

million. I believe he is heartily tired of this Part of the World, from the Indifference he is treated with, and would wish to be recalled.

We are told General Coote has not met with better Treatment, and is determined to return to England over Land. In short, it seems to be the fixed Determination of those who have the Rights of Government in their Hands, to plunder both the Country and Company, to amass Nabobs Fortunes to themselves, but to admit of no Rivals.—I hope some Method will be found out to put a Stop to such Rapine, before the Company's Ruin is completed, which cannot be far off, if such Baseness and Cruelties are longer winked at by those who ought to be careful of the publick Interest.

Some Letters in Town mention, that about Thirty Thousand Europeans, Inhabitants of the Kingdom of Bengal, have died of Famine; and that a great Number of Officers have fallen a Sacrifice to an epidemical Distemper; owing to the Drought.

A Gentleman, who has lately arrived from Bengal, has just informed us, that Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand is the greatest Number that hath died in that Kingdom of the Famine.

We have Authority to say, the News from the East Indies, by the Lapwing Packet, is favourable in every Respect, except in the Loss of some of the Inhabitants in the Province of Bengal, occasioned by a Famine; and that the Company's Settlements continued in Peace, with the Prospect of large Investments from every Part.

On Thursday the 14th Instant the French and Spanish Ambassadors waited on the Earl of Rochford, and said that although the King of Spain had consented to put his Britannic Majesty in Possession of Port Egmont, yet they were instructed to demand of his Lordship, when his Britannic Majesty's Officer would evacuate the same, and insisted upon the Day being named. They also demanded, that the Question of Right to Falkland's Island should be determined before that Day. Lord Rochford said he would enter into no Negotiation about it; to which the Ambassadors replied, they must send an Account to their Courts, and they apprehended the Answer they should receive would be their Recal.

Lord North and Sir Robert Ladbroke were Yesterday insulted by the Populace in the Avenues leading to the House of Commons.

Last Night Messengers were sent every Hour from the House of Commons to a great Lady's House in Pall Mall, with Particulars of the Debates relative to the Lord Mayor, &c.

This Morning, about Eleven o'Clock, several Members of the Treasury Bench were at Carlton House, and continued there until near One; Lord North was not present.

When a State is governed by the Influence of a Woman, says a punning Gentleman, you are always sure of a Male Administration.

A Common Hall of the Livery of the City of London is ordered for Thursday Fortnight; and Mr. Oliver, while he remains in the Tower, is to have a Table kept for him at the City's Expence.

The following Card was actually sent by Mr. Wilkes to Colonel Luttrell on Wednesday last; but no Answer, we believe, was returned.

“Mr. Wilkes presents his Compliments to Colonel Luttrell, and will be much obliged to him if he can spare the Seat in the House for a few Days, or such Time as the House desire his Attendance; and will afterwards lend it to him for the Remainder of the Sessions, as he apprehends he shall not make farther Use of it.”

March 27. The Members resolved, “That the Proceedings of the Lord Mayor, in discharging Miller, and committing the Messenger, was a Breach of the Privilege of that House.” A Motion was then made, that the Lord Mayor should for his Contempt be committed to the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, but upon his Lordship's observing, that if any Offences had been committed, he was the greatest Offender, and that he longed to join his Brother in Office; an Order was signed for his Commitment to the Tower, permitting his Lordship to sleep that Night at the Mansion-House.

March 28. About Four o'Clock in the Morning, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor arrived at the Tower, and was lodged at Mrs. Bradshaw's, on the Parade, next Door to the Bloody Tower. His Lordship, notwithstanding his Indisposition, was in great Spirits.

The Crowd was so great Yesterday in Old Palace-Yard, and Westminster-Hall, that it was with the greatest Difficulty many of the Members, especially the Court Party, got to the House of Commons; Lord North had his Chariot Glasses smashed to Pieces, as well as his Carriage; his Wrist was cut; and they also took off his Hat and cut it to Pieces, and he narrowly escaped with his Life. The Two Mr. Foxes, and Mr. Hans Stanley, were greatly insulted and pelted with Mud; Justice Kelynge attempted to read the Proclamation, but he was so pelted that he was obliged to desist; Two Hundred Constables could not keep the Populace in order, for on their endeavouring to keep the Peace, the Mob seized their staves, and broke them to Pieces; As soon as a Member's Coach appeared, they stop it, and obliged the Coachman to inform them of his Master's Name, and they were treated according as they stood in their Approbation, some with Hisses and Groans, and others with loud Acclamations.

The Right Hon. Lord North is extremely indisposed of the Wounds he received on Wednesday at the Door of the House, and is attended by Two Surgeons and a Physician of Eminence.

The Populace were very riotous Yesterday in the Park, and frequently insulted a great Personage. Among the rest of the Expressions made Use of on the above Occasion, were a Number respecting the Princess Dowager; and many called out, where is the Lord Mayor? set him at Liberty: Tower! Tower! &c.

We hear the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland carries all before him, and that his Secretary will be made an Irish Peer.

We are told from pretty good Authority that since the Ratification of the late Convention, no less than Eighteen or Twenty private Letters have passed between the Ministry and the Court of Versailles, the Purpose of which will transpire in a few Days, not very much to the Satisfaction of this Nation.

Extracts from the Speech of Alderman Townsend, in Defence of the Lord Mayor.

“Salus populi suprema lex esto, was long the Maxim of the Roman Commonwealth; and I wish that it were more attended to in this House. Unfortunately for this Country, too many of us are more assiduous to please female Caprice, than to satisfy their Constituents. Instead of endeavouring to deserve well of the Publick, they strive to deserve well of One Woman, who has, during the present Reign, governed this Nation.

Here several Members cried out, Name her! Name her! Why then, if I must name her, her Name is Augusta, Princess Dowager of Wales. [Here he was called to Order, but he proceeded.] Sir, I am not in a Humour to retract or eat my Words. That Infamy I leave to the ministerial Gentry. I am not yet courtly enough to say and unsay the same Thing in a Breath. Were I such a crouching Spaniel, I should plead the Cause of Liberty but with a very bad Grace. I do aver, that for Ten Years past, we have been governed by One Woman, and that the Woman is the Princess Dowager of Wales. If you doubt what I advance, appoint a Committee for inquiring into her Conduct, and I dare say that you will find my Assertion to be Fact.”

We hear that on Friday last, at a noted Gaming-House in Pall-Mall, the young Cub of Reynard loit 10,000 Guineas at Hazard.

A noble Duke who had impaired his Fortune by gaming, since his Arrival from his Travels, at one sitting last Week won from a Brother Peer no less than £. 100,000, together with the Peer's Carriage, Horses, &c.

This Day his Majesty went to the House of Peers, and gave the royal Assent to the following Bills, namely:

The Bill to indemnify Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices or Employments within the Time limited by Law, and for allowing a farther Time for that Purpose.

The Bill to explain, and render more effectual, an Act for paving the City and Liberties of Westminster.

The Bill to restrain divorced Persons from marrying the offending Party.

The Bill to enable Lunatics entitled to renew Leases, their Guardians, and Committees, to accept of Surrenders of old Leases, and grant new ones, &c.

The Bill to amend an Act of the 6th of his present Majesty, for paving Southwark, &c. and for regulating the Manner of taxing Churches, &c. And also several Road, Enclosure, and other Bills.

This Morning the Crowd of People was very great on Tower Hill, on which Account the Gate of the Tower was ordered to be shut.

Coaches are continually driving to the Tower, with Visitants to the Two patriotic Prisoners.

From the Variety of new Business that has lately sprung up, and the Delay necessarily occasioned thereby to the ordinary Routine of Affairs, it is thought that a great Assembly will continue sitting very late in the Session.

This Day a Court of Common Council was held at Guildhall, Alderman Trecothick Locum Tenens, to hear the Determination of the House of Commons respecting the Lord Mayor; also to consider of the Adjournalment of the Report of the Black Friars Bridge Committee, and Mr. Mylne's Petition relating thereto.

At the above Court the Members voted an elegant Table to be kept for the Lord Mayor, during his Residence in the Tower.

Considerable Bets are laid in the City, that the Lord Mayor and Mr. Alderman Oliver will be discharged from the Tower on or before Saturday.

This Morning Colonel Barre, and divers patriotic Members of both Houses, visited the Lord Mayor and Mr. Alderman Oliver in the Tower.

Sir Robert Ladbroke was very much against sending Mr. Alderman Oliver to the Tower, and was on the Side of acquitting him and the Lord Mayor, and did not leave the House till near Two o'Clock, and then divided with the Minority.

From Mr. Alderman Kirkman's Behaviour in the Cause of Liberty, it is said that the Livery intend to elect him Sheriff for the Year ensuing; and that Mr. Alderman Townsend and Mr. Alderman Sawbridge will be returned to the Court of Aldermen, for their Approbation, as Lord Mayor of this City.

March 29. A Correspondent informs us, that the Queen is greatly distressed at the present unhappy Divisions, and frequently importunes a great Personage that some general Plan may be immediately adopted for the Reconciliation of all Parties.

Last Night an Express arrived from Ireland at the Secretary of State's Office, on which a Cabinet Council was summoned for this Afternoon.

It is said Charles Jenkinson, Esq; is appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, which gave Rise to the Report of Lord North's Resignation.

We have just been informed, that the Expedition intended to take Possession of Falkland's Island is counter-ordered or deferred, on Account of the present Dispute with the Court of Spain.

Preparations for War, though at present in a Manner as secret as possible, are making. A large Fleet of the Line, it is said, will rendezvous at Spithead, and be ready to sail by the 15th of next Month, to oppose the joining of the French and Spanish Fleets, which, it is reported, intend to attack Gibraltar.

The Committee for enquiring into the Cause of the late Riot consists of Twenty-one Members, who were chosen by Ballot. Would it not be proper for them to enquire, whether their own Acts did not raise all the Combustion?

There are Letters in Town from Calcutta, which say, that of Three Thousand Europeans there several Hundred have died of an epidemic Distemper, which had not ceased when the Letters came.

Colonel Baffes, it is said, last Week visited the House, to give the Premier the Lie direct; and it is expected he will be taken Notice of.

The Committee on the Cause of the Riots will sit all the next Week.

Yesterday, as the King was going from the Parliament House, a Gentleman cried out, “No Lord Mayor no King!” The Constables took him before the Justices at Guildhall, where he told them he was a Citizen of London, and should not retract what he had said. After a little Advice from Sir John Fielding, he was discharged.

No Locum Tenens will be appointed; on which Account much of the Custom-House Business, which comes necessarily before the Lord Mayor, will be stopped, his Lordship's Complaisance not carrying him so far as to do his Majesty's Business, whilst a Prisoner in the Tower.

On Monday a Member of the Lower House was audacious enough to say, that if the City could not otherwise be quieted, it was Time to draw the Sword.

So great is the Run which has begun upon the Bank, that it is thought they will soon pay in Silver.

They write from Emblens, that Eight Prussian Men of War are now fitting out at that Port, on Board of which Six Regiments of Infantry are to be embarked, with all proper Necessaries; but their Destination is kept a profound Secret.

The Third Regiment of Guards is now doing Day in the Tower, under the Command of Col. Murray.

I am sorry for the violent Measures, as the Generality without Doors are against them, says Lord North to a certain unpopular Lady. Never fear, replies the Lady, we are secure, while the Majority within Doors and the red Coat Minority without are at our Command.

This Morning a Privy Council was held in his Majesty's Closet, at the Queen's Palace, by express Order of a great Personage.

Two Frigates of 36 Guns each, are now building at a private Yard at Rotherhithe, by Commission, for the King of Prussia.

March 30. The true Friends of Liberty abhor all violent and illegal Behaviour, even to the most noxious ministerial Tribe. They could heartily have wished my Lord North had not been ill treated by the Populace. As for the Hon. Mr. Fox, it is to be believed, that nobody is sorry that his Clothes were dirtied, or his Face begrimed; the Mob were only determined to make him as dirty, without as he is within.

Considerable Bets are laid that a Dissolution of Parliament takes Place within these Six Weeks.

A Change in the Ministry it is now thought will speedily take Place.

The Lord Mayor and Mr. Alderman Oliver, it is said, will bring a Bill of Indictment at Guildhall, against the Speaker for false Imprisonment.

Sir William Meredith in attempting to rescue Lord North, lost his Hat, which being taken by the Mob for Lord North's, was torn into small Pieces, and sold for Six pence and One Shilling each.

The greatest Naval Preparations are making in all the Sea-Ports of Holland.

We hear that Mons. D'Eon is very much offended at being called a Woman, and he never will forgive Lady R—— for calling him Madame D'Eon: He swears he will prove himself a Man to the Sex, and begin with her Ladyship.—The Lady, we hear, bids him defiance. It is not easy to guess what will be the Issue of this Trial.

It is computed that no fewer than 500 Constables and Peace Officers attended his Majesty on Thursday last, at his going to the House of Peers.

On Tuesday the 19th of March, an Express arrived from Lord Harcourt, our Ambassador at Paris, with an Account that the King of France had written a Letter to the King of Spain, “wherein he assured the Catholic King, that he was ashamed of the Conduct of the Court of London; that he was ready and willing to co-operate with the King of Spain, in whatever future Measures should be judged expedient; that he put himself entirely under the Direction and Wisdom of the Catholic King, and only begged that in their future Operations that Monarch would have an Eye to the present Situation of France.”

Next Day Lord North, and the Two Secretaries of State, waited on the King, who was exceedingly shocked at receiving this Account.

April 1. The Russians are determined to carry on the War with Vigour against the Turks.

The Dey of Tunis has declared War against the Danes.

A Letter from Dublin, dated March 5, says, “The Mobs still continue, to the great Terror of the Court Party, who are in constant Dread of being torn to Pieces by the enraged Populace. Lord Townsend has not been abroad since his Return from the House of Lords, and his House in the Country is obliged to be protected by Soldiers, to prevent its being levelled with the Ground.”

It is reported that Silver Coin is now buying up for the Use of the Bank, in order to be tendered in Payment, should certain Threats of monied Persons be carried into Execution.

April 2. Last Saturday the House of Commons sat about an Hour and an Half, and then adjourned till Thursday, April the 9th; so that they have adjourned beyond the Day appointed for Mr. Wilkes's Attendance, which was the 8th.

Yesterday at Noon a Hearse, followed by Two Carts, was drawn through the City, and accompanied by a very great Mob. In the first Cart was the Figure of the Princess Dowager of Wales, and another of Lord Bute, attended by a Chimney-Sweeper, praying for them; in the second, the Speaker and both the Foxes. They were dragged to Tower-Hill, and there burnt.