

Matters of Grievance, therefore, be immediately removed.

Dec. 11. The whole Army on the British Establishment, we are assured, is to be augmented, except the Foot Guards, and General Conway's Regiment of Blues.

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At the Board of Admiralty held Yesterday, several Ships were commissioned, and the Officers who attended received their Commissions.

It is confidently said, that a popular Peer, and a great General, have declared, that they have certain Information, that the French are beat upon a War, as soon as ever they shall be in a Condition to commence Hostilities; and that their fixed Intention is to make England the Theatre of it, by carrying the Sword into the very Heart of the Kingdom. If these Assertions be true; it is hoped our Coasts will be well watched.

A new Bill, for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, in the Army, is now under Consideration of a great Assembly.

On Tuesday no Members of the House of Commons were suffered to be in the House of Peers whilst they were sitting; the Door-Keepers not to go in but when called for.

Yesterday Earl Percy, and several military Officers, set out for Ireland, to join their Regiments in that Kingdom.

A Letter from Plymouth, dated December 9, says, "Orders are received at this Yard for fitting out for Sea the following Men of War, viz. the Queen, Dublin, Burford, Kent, and Bienfaisant, and another Ship of 30 or 40 Guns."

Advices are said to have been received here on Tuesday, that 24 Ships of War, with a Number of Troops, &c. had sailed from Spain for the West-Indies.

Dec. 13. On Wednesday last Sir E. H. being called upon in the Lower Room, informed the Society, that our Navy is now in a much better Condition than it was in the Year 1755, when the late glorious War began; that we have at present 20 Ships of the Line, full manned, and fit for Action, and likewise 20 more in Commission, who have got 3000 Seamen towards their Complement, and will soon be ready for Service; that (without interrupting the outward-bound Trade) we have actually 33,000 Seamen in pay, which is only 7000 wanting of the full Number voted by Parliament.

Wednesday there was a grand Debate in the Lower Room of the Robinsion Society, upon the Land Tax. Mr. S. moved to put it off 'till after Christmas. The Motion, contrary to the previous Declarations, were determined to bring it on, and to increase it to Four Shillings in the Pound. Lord N. then altered his Tone about War; he said, "a War was but too probable." The French and Spaniards were making great Preparations upon all their Coasts; and that the Money wanted this Year would be at least 6 Millions, but perhaps it might be 9 Millions; he could not be certain. Sir E. H. said the Navy was in a very proper State, and that 18 Ships of the Line were ready for Sea. He was contradicted by the Admirals K. P. and S. who said if 18 Ships were ready for Sea, it was unpardonable to leave Gibraltar and Jamaica wholly exposed to the Enemy, and that the Garrison of Gibraltar was lower now than in the peaceable Time of Sir Robert Walpole. Many very severe Things were said of the Ministry, and, in short, they were attacked from all Sides of the Room. When the Question was put, there appeared 221 for the Adjournment, and 199 against it.

The Debate in the other Room, the Day before, was very spirited. Lord C. attacked Lord M. He said his Lordship's Paper, given to the Clerk the Day before (Monday last) he considered as a Challenge to himself; that his Lordship had thrown down the Glove, and he was determined to take it up. He then proposed to Lord M. Three Questions, and demanded Answers to them. Lord M. replied, it was again that he was taken by Surprise; and said, that he would not answer Interrogatories. Lord C. pressed that a Day might be appointed, and said, he was ready to meet the noble Lord upon his Ground of Law; and Lord M. after some Time, was brought to pledge himself to the Room, that the Matter should be discussed. The Day of Rest then congratulated the Room upon the noble Lord's having pledged himself to the Point. This brought Lord M. up again; he said, he did not pledge himself to the Room, he only said, that he should hereafter give his Opinion.

The Day of Motion then went on with his Motion, which had caused the Riot the Day before. He showed the naked State of our Possessions abroad, and our defenceless State at home; and all this was owing, he said, to the Incapacity and Pusillanimity of the King's Ministers who were abhorred at home; and despised abroad. Lord C. in a fine Speech, confirmed this melancholy State of our Affairs; and added, that he had received Intelligence, of a Plan being formed to attack Gibraltar.

The Minority in the Lower Room were, joined on Wednesday Night by the Lords H. and G. the Two Mr. D. and Messrs. H. V. and T. L. the L. C. O. G. S. and N. Sir J. R. &c.

All the Officers stationed in the West-India Islands, and on the Continent of America, are ordered to join their respective Regiments immediately.

Dec. 13. Orders, its said, are issued for filling up the Regiments of Foot to their full Complement.

In a Speech of a Noble Lord published Yesterday, is the following Assertion of a noble Duke in a great Assembly, viz. that he had Intelligence not to be doubted, that at this Moment, there are in the several Spanish Prisons not less than 3000 British Seamen (particularly at Cadix on the Coast of Africa) who had

been taken out of our Merchant Ships by Spanish Guarda Costas, and condemned to perpetual Slavery or Confinement.

Sir G. S. upon a Complaint of there not being Men sufficient to carry on the War, assured a respectable Assembly a few Days since, that he could raise immediately 4000 able Fellows on his own Estates, and the Parts adjacent to them in Scotland, and that he did not doubt, but 40,000 Soldiers might be enlisted in the Space of a few Weeks.

The Bill for the better supply of Mariners and Seamen, to serve in his Majesty's Ships of War, and on board Merchant Ships, and other trading Vessels, lies ready for the royal Assent.

When the Augmentation of the Army was under Consideration in an august Assembly, a patriotic Member proposed (as the quickest Method to raise Recruits) that every Parish be obliged to furnish One Man. There are 10,000 Parishes in Great Britain; so that by this Method 10,000 Recruits might be raised immediately, without distressing any Branch of Manufacture, or draining any particular Part of the Country.

The Augmentation, when completed, for all the Regiments on the British Establishment, we hear, will amount to about 21,000 Men.

At Spithead, 24 Ships of War.

An English Ship, name unknown, bound to America, is burnt off Margate.

Orders are given for putting the Royal William of 90 Guns, at Portsmouth, into Commission.

INSTANCES OF SPANISH VANITY.

THE grave and phlegmatic Air of the Spaniard is taken by Strangers for Pride, but it is not so always. It must, however, be granted, that this Nation is remarkable for a certain Haughtiness which may be attributed to the extent of its Conquests, to the grand Ideas it entertains of its Origin, and, perhaps, to the Majesty of its Language. It is not only among People of Condition, that Spanish Pride is most apparent: A Tradesman, and even one of the lowest Class, a mean Beggar, retains, in the Midst of Wretchedness, a Deportment and Tone of Confidence which seem to raise him above his Condition. Here may be remembered the Answer of the Beggar at Madrid, to a Passenger who reproached him with preferring Laziness to useful Labour: "It is Money and not advice that I ask you for," said the proud Beggar, turning his Back upon him with all the Gravity of a Castilian.

The French have endeavoured to ridicule the Spanish Gravity by this short Story: A certain Cavalier, as noble as the King, as catholic as the Pope, and as poor as Job, arrived in the Night-Time at a Village in France where there was only one Inn. As it was past Midnight, he knocked for a long Time at the Door without being able to awake the Landlord; but at last made him rise by louder and more frequent rapping. Who is there? Cried the Landlord from a Window—It is, says the Spaniard, Don Juan Pedro, Hernandez, Rodriguez de Villa-nova, Conde de Malafra, Cavallero de Santiago y d'Alcantara. The Landlord answered him immediately, shutting the Window: "Sir, I am very sorrow; but we have not Chambers enough for lodging all those Gentlemen."

It is usual to see, at Rome, a great Multitude of Poor, from all Countries, to whom Soup is distributed at a certain Hour at the Gate of the Monasteries. A Castilian newly arrived, and who was unacquainted of the Time of the Distribution, addressed himself to a French Ecclesiastic, to be informed of it. Spanish Vanity would not suffer him to ask in plain Terms after the House where the Soup was given.—This Way of Speaking seemed to him too mean; so that, after studying a more elevated Way of expressing himself, he found none so suitable to the Occasion, as asking the Frenchman, Whether he had taken his Chocolate? My Chocolate! answered the Ecclesiastic: And how would you have me pay for it? I live upon Alms, and I now wait till the Soup is distributed at the Franciscan Convent.—You have not then been there yet? said the Christian.—No, replied the Frenchman; but now the Clock strikes, I'll go there directly.—Pray conduct me thither, said the vain-glorious Spaniard; you shall see Don Antonio Perez de Valcabro de Redia, de Montalva, de Vega, &c. give there, to Poverty, an illustrious Specimen of his Humility.—Who are those People? said the Frenchman.—'Tis I, replied the Castilian.—If it be so, replied the Frenchman, say rather, an Example of a good Stomach.

KILKENNY, Nov. 7. Our Letters from the County of Tipperary inform us, that the White Boys have again made their Appearance in that County. On Wednesday Night last, a Party of Miscreants armed, supposed to amount to 300 or upwards, all mounted, went to the House of James Fannin, in the Suburbs of Carrick on Suir, whom they took out of his Bed, and being an old infirm Man, they threw him across an Horle naked as he was, and carried him to the Fair-Green of that Town, whipping him all the Way; they then with Savage Cruelty threw him into the River several Times, and hauled him out immediately. After which they perambulated the whole Town, fired several Shots as they went; and brought the unhappy Man Four Miles from the Town, repeating their Barbarity all the Way, of which cruel Treatment he died the next Day. We hear that the only Reason alleged for this inhuman Murder is, that the Deceased had agreed to give 3d. per Tail for the Tythe-Potatoes of the Deer-Park of Carrick more than the Welders.

BOSTON, January 28.

Friday last Captain Hill arrived at Marblehead from Lisbon, which he left the 24th of December, and a Gentleman there, in a Letter of the 19th, writes, "That Mr. Potter, (the Messenger from the English Court) left Madrid the 6th of Nov. and that they impatiently waited an Answer from Britain to their Ventures, which was expected by the 4th of December."—There was no Account of a War when the above Vessel left Lisbon.

By a Schooner just arrived at Marblehead from Lisbon, we hear, that the Difference is made up between the Courts of Great-Britain and Spain, the latter agreeing to pay the former Six Millions of Dollars for their Expence in fitting out a Fleet, &c. to retake the Infult given by the Spaniards in taking Possession of Falkland Islands. This News, however, gains but little Credit.

A Correspondent has sent us the following:—An odd and sad Accident lately happened to a Gentleman who has a considerable Post in the— This Gentleman had the Misfortune to fall deeply in Love with another Man's Wife—she was averse to his Importunities for a long while—at length, tired of them— informs the Husband—he advises her to make an Appointment with the Gentleman—this she does—the Wife is put out of the Way—the Husband equipped in the Wife's Cap, &c. at the Time appointed goes to Bed, the Gentleman gets in at a Window, and softly makes his Way into the Room where his supposed Mistress lay—he undresses for Bed—where, behold, just as he was entering, Madam with the Cap on, greets a Whistle, when Three or Four sturdy Rogues burst out from a neighbouring Closet, seized my Gentleman, who met with an irreparable Loss, and is now under the Care of skilful Surgeons."

NEW YORK, February 14.

A Letter from Charlestown, South Carolina, dated the 24th of January, from a Person lately from Paris au Prince, to his Friend in this City, advises, that a Point au Prince there was the greatest Apprehension of War, a Frigate just arrived from France, reports that War was proclaimed both in France and Spain against England, where 40 Tenders were constantly employed in pressing Men, that the Spaniards made Prize of all the English Vessels they could take; and that a Consequence of these Advices, they were using the most Diligence to repair the Fortifications, mounting Guns in the Forts, and were loading Vessels, with Gun and other military Stores, to send to the outer Parts.

Captain Ask-y, from Eustatia, informs, it was reported there, that Fourteen or Fifteen Sail of French or Spanish Vessels, with Forces on board, were lying at Porto Rico, where they seemed to expect an Attack from the English, were preparing for Defence, and had taken Measures for evacuating the Town on the Approach of the English.

ANNAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 23.

We can assure the Publick, that notwithstanding the late inclement Weather, his EXCEL. ERYC Two younger Children have passed through the Small-Pox by Inoculation, under the Direction of Dr. Shuttleworth, which Disorder they have had in the most favourable Manner, and are now perfectly well.

February 20, 1774.

To be sold at publick Sale, at the Coffee-house in Annapolis, on Saturday the 9th March next, at Ten o'Clock in the Afternoon,

THE Ship HORATIO, as she now lies in the Dock, Burthen about 200 Tons, with all her Tackle and Furniture, &c. An Inventory whereof may be seen at James Dick and Stewarts Store in Annapolis, or with Patrick and John Hamilton, at Charles-Town.—The Ship is strong and well built, and not quite Two Years old.—Six Months Credit will be allowed to the Purchaser, on giving Bond and Security if required, to ANTHONY STEWART

February 19, 1774.

To be SOLD on reasonable Terms, His Majesty's Patent or Grant for 20,000 Acres of Land, in West Florida. Any Person or Persons inclinable to purchase may be informed of the Particulars, by enquiring of Joseph Ogden, at the Sign of the cross Keys, at the Corner of Chestnut and Third-Street, Philadelphia. (32)

T O B E S O L D,

A Compleat House Wench, about 25 Years old, that understands baking, brewing, cooking, washing, ironing, and is a good Sempstress: For further Particulars apply to the Printer. (31)

MADE and SO D by the Subscriber in Annapolis, for ready Cash, all Sizes of Anchors, from 1500 to 50wt. equal to any imported or made upon the Continent, Anchors 500 or upwards, at Six-pence per Pound, and smaller in Proportion. He likewise repairs broken Anchors at the most reasonable Rate, and will give ready Money for old ones, or take them in Part of Pay. Those Gentlemen who are pleased to favour him with their Orders may depend on being carefully and immediately served, by their Humble Servant, ISAAC HARRIS (25)

St. Mary's County, February 19, 1774.

WHERBAS my Wife Anastasia, hath left my Bed and Board; this is to desire, that no Person or Persons will trust the said Anastasia on my Account, for I am determined to pay none of my Debts, after the Date hereof. GEORGE HOWARD.

THERE is at the Plantation of Moses Deffen,

on Captain John, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a dark bay Mare, about 13 Hands high, with a ridge Mane, bob Tail, One hind Foot white, branded on the near Buttock with a Fish Fork, and has been shod before, paces a little. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property and paying Charges. (w)

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