to be a Matter of Wonder, than the Alteration of the Weather.

We hear there is an Account come, that the Plague rages to such a Degree in Dresden, that it carries off some Hundreds every Day; and as the Austrians keep it blockaded up on one Side, and the Prussians on the other Side, they do not suffer any Body to come out; and whoever attempts to save themselves by Flight, are fired at and killed by either Party. In Consequence of this, the numerous Garrison must quit the Place, or suffer alike with the Inhabitants.

Extract of a Letter from Holland.

"The French are moving Heaven and Earth, in order to make a vigorous Effort next Campaign;

so that all Thoughts of Peace are vanished. The French Minister has, indeed, Conferences now and then with the Members of our State, and so has Major General Yorke; but it is not supposed they are relative to Peace. The Disgrace that France has submitted to by a national Bankruptcy, might certainly have been avoided, had she been inclined to Peace; and that patriotic Zeal of all Ranks of People, in melting down their Plate, was intirely unnecessary, if they were not resolved upon carrying on the War. The Subsidies have been paid, and they already see the good Effects of these Payments; for the Northern Powers begin to move, especially the Swedes, who are recruiting their Troops with the utmost Diligence, and putting their Navy in a respectful Posture. This looks as if they expected a Visit from an English Fleet this Season in the Baltic; and there are People here who think that, far from a general Pacification, the War is likely to become more general. This you may depend on, however, that, Congress, or no Congress, we shall have no Peace this Summer."

Yesterday his Majesty held a Chapter of the Garter at St. James's, when the Right Honourable the Marquis of Rockingham, and the Right Honourable the Earl Temple, were created Knights of that most noble Order.

It is said Lord Temple is to succeed the Duke of Bedford as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Extra of a Letter from Paris, January 21.

"Councils are frequently called, and the Subjects under Consideration are of the utmost Importance. The Ministry will not give Ear to any Proposals of Peace, unless they be advantageous and honourable: The Cup is filled, and we must drink it. The King's Coffers are full; his Armies are numerous, and in good Order. France will have on Foot, next Campaign, at least Three Hundred Thousand Combatants, by Land and Sea, and they only long for an Opportunity to restore to our Arms that Lustre and Eclat which have been tarnished by some adverse Turns of Fortune. Our Enemies, all put together, are not able to find or maintain so many Troops: They are drained of Men and Provisions, through the Devastation occasioned by the great Number of Troops with which they have been successively overrun since the Beginning of this fatal War."

We hear that a great Number of Troops are ordered to be in Readiness on the shortest Notice, which, it is thought, are designed for the Coast of France; and we hear a Compliment has been made to some of the Gentlemen of the Militia, if they have any Inclination for going.

It is said that a Person of Distinction, from a great Northern Potentate, arrived in Town last Week. 'Tis said his Errand is to demand a positive Answer, Whether a Fleet is to be sent into the Northern Sea, or not?

Saturday last arrived at Portsmouth, several Waggons loaded with Money, it is said, to the Amount of near one Million and a Half, to be sent to North-America. The Waggons were escorted by a Party of Dragoons.

At Spithead Admiral Durell, with 21 Men of War.

Sixteen Regiments of Infantry are appointed to go over to join Prince Ferdinand.

By some particular Letters from Vienna of the 16th, we have an Account, that that Court having consulted with the Ministers of the Courts of France, Russia and Saxony, have come to a Resolution to consent to a Cessation of Hostilities, in order to set on Foot a Treaty of Accommodation of all Differences between said Powers, viz. that all Damages during the Continuance of the War, shall be made good to the aforesaid Courts, and that in Return Minorca shall be delivered up to Great-Britain; that all Places taken either from the Dominions of his Britannic or his Prussian Majesty, shall be restored; that the Swedish Towns in Pomerania, shall be yielded up by Prussia; that Dunkirk, new and old Works, shall be demolished, as also those of Louisburg; and that the Limits of North-America be settled at a Congress, to be held between the Plenipotentiaries of the said contending Powers.

We hear that Orders have been sent some Time since to several of the Governors of the West-Indies, to raise a Body of Land Forces, to be ready to join the Fleet and Land Forces on their Arrival from England, to act in Conjunction in attacking Martinico or some other Place.

A Match is said to be on the Tapis between Kennedy, mentioned in the Papers some Time ago, who escaped the dreadful Shipwreck on the Rocks of Scilly, when Sir Cloudesly Shovell unfortunately perished, and the celebrated Miss Edith Hannum of Bradford; a Lady whom Age has made

wife, Infirmities patient, and Poverty meek; Requisites not always to be found in the Marriage State. What is remarkable in this Pair is, that each of them, on their next Birth Day, enter in the 110th Year of their Age.

B O S T O N, April 14.

Thursday last Captain Gilbert arrived at Cape-Anne in 37 Days from Lisbon, who informs, That 14 Days after he sailed from thence, he was met with and taken by a French Frigate, who was cruising off the Western Islands, and ransomed for 800 l. Sterling. Captain Gilbert also informs, that one of the New-York Packet Boats was also lately taken by the above Frigate and ransomed, but whether bound to or from New-York, is yet uncertain, but most likely the former, as the Harriot Packet, Capt. Bonnel, who left England the 20th of January last, was not arrived at New-York when the last Post came from thence.—The General Wall Packet sailed from New-York the 18th of February last, so that she could have been out but 10 Days when Captain Gilbert left Lisbon.

Yesterday Captain M'Farland arrived here from Penobscot; in whom came four of the Chiefs of that Tribe of Indians, in order to treat with this Government for a lasting and honourable Peace. We hear there are now 28 of that Tribe, Men, Women and Children, at Fort-Pownall.

N E W P O R T (Rhode-Island) April 15.

On Sunday last returned from a short Cruise of 29 Days, the Schooner Success, Abraham Michener, Commander. On the 28th of March, in Lat. 24, Long. 69, he fell in with a French Brig of about 80 Tons, bound from Cape-Francois to Bourdeaux, under the Command of Monf. Jappie, which he has safely conducted into this Port. She has on board upwards of 5000 Weight of Indigo, and a large Quantity of white Sugar, which, with other Effects, must render her a valuable Prize.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, April 18.

We learn from Augusta, that early in the Morning of the 30th ult. the Houses of Malcomb Campbell, James Macon, James Neely and James Bane, on Roanoke in Augusta, were attacked by different Parties of Cherokees, the whole Number supposed to be upwards of 80: None of the Houses had above three or four Men in them, who made so good a Defence (altho' surprized in such a Manner) that the Indians were beat off from each Place with the Loss of two of their Scalps; and it is supposed four more were killed, or mortally wounded, which the other Indians carried off. Two of the white Men happened to be out, one of which was killed and scalped; the other scalped, but yet alive, tho' mangled in a most barbarous Manner. Two other white Men were slightly wounded in the Attacks.—Capt. Gift of the Virginia Regiment being in that Neighbourhood with some Men, used his utmost Endeavours, as soon as his Men could be collected from their several Stations, to fall in with the Enemy, but to no Purpose. Major Lewis and Capt. Gift, with what Soldiers are stationed there, and a good many of the Inhabitants, are now on a Scout; and intend to go to the Head of Reed Creek, where there is a great Probability of overtaking the Enemy. The People in that Part of the Country are in the utmost Consternation, and Colonel Buchanan, with some others, have removed their Families, as Signs of the Enemy were found as far down as Loney's Ferry.

N E W - Y O R K, April 21.

The Captains Bradford, from London, and Stoper from Bristol, who sailed the Middle of November last for the Port of Boston, having beat on the Coast a whole Month, were obliged to put away for the West-Indies; but they were both taken and carried into Martinico, the former by a Privateer of 12 Carriage Guns, and 100 Men, after an Engagement of four Glasses, in which Bradford had none killed, and only a Passenger wounded, but Monsieur had 12 killed.

The Captains Bruce, Bryant, Turell and Cook, of and from New-England to the West-Indies, are also taken and carried into Martinico.

The French Captains at Martinico gave out they intended to come and cruise off the Coasts.

Crown-Point, April 4, 1760.

"I am sorry to acquaint you, that on the 31st of March last, there was a small Party of 19 Men across the Lake a fishing, and before ever they knew or could get to their Boat, were taken by a Party of French and Indians, without ever seeing a Gun on either Side; in this small Party there were 3 Officers, Capt. Tute, of the Rangers, Lieutenant Fortescue, and Ensign Stewart, of the 27th Regiment. The private Men consist of 3 Regulars and 3 Rangers; those Savages have killed none of the Party. This Lake is almost clear of Ice

and in a few Days down from Ticonderoga and watch the River.

We have Reason to believe that the Packet that is taken is no Advice of the allowing Capt. G. to have failed from and to be taken in February to the Schooner was enough for the G. Sailer, to be in the A N N

We hear that arrived at New-York in near 200,000 ment of his Majesty. By the same Mail (brought here by DANIEL WOLSTON) appointing him Chief of the District of Death of WILLIAM last.

Sunday last, the Thunder Gust, but little Wind a the Province, they A Gentleman who Oxford to this Place that at 2 o'Clock Westward of Pope and prodigious late ten Minutes, and stones seem'd like an Inch Thicknes one of them in pit, he took up, Inches in Length

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