

and that People, Horses and Carriages, passed and repassed over the Ice between that City and Harburg.

It is reported that a Looking-Glass of curious Workmanship is now in the River, intended as a Present from the French Queen to the Queen of Great-Britain.

Private Letters from Holland advise, that a Person of Distinction will be sent to Leipzig from Versailles, to labour to bring about a Peace between the Courts of Vienna and Berlin.

Jan. 15. They write from Vienna, that the Empress Queen hath received repeated Assurances from the Court of France, that they will not only deliver up to her Troops the Provinces belonging to the King of Prussia on the Lower Rhine, but also support those Troops in keeping Possession of them; and for that End keep a large Body of Forces in Flanders ready to fly to their Assistance.

Mean while Letters from Hamburg pretend to say, that the principal Articles of an Accommodation between the Courts of Vienna and Berlin are already agreed on.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Bute, in Consideration of the rigorous Season, which has deprived the industrious working Watermen of their natural Subsistence, has been pleased to give One Hundred Pounds to be distributed among them by the Rulers and Clerk of the Company.

By a private Letter from Paris by the last French Mail, there is Advice, that all the Differences between Great-Britain and France, about the Affairs of the East Indies, were adjusted.

Jan. 18. Letters from Madrid say, that the King of Spain had ordered his Troops to be reduced to the same Number they were at before last War.

Letters from Holland on Saturday say, that the Frost is so severe, that the like has not been since the Year 1740, and that Carriages of Five and Six Tons Burthen pass over the Ice on the Rivers.

Many Insurances are daily made on common Coasting Vessels, the present hard Weather having rendered the River Thames more hazardous than the Ocean.

On Thursday Sir George Pocock, in his Majesty's Ship Namur, of 90 Guns, arrived at Plymouth. He parted with his Fleet a Fortnight since off Scilly.

Jan. 20. Monday the Council sat Seven Hours, upon the Breaking up of which another Messenger was sent to Plymouth, with Dispatches for the East-Indies.

The Antigua Factor, Wheeden, from Piscataqua to Bristol, is arrived at Cork. She was taken the 30th ult. by a Spanish Privateer, of 24 Guns, and ransomed for 425 l.

The Nelly, Johnston, from Virginia to London, who sailed after the Fleet, was well the 9th Instant off Scilly.

Jan. 22. Spanish Passes are now delivering out Gratis, only paying a Trifle to the Clerks.

Extract of a Letter from Falmouth, Jan. 16. "The Account you gave us from London, of the Severity of the Weather, surprises us here, as we have had no Frost at all, the Weather being remarkably mild; the Wind indeed has blown very strong from the East for some time. Having some Business the Beginning of the Month in the North-East Part of the Country, I found the Frost pretty smart there, but not sufficient to bear a Horse."

Extract of a Letter from an Officer on board the Calladen Man of War, to his Father in Bristol, dated Milford Haven, January 16.

"We arrived here, after a disagreeable and melancholy Passage of nine Weeks, in the first Part of which we lost Company with the Marlborough, and a Spanish Man of War of 70 Guns, one of our Havannah Prizes; one of the two had lost all her Masts, but, as it was Night, could not distinguish which; neither could we lend them any Assistance, as we expected the same Fate.

"The latter Part of our Passage was worse, as every Morning presented a new Scene of Horror; Signals of Distress were repeated by almost every Ship of the Fleet. A Signal was made by the Admiral for us to assist him, till we could hardly help ourselves; for, on the 25th of December, we laboured, and made so much Water, that it was with the utmost Difficulty we kept her above Water. The Captain thought it prudent to ease her, by leaving 24 of her Guns overboard, which had its desired Effect, otherwise we must infallibly have suffered the same Fate as the Temple Man of War, of 70 Guns, and six Transports, whom we saw go down, and very fortunately saved all their Hands, except one Transport, that went down so suddenly, and so far off from any Ship, whom we are afraid sank with her. When we bore away from Sir George Pocock, to the Westward of the

Lizard, in a hard Gale of Wind at South, we could not weather the Lizard on one Tack, nor Scilly on the other; but going round the Land's End, Captain Barker intended to have run up to Kingroad, but off Lundy the Wind came about to the East, and obliged us to run for this Place, where we with much Difficulty arrived, but in a very sickly Time, for we have scarce any Men left, such a Number having died, and others now lying sick, when we remain here to recover."

Jan. 25. Letters from France by Saturday's Flanders Mail, contradict what has been published about some Men of War sailing from Breck with 5000 Troops, &c. on board, for the East-Indies.

The St. George, Bowman, from Virginia to London, is put into Kinsale.

The William and Mary, Hardy, from ditto to London, is put into Scilly.

The Harriot, Duncan, from Virginia to Aberdeen, is put into Scilly.

Sunday Evening Sir George Pocock arrived in Town from the Havannah, and Yesterday waited on his Majesty, by whom this very great Commander was most graciously received. He is the only Admiral, of our Days, that has fought three pitched Battles with the French, always inferior to them, and yet always obliged them to a precipitate Flight; by which he entirely reduced all the Settlements on the Main of Asia; and if the Peace had not put an End to his Conquests, had most gloriously begun to reduce those of the Spaniards in America. We hear his great and unequalled Services are to be rewarded with a Peerage of Great-Britain, and that he is to be put at the Head of that Service he has ever been an Honour to.

Letters from Holland mention, that their Sea Ports, and those in Flanders, are stopt in such a Manner by the Ice, that their Trade is almost at a Stand.

On Thursday last there was a great Cricket-match on the Ice at Poplar Gut by the Gentlemen of Limehouse. There were present upwards of 1000 Gentlemen and Ladies.

Part of a Letter from the Hague, Jan. 18. "The Suspension of Arms proposed by the Prince of Stolberg has been rejected by the King of Prussia: His Majesty alleges, that as he was not at War with the Empire, he cannot enter into any Negotiation for a Cessation of Hostilities with Troops that call themselves the Army of the Empire. We hear for certain, that all the Saxon Troops that were in the Pay of France are gone into the Empress Queen's Service. The Account of Preliminaries being signed between the Empress Queen and the King of Prussia, was premature."

All the Transports that are to bring over the Troops from Germany remain at the Nore, till the Frost breaks.

The Liverpool Frigate is sailed from Plymouth for the East-Indies.

By proper Returns of each Regiment in his Majesty's Service, it appears, that the Loss of Men has been so great in the last Campaign, that upwards of 20,000 Men are wanting to make each Regiment complete.

Jan. 27. We hear, that in Gratitude to the English Nation, for their speedy Assistance, and gallant Behaviour against the Spaniards when they invaded Portugal, his most Faithful Majesty has promised to grant more Indulgence and Countenance to the British Trade, and to treat the Subjects of Great-Britain and Ireland with greater Favour than other Nations.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer on board the Namur at Plymouth, dated Jan. 14.

"I have the Pleasure of informing you of our Arrival here this Day, after as disagreeable a Passage from the Havannah as ever was known; being so short of every Species of Provisions, as to have had only 3 or 4 Days Allowance left. We sailed from the Havannah the 4th of November last, with a Fleet of 60 Sail of Ships. Never greater Distress hath happened to one Fleet than to this; and the Ships proved so very leaky, that not being able to keep them above Water, we sunk the Temple, and 12 Sail of Transports; the remaining Part of our Fleet were separated from us at different Times by hard Gales of Wind, but we hope they have got safe into Ireland. Our Ship has been very sickly during the Voyage, having buried near 230 of our Ship's Company. We have been beating upwards of a Month in the Chops of the Channel, where we learnt the first News of the Peace."

We hear that all the Articles of the Definitive Treaty are finally adjusted, except what regards the Demolition of Dunkirk; the French Court insisting that the Report of the State of the Fortifications of that Place, made by the two English

Engineers, brought from Milford Haven, is sent to Dunkirk, is not just.

The following Transports drove ashore on Mero Rocks, and were beaten to Pieces, viz. General Wolfe, of 400 Tons; the Providence (third of the Name) 370; the Lion (third of the Name) 290 Tons. And the following Transport that came out from the Havannah with Sir George Pocock, foundered in the Passage, viz. the Adventure (second of the Name) 362 Tons; the William and Anne, 278; the Lark, 138; the Prince of Wales, 176; the Strickland Castle, 235; the Richard, and Pitt Galley, Tonnage not mentioned. The Loyalty parted from the Fleet, and bore away for Antigua.

Jan. 29. The Hazard, Coxon, one of the Fleet from Virginia, is arrived at Scilly. This is the last of the Ships which were missing.

They write from Vienna of the 10th Inst. that the Cessation of Arms between the Austrians and Prussians, was prolonged to the latter End of May next.

The Hartwell, Cook, from Virginia to London, was taken the 29th of November, by the Audacious Privateer of 24 Guns, belonging to Bayonne, and carried into that Port.

Letters from Amsterdam of the 21st Instant say, that good Water was then sold there at 15 Stivers, or 14d. Sterling, a Pail.

Wednesday the King was pleased to send to the Bishop of London, to be distributed among the Poor of London and Westminster, 1000 l.

The Peggy and Elizabeth, Tunstall, from Virginia to London, is retaken by the Coventry Frigate, and carried into Castlehaven.

Feb. 1. The Prizes Goods at the Havannah, and which are expected to arrive on board the Fleet, consist of Sugar, Cocoa, Jesuits Bark, raw and tanned Hides, Tobacco, Snuff, Logwood, Fatbick, Timber, Cedar Planks, Cochineal and Tortoiseshell. The Whole valued at upwards of 300,000 l.

Sir George Pocock did not know of the Preliminaries of Peace, till he got into the Channel.

We hear that the Pension of a certain Lady of high Distinction is stopped.

It is said the Value of all British Ships taken by the French before the Declaration of War, will be made good by the Government to the Owners.

This Morning the Workmen began again to work at Blackfriars-Bridge, from which they had been prevented for five Weeks past by the severe Frost.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 18. By Letters received late last Night from Cork and Kinsale, from Capt. Barton, of his Majesty's Ship Devonshire, and others, there is an Account of the following Ships (Part of those which sailed from the Havannah with Admiral Sir George Pocock) being arrived at those Places, viz. Devonshire, 66 Guns, Capt. Barton; Infanta, 70 Guns, Capt. Elphinston; St. Janero Prize, Capt. Dickson; Assumption Prize, Capt. Prindle; with eleven Sail of Transports.

Fowey, Jan. 18. We have had the Wind at East near two Months, with hard Gales and very cold; but not frost; which seems very remarkable, as it is so great in other Places.

BOSTON, April 4. We have Advice from Jamaica, that some of his Majesty's Ships, belonging to Admiral Keppel's Squadron, on that Station, had taken three Spanish Register Ships from Laguna, upon the Coast of Caraccas; two of the Prizes were arrived at Jamaica, and the other hourly expected; they were loaded with Tobacco, Hides, Cocoa, Spice, &c. and the least of them is said to be worth 65,000 l. Sterling. Four sailed together from Laguna, and some British Ships of War were in Quest of the Fourth.

NEW YORK, April 11. Two Gentlemen, lately arrived at Antigua from Montserrat, reported, that two Spanish Privateer Sloop had been for some Time hovering about those Islands, and had taken three Vessels, murthering every Person on board, except the last, which they took in the Night, from which two Men swam on Shore to Guadaloupe, one of whom had two Stabs with a Knife; and that a Frigate was sitting out to be sent after them.

The Pitt Packet, Captain Goddard, has Orders to prepare for sailing at a Moment's Warning.

ANNAPOLIS, April 21. Extract of a Letter from Capt. Lee, of the Ship Willson, dated the 24th of January, to his Friend here.

"I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, with our safe Arrival in Falmouth, after a most difficult Passage of 60 Days: We all kept Company with the Gosport, until the Second of this Month, when

sailed from the Fleet, about 10 Leagues West from Scilly, after having been beating with South East Winds above a Month; it was very fortunate I separated from the Fleet, for not one Ship but ourselves, that I hear of, has reached England; by the Papers, I see, they bore away for Ireland, and arrived at Cork, with 60 Sail, which were all the Fleet for some Time before I left them; many of them were in bad Condition, being leaky, &c. The Man of War took great Care of the Fleet indeed, and assisted some with Men. Our Ship behaved extraordinary well, but we were very weakly manned, having only 19 in all. Capt. Montgomery had the melancholy Prospect to see the black painted Brig, which took in Tobacco at Annapolis (Capt. Burgess) overfet, and all the Crew perished. Capt. Bowling in a Snow from Rappahannock, foundered, but the People all saved; the Squall was very heavy, our Ship, and many of the Fleet broached to, and lost every Sail they had aboard, and several Men were Drowned. Capt. Beyer's Ship lost her Head, but made no more Water than before. We knew nothing of the Cessation of Hostilities, till the Day before we arrived. The Winds have blown Easterly for near Three Months, and now no Likelihood of a Change. The Thames is full of Ice, and great Damage done to the Ships there."

We have the following further Account of the Fleet from a Letter dated at London the 22d of January, to a Gentleman here, viz.

Arrived at CORK. The Gosport Man of War. The Dolphin, Craymer; Unity, Robson; Essex, Curling; Prince William, Turner; Mary, Maxwell; Eagle, Curling; Sea Nymph, Wilton; Prince Edward, M'Lachlan; Jenifer, Hanrick; Polly, Homecaille; Adventure, Larway; Elizabeth, Smith; Charming Nancy, Brash; Baltimore, Hanson; Dartmouth, Spencer; Susanna, Arbuckle; Planter, Felby; Aurora, Banning; Betsy, Montgomery; Pitt, Bigg; Polly, Kell; Fanny, Lane; Jenny, Barker; Charming Molly, Beard; Prince William, Barnard; Beverly, Belt; Letitia, Hammond; Capel, Waring; Virgin, Barker; Susanna and Sarah, Everat; Nautilus, Boyce; Sharpe, Laughton; Speedwell, Barnard; Neptune, Dawson; Wolfe, Wight; Planter, M'Gruger; Mary, Thompson; Lusitany, Wilton; Sally, Wood; Benevolent, Hooper; Mary, Clark; Pallas, Autram; America, Lewis; Dove, Sutfield; St. George, Brookes; Carlisle, Fox; Prince William, Kinloch; Boling, Porteous; Brunswick, Curry; Chippingham, Kelly; Charming Molly, Watton; Hawk, Watton.

The Nancy, M'Dougall, at Waterford. The Friendship, Kidd; Nancy, ——— (supposed Bryce) at Penzance.

The Nancy, Robertson, at Mountbay. The Willson, Lee, at Falmouth.

The Peggy and Elizabeth, Bride; Desire, Peterson; Taken.

The Anne, late Spencer; Charming Sally, Burgess; Recovery, Boyd; Lost.

None of the Letters sent by the Fleet, had got to Hand when the foregoing was wrote, except those sent by the Man of War, and the Willson.



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