

'Tis now again said that a powerful Fleet will be sent into the Baltic.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, March 10. This Morning Admiral Holmes, in the Cambridge with the Vanguard and Dublin, sailed from St. Helena, with all the Ships under their Convoy for America and the West-Indies.

We find, by our last Accounts from the East-Indies, that seven Dutch Men of War, who had 500 Troops on board, had put into Bengall, and upon their not giving a satisfactory Account of themselves, Admiral Pocock signified to them, that if they went any farther up the Country, or landed any of their Troops, he should look upon them as Enemies to our King and Country, and should take Methods accordingly.

Admiral Broderick, with the Fleet under his Command, was cruising off Gibraltar the 10th ult. We hear that the French King has settled a Pension of 400 Livres per Annum on M. Thurot's Father.

Orders are given for conveying the French Prisoners taken on board Captain Thurot's Squadron, at Ramfay, in the Isle of Man, by the *Aeolus*, Brilliant and Pallas Men of War, to Plymouth; where they are to be secured in the several Hospitals and other Places appointed for that Purpose, till a general Cartel is granted for an Exchange of Prisoners of War.

March 8. The Mayor of Carrickfergus was on board the Marshal Belleisle, when taken off the Isle of Man by the gallant Captain Elliot. M. Thurot had brought him from thence as an Hostage, that an equal Number of French Prisoners, with those taken at the above Place, should be sent to France.

By a Letter from on board the Pallas Frigate, in Ramfay Bay, dated February 29, we are informed, that M. Thurot intended to have landed on the Isle of Man, and raised Contributions there, and also to have attempted taking the Shipping at Liverpool and Whitehaven, before he returned to France.

They write from Cumberland, that as soon as they heard of Thurot's being at Carrickfergus, they assembled together, well armed, as expecting a Visit from him, and formed themselves into ten independent Companies, giving each other their Words, to defend their Properties at the utmost Hazard of their Lives.—A laudable Example on any future Occasion.

Captain Elliot, of the *Aeolus*, who had the Honour of conquering the celebrated Thurot, is Brother to Gilbert Elliot, of Minto, Esq; one of the Lords of the Admiralty, and not more than 26 Years of Age.—Happy *Aera!* when Britain can boast a List of Heroes at an Age seldom known (and then but as a Prodigy) in the Times of ancient Greece and Rome.

The following is a List of the Provisions which were demanded by the French from the Town of Belfast, viz. 40 Hogheads of Wine, 20 Hogheads of Brandy, 30 Barrels of Pease, 3 Bags of Onions & Garlic, 60 Beeves, 4 Barrels of Vinegar, 4000 Weight of Biscuit, 1000 Weight of Tobacco, 600 Weight of Candles, 400 Weight of Rice, and 100 Weight of Sugar.

The Castle of Carrickfergus is an old Fortification, now out of Repair, and almost incapable of making Defence; it is a Circumstance the more extraordinary, as it is the only Magazine in the North of Ireland, from which all the Troops in that Part of the Country are supplied with Powder, &c. 'Tis probable the weak Situation of this Place was not unknown to the French Commander; which, with the Prospect of being able to release the Prisoners, and to make himself Master of the opulent City of Belfast, only eight Miles distant, was no inconsiderable Incentive to his daring Attempt.

By a private Letter from Germany, of good Credit, by last Mail, we learn that the King of Prussia will take the Field this Spring with not less than 180,000 Men.

March 13. Ten Ships of the Line, and four Frigates, are ordered to be victualled immediately, with six Months Provisions, at full Allowance, to proceed on foreign Service.

The grand Fleet, now equipping for Sea, will be the most formidable of any that has sailed during the War; we hear it is to consist of 28 Capital Ships of the Line, besides Frigates, Sloops, Fire-ships, Bomb-ketches, and Transports. This Fleet, it is said, is to be accompanied by about 14,000 Land Forces, including a Draught of Engineers, Bombardiers, and Matrosses, to the Amount of 500 Men: Its Destination is kept a Secret.

Last Sunday Admiral Boscawen, in the *Namure*, with

with the Royal William, two Frigates, and the *Vidua*, failed from Plymouth for the Bay.

Commodore Boys, with his Squadron, is arrived from Scotland at the Nore.

Captain Lockhart is appointed to the Command of his Majesty's Ship Bedford, at Chatham.

March 15. We have an Account from Carrickfergus, by Letters by Yesterday's Post, that before M. Thurot sailed, he seized a Brig and a Collier coming in; out of the former of whom he took 50 Hogheads of Sugar, and afterwards set her on Fire; and, after throwing the Coals out of the latter, he put some of his Land Forces on board, and brought her with him.

The Fleet said to be destined for the Baltic, we hear, is to consist of two Ships of 80 Guns, six of 70, seven of 60, and six Frigates; and it is expected it will be ready for Sea by the Beginning of next Month.

It is reported that one of his Majesty's Yachts is actually ready to carry over the Earl of Halifax, Sir Thomas Robinson, and another Right Honourable Personage, to Holland, in order to go to the intended Congress at the Hague, or elsewhere, for a General Peace.

Extract of a Letter from Freyberg, Feb. 27.

"Since my last a small Affair has happened between the Prussians and Austrians, of which we have received the following Particulars.

"General Beck, who was posted with a Body of Austrians at Grossen Hayn, being greatly straitened for Provisions, which were become very scarce, formed a Plan for seizing the Prussian Magazine, in the Neighbourhood of Torgau.

"Accordingly last Wednesday he marched with his whole Force, in order to carry his Plan into Execution; and came on so briskly, that they were within Half a German Mile of the Prussian Quarters, before they were discovered.

"The Prussian General Czritz being informed of their Approach, he immediately got Part of his Troops under Arms, and put himself at their Head; but the Austrians being greatly superior in Number, and he not timely supported, he was soon obliged to retreat in Confusion; and, falling from his Horse, was taken Prisoner, with two Officers that ran to his Assistance, with about 40 Men, who were all disarmed, and sent off immediately with a strong Party for Grossen Hayn.

"By this time the Prussian Horse appearing, the Foot rallied, and being joined by two Companies of fresh Men, they attacked the Austrians so furiously, that they were soon repulsed in their Turn, and obliged to retreat precipitately, before they had Time to send off any Part of our Magazine, of which they were actually in Possession. The Prussian Horse pursued them for two German Miles, and took 32 Prisoners, who could not keep up with their main Body; and they left behind them 27 killed and wounded.

"The killed and wounded on our Side did not consist of above 80; our Troops, who were surprised and fled at the first Onset, not having been pursued by the Austrians, who went immediately in Search of our Magazine.

"Since the above Affair, nothing material has happened in these Parts."

Dublin Castle, Feb. 27. By an Express we are informed, that the French Troops were all embarked at 6 o'Clock Yesterday Morning, but not sailed. They have left Lieut. Col. Jennings, and the Officers and Soldiers who were with him at Carrickfergus, under Parole, not to serve until exchanged. Brigadier General Flobert, who commanded the Land-Forces, is left at Carrickfergus, wounded in the Leg. Their present Commander is Mon. Gavenac, who has taken with him the Mayor of Carrickfergus, and three other Gentlemen of the Town. They plundered the Town, and threw the Powder they found in the Magazine into the Sea.

Belfast, March 1. This Morning arrived in our Harbour, and came to Anchor off Carrickfergus, his Majesty's Ship Pallas, Captain Clements Commander.

The Pallas brought with her about 500 Prisoners, 100 of whom are Officers, being almost all that were with the French Squadron, who are now landed at Carrickfergus, and she is to return To-morrow to join the Squadron. The Occasion of bringing the Prisoners here was to ease the Ships, to prevent an Infection from the Number of Wounded.

Lieutenant Sharpe, of the Pallas, says, that three Men were killed in attempting to strike the Colours of the Belleisle; during which Attempt M. Thurot was killed, ten Minutes after his first Orders to strike.

From the LONDON GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY. ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, March 6, 1760.

Copy of a Letter from Captain ELLIOTT, of his Majesty's Ship *Aeolus*, to Mr. Cleveland, dated in Ramfay-Bay, in the Isle of Man, the 29th of February, 1760.

PLEASE to acquaint the Right Honourable my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the 24th Instant I received Information at Kinsale, from his Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that there were three of the Enemy's Ships at Carrickfergus. The same Evening I sailed with his Majesty's Ship under my Command, together with the Pallas and Brilliant, in Quest of them. I made the Entrance of Carrickfergus, on the Evening of the 26th, but could not get in, the Wind being contrary, and very bad Weather. On the 28th, at 4 in the Morning, we got Sight of them, and gave Chace. At Nine I got up along Side their Commodore, (off the Isle of Man) and in a few Minutes after the Action became general, and lasted about an Hour and Half, when they all three struck their Colours. They are, the Marshal Belleisle, of 44 Guns, and 545 Men, including Troops, M. Thurot, Commander, who is killed; the La Blond, of 32 Guns and 400 Men, commanded by Captain La Kayce; and the Terpsichore, of 26 Guns, and 300 Men, commanded by Capt. Desauadais. I put into this Road to repair the Ships, who are all much disabled in their Masts and Rigging, the Marshal Belleisle in particular, who lost her Bow-sprit, Mizzen-mast, and Main-yard, in the Action, and it was with great Difficulty we prevented her sinking. It is with the greatest Pleasure I acquaint their Lordships, that the Officers and Men of his Majesty's Ships behaved remarkably well on this Occasion. I shall use the greatest Dispatch in getting the Ships refitted, and propose to return to Plymouth, or some other Port in England, as soon as possible, if I do not receive their Lordships Directions before the Ships are got ready.

Inclosed is an Account of the Killed and Wounded on board his Majesty's Ships. I am, &c.

JOHN ELLIOTT.

In his Majesty's Ships Killed and Wounded.		
<i>Aeolus</i>	- - -	15
Pallas	- - -	4
Brilliant	- - -	1
	- - -	5
	- - -	11

N. B. I find it impossible to ascertain the Number of the Enemy killed and wounded, but by the best Accounts I can get, they amount to about 300.

NEW-YORK, May 5.

Extract of a Letter from Falmouth, March 13, 1760.

"Admiral Boscawen is gone into the Bay to keep the French Fleet in. A Fleet of 22 Sail of the Line, we shall certainly send into the Baltic, as soon as the Season will permit, to be a Check on the Russians, to prevent their supplying their Army against the King of Prussia."

ANNAPOLIS, May 15.

Saturday last arrived here the *Snow Fortune*, Captain Alexander Christie, in 35 Days from Lisbon. In Latitude 25: 30, and Longitude 50 Deg. he spoke with Capt. Samuel Boyle, in the *Friedrich*, from London, for South-Carolina, who had had the Misfortune of losing his Head and Bow-sprit, by another Ship running foul of him. He had several Passengers on board, all well.

Capt. Christie says, that in the short Time he lay at Lisbon, they had two Earthquakes, about a Week Distance from each other.

Captain Garnett, in a Ship from Mr. Thomas Philpot, and Captain Curling, in a Ship from Messieurs Harbury, in London, are arrived in *Patuxent*. Captain Curling is to come up the Bay in a Day or Two.

This Morning the Honourable DANIEL DULANY, Esq; Recorder of this City, and Commissary-General of this Province, set out from hence on a Journey for Boston, on Account of his Health.

The Earl of Halifax Packet Boat, Captain Boulderfen, is arrived at New-York, in 41 Days from Falmouth.

On Monday last the Theatre in this City was closed, when the Tragedy of the GEMESTER was Acted, for the Benefit of Mr. Scott.

The following EPILOGUE, addressed to the LADIES, was spoken by Mrs. DOUGLASS.

Ye generous FAIR, ere finally we part,
Accept the Tribute of a grateful Heart.
O'erlooking Faults, and liberal of your Favour,
You've smil'd indulgent on our weak Endeavour.
Our wand'ring Theatre, o'erpaid and grac'd,
Now bids your Beauty, and proclaims your Taste;
While all these Charms of Person, so refin'd,
Shine brighter from the Splendour of your Mind.
Blush not to own you caught the noble Fire,
Which high-wrought Scenes, and Tragic Strains, inspire.
Blush not, that for imaginary Weeds,
Your tender Bosoms bear'd with real Tears.
Think, while these Tears in humid Lustre roll,
They testify Benevolence of Soul.
These, flowing for heroic War's distress,
Speak the rich Virtues of a Female Breast!
—Shew'd Lovers sweet at These—As I scorn their Suit!
—The worst of Coxcombs is it's unfeeling Brute!
—Nay—shew'd the formal Prude, in peevish Age,
Rail at the Comic Humours of the Stage;
—Then say—You're proud these Patterns to enjoy,
Who teach the World, and rationally try!

Say, that true Mirth, to vicious Minds unknown,
Is the just Claim of Innocence alone:
That Characters of Jilt, Rake, Knave and Fool,
Are best expos'd by moral Ridicule!
And Maids are arm'd by each instructive Plan,
Gainst all the wily Arts of dang'rous Man.
Oh! may your Influence still propitious prove,
To cheer our distant Labours, as we rove!
Till Sister-Colonies assert our Cause;
And Their's renown'd fair MARYLAND's Applause!
To aid the Muse, if still such Circles join;
Brave Touths shall glow with Sentiments divine.
Love's Virtues thence shall merit Britain's Praise;
And kindle into Patriots, as they gaze!
While genuine Excellence their Hearts inflames;
France shall droop, conscious of her painted Dams;
And still deplore the Triumphs of our Arms,
Till Gallic Beauty rivals English Charms.

As the Theatrical Amusements are over for this Season, it may not be disagreeable to our Readers to give them a List of the Plays Acted here since the Arrival of the Company:

PLAYS.

Mar. 3. Orphan, Lethe, or *Æsop* in the Shades.
6. Recruiting Officer, Miss in her Teens.
8. Venice Preserved, Mock-Doctor.
10. Richard III. King and the Miller.
13. Provok'd Husband, Stage Coach.
15. Fair Penitent, Anatomist.
20. Stratagem, Lethe.
22. George Barnwell, Lying Valet.
24. Busy Body, Mock-Doctor.
27. Revenge, Lying Valet.
29. Bold Stroke for a Wife, Damon and Phillida.
[In *Passion Week* the House was shut.]

Apr. 7. * Romeo & Juliet, † Stage Coach.
8. Provok'd Husband, Honest Yorkshireman.
9. Othello, Devil to Pay.
10. Constant Couple, King and the Miller.
11. * Romeo & Juliet, † Miss in her Teens.
12. Suspicious Husband, Mock-Doctor.
14. Richard III. (Ben. Mr. Douglass) Hob.
15. Fair Penitent (Mr. Palmer) Lying Valet.
16. Venice Preserved (Mr. Murray) Devil to Pay.
17. Provok'd Husband (Mrs. Douglass) Yorkshireman.
19. Revenge (Mr. Hallam) Lethe.
22. Stratagem (Mrs. & Miss Droubairt) Lying Valet.
23. Orphan (Miss Crane, & Comp.) Lethe.
24. Constant Couple (Mr. Morris) Yorkshireman.
May 5. Douglass (Master A. Hallam) V. Unmask'd.
8. Jew of Venice (Mrs. Morris) Lethe.
12. Gamester (Mr. Scott) Toy-Shop.
* Romeo, by a young Gentleman for his Diversion.
† With the Funeral Procession of Juliet, to the Monument of the Capulets.

By PERMISSION of his EXCELLENCY. At the THEATRE in Upper-Marlborough, on Thursday next, being the 22d Instant, will be presented, a TRAGEDY, written by the Rev. Mr. HUME, call'd,

DOUGLASS.

Lord RANDOLPH, Mr. SCOTT.
GLENALVON, Mr. DOUGLASS.
DOUGLASS, Mr. HALLAM.
NORVAL, Mr. MORRIS.
OFFICER, Mr. MURRAY.
Lady RANDOLPH, Mrs. DOUGLASS.
ANNA, Miss CRANE.

An occasional PROLOGUE to be spoken by Mr. HALLAM.

To which will be added, a DRAMATIC SATIRE, call'd,

LETHE, or, *ÆSOP* in the SHADES.

For the Convenience of such Gentlemen and Ladies, who chuse to go Home after the Play, the Company propose to begin at IV o'Clock.

JUST IMPORTED from BARBADOS, A QUANTITY of very good RUM and MUSCOVADO SUGAR, to be Sold very reasonably, for ready Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco, by Mr. HENRY TUBMAN at *Benedict*, and the Subscriber at *Nottingham*.

THOMAS CAMPBELL.

THE MANAGERS of the Upper-Marlborough Lottery, will attend at the House of Mr. Benjamin Berry, on Saturday the 31st Instant, in order to Contract with any Person for the Building of a PUBLIC WHARF at the Town aforesaid. Any Person, willing to undertake the same, may see a Plan, by applying to the Subscriber.

GEORGE CLARKE.

Annapolis, May 13, 1760.

RAN away last Night from the *Snow Annapolis*, now lying at this Place, John Bird, (a Mariner) a short, well set Fellow, about 5 Feet 3 Inches high, wears his own Hair, which is of a Flaxen Colour, a little pitted with the Small-Pox, has a fresh Colour, talks pretty good English, and was born in Germany. Had on when he went away, a light colour'd Jacket, Check Shirt, Leather Breeches, Felt Hat, blue Yarn Stockings, and old single channel'd Pumps.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and delivers him to the Subscriber, shall have Two Piftoles Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by ALEXANDER SCOUALL.