

which the noble Lord means those adulterating Friends, those miserable Aldermen, who opposed Petitions and Remonstrances, merely to gain Loans and Commissions; those, who bartered their Lives and Liberties for Gold, I do not hearth to concur with him; but I must, at the same Time, assert, that there is a Majority of the monied Interest of very different Principles. One Instance will be sufficient: The late Lord Mayor, who is one of the first Merchants, and one of the honestest Men in the Kingdom; a Man who opposed Government in their Invasion of our Laws, and who supported Government by backing Pres-Warrants, when he proclaimed his Country was in Danger. I concur with my noble Friend in his merited Commendation, on those who prefer Liberty to Gold.

The Common-Councilmen of London I respect for their Firmness; and for their Honour and Integrity I shall chuse to honour them:

The Motion made in the Upper Assembly, by the Earl of Chatham Yesterday, was, that Captain Hunt, late Captain of the Tamar Sloop, be ordered to attend this House on Monday next. The previous Question was then put, and carried 15 for, 21 against.

We can from undoubted Authority assure the Publick, that at a Council held Yesterday, War was determined on.

A few Days since, Lord Weymouth told the Spanish Ambassador, that if he did not give a satisfactory Answer before the End of this Week, he should be asked no more Questions, but that immediate Recourse would be had to the status Ratis Regis.

Yesterday 40,000 Seamen were voted for the Service of the Year 1771-30,000 of whom to be registered. The Expence for one Year will be Two Millions. It having been represented by a great Body of Officers, how easily they can join their Regiments on any Emergency, the late Order for the immediate raising to their several Quarters in England, is for the present suspended.

This Day the Insurance of Merchant Ships outward bound to the West Indies, was advanced at Lloyd's from 4 to 10 per Cent.

Extract of a Letter from Dartmouth. Capt. Pitt, who left Spain the 27th Inst. (Now) gives an Account that our Ships are stopped there.

War is now ardently desired by all real Lovers of their Country of every Rank, as it will inevitably have some good Effects, which nothing else is so likely to produce, viz: The Dismantle of the present turbulent and disorderly Administration.

Decd. The Account of our Ships being stopped in Spain, is confirmed by a Letter sent from Cadiz, to a Gentleman in Lime-Street, which brings Advice that all the English Ships in that Port have been stopped.

And that Captain Obermann of the True-Briton, arrived at Pooch from Cadiz, confirms the same; and adds, that the Spaniards are pulling down all the Houses near the Front de la Mole, where they are very affious in erecting Batteries, and fortifying the Place.

A Resolution has passed, that 41. per Month per Man shall be allowed for maintaining 40,000 Seamen, including 3000 Marines, and also including the Ordinance for the Sea Service for the Year 1771.

Thursdays Motion was made by Mr. Dowdeswell, in the Lower Room of the Robinswood, to day before the House Capital of all Intelligence received of the State of the Spanish Land and Sea Powers in the Spanish West Indies, from the 1st of Jan. to September last, including the present, in the Negative, 94. 2. 10. Wednesdays Motion was made in the same Place, for examining, as the Best the Captain who first brought the Intelligence relating to the Capture of Falkland Islands, which passed in the Negative, 94. 2. 10.

Capt. Brett, in his Interrogatory Statement on Thursday last, he declared to have formerly read an Anecdote, in which a Patriot Nobelman told the Spanish Monarch, that they had but Two Enemies. Who are they? said the King. The World in One, replied the Aristocratic Nobelman; and your Admiralty's Minister, the other. I cannot help thinking, continued the Colonel, that the good King (God bless him!) is somewhat in the same Situation. This humdrum Relation caused an unusual Upset of April 10th, and a considerable Interval of time before he could proceed in his Affairs.

Dr. Pitt: The new Administration is in Stance, we hear, has brought with him a set of Credentials, a Letter from his Majesty, which he has in Charge to deliver only into hands of a great Sovereign, who, we are told, has refused to receive it; signifying that it must come in Person through the Channel of the Secretary of State; and that he has no power to communicate it to any other.

Earl Weymouth: Lord Weymouth declared, in a speech at the Assembly, that there would be no War with Spain, unless it could be settled in a most honorable Manner; and to the Satisfaction of all Parties; and that Lord Chatham replied, that he could give his Credit to his Attention, that he was well informed that the Spaniards had no intention or prospect of attacking us, and that the French Court was desirous of a reconciliation.

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The following may be depended on.—A few Days after the Arrival of the Messenger from Madrid, the Spanish Ambassador acquainted our Ministry, that he had full Power to treat with them on the Subject of our Demands on the Court of Spain; and appointed a Time and Place for a private Conference with the Premier for that Purpose: But when the Hour arrived, he gave Lord North to understand that it was as much as his Life and Character was worth, to give him a satisfactory Answer in less than a Month, till he had received further Dispatches from his Court.

We are well-informed, that Lord Weymouth was for raising 50,000 Seamen for the ensuing Year; but the Premier assured him, that "40,000 would sufficiently answer the Purpose."

Several Days this Week Parties have been opened at Old and New Lloyd's, and several Coffee-Houses about Change, to give 5 Guineas to receive 1000 £'s if War is declared in Seven Days, and 40 Guineas to receive 1000 £'s if declared before the 1st of December.

Upwards of Fifty Merchant Ships are now waiting in the River, outward-bound, to receive Letters of Marque, in case of War being declared, having on board Guns and Men sufficient both for Offence and Defence.

Orders are sent to Ireland to take an immediate and close Survey of the Fortifications in that Kingdom.

The East-India Company have raised the Seamen's Wages from 25. to 45. per Month, Hands being very scarce at present on account of such Numbers being impressed.

On Thursday a Gentleman at Batson's Coffee-House, gave a Merchant Cornhill 100 Guineas to receive a Guinea a Day till War is declared. The Payment to expire if War is not declared in a Year and a Half.

Some Letters from Minorca inform, that the People there impatiently expect the Arrival of Men of War and Troops from England, as a Rumour prevails that some Hostile Designs are meditating against the Islands.

It is said, on the Arrival of Potter the Messenger, his Dispatches were found to contain nothing more than a Reference to the Spanish Ambassador, who was instructed by his Orders how to negotiate with us; and it was given out that these Instructions breathed only the Spirit of Peace, and Stocks rose considerably on the News! But alas! when these peaceable Instructions were made known, they contained no positive Answer to any of our Demands, and only mentioned the giving up Falkland's Islands (debarring us of the Liberty of erecting Forts there) and that our Ships on entering the Spanish Ports, should be subject to be visited by the Spanish Officers.

Last Night the Press was so strong both on the River and ashore, that Sailors were taken from all Protests, and hurried on board the Tenders and Guard Ships.

It is said Lord Chatham's Speech in Favour of Pres-Warrants, will be likely to introduce him into Power.

A N N A P O L I S, FEBRUARY 14.

A Report is just come to this City, that a Vessel is arrived at Marblehead, which left the Downs on the 25th of December, and that just before she sailed an Account came there, that the Spaniards had besieged Gibraltar with a large Fleet.—A little Time will shew how far the above Paragraph deserves Credit.

On the 4th Day of March next will be exposed to publick Sale to the highest Bidder, at Nottingham, in Prince George's County,

A Tract of Land, called Ranch's Adventure, lying in the County aforesaid, heretofore mortgaged by Thomas Hodges, deceased, to Bartholomew Penney, for 1000 Acres more or less, and now subject to the equitable Right of Redemption, of the Heir at Law, of the said Thomas Hodges, deceased; by

FRANK LEEKE, Attorney in Fact,

for Bartholomew Penney.

Patmos, Charles County, February 7, 1771.

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THOMAS HANSON MARSHALL.

Patmos, January 30, 1771.

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