

Cafe; and which, I doubt not, will make a great Noise in the English News-papers; and, by being related a few Times over, will, like a Snow-ball, gather until it becomes a Mountain.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from New-York, brought by the Mercury Packet Boat, Capt. Dillon, in Thirty Days to Falmouth.

We are assured, that a very spirited Remonstrance is preparing, and with which Mr. Harris, our Minister at Madrid, will set out for that Court in a few Days. He is commended to demand a categorical Answer respecting the Designs of the Spaniards in South-America and the West Indies, and to know whether the Court of Madrid countenance the Proceedings of Guarda Costas in that Part of the World. Prince Massareno sent off an extraordinary Courier on Thursday Night, to Madrid, after having had a long Conference with Lord Suffolk, relative, it is thought, to the present critical Posture of Affairs in South America.

A Squadron of Ten Sail of the Line is preparing to be sent to guard our Settlements in the West Indies; Two Regiments are to be embarked for Jamaica.

Extrait of a Letter from Marseilles, Oct. 23.

By Advice from Constantinople we learn, that the Hopes of Peace are more remote than ever; that however every Thing at present is very quiet there, and that the Defeat of the Russians at Negropont has not occasioned any Uneasiness at Constantinople.

Last Wednesday Mr. Alderman Townsend returned from Norfolk to Bruce Castle, Tottenham. The next Day certain Officers, by virtue of Warrants from the Commissioners of the Land and Window Taxes, levied on Mr. Townsend's Chattels for those respective Assessments to the Amount of 200l. Mr. Townsend protested that, on Account of the improper Representation of the County of Middlesex, he would not pay the Taxes, and adhering uniformly to this Motive, he has suffered this Act to be executed, having absolutely refused Payment on every Demand. The Consequence of this Measure will produce a Trial in the Court of King's Bench, wherein this grand national Point will be contested on either Side, in the most strenuous Manner, by the ablest Advocates. Whatever may be the Determination there, an Appeal to the House of Lords will undoubtedly be brought, and the whole Proceedings afford as interesting a Case as any contained in the Volumes of the State Trials.

Extrait of a Letter from on Board Admiral Rodney's Fleet at Port Royal, Jamaica, to a Friend in London, dated September 4.

We are now getting under Sail to go down to Carthagena, with a Frigate and a Sloop of War, to enquire into some Insults the Spaniards have given us; they carried his Majesty's armed Sloop the Sir Edward Hawke into Carthagena by Force, but have released her. On her Arrival at Port Royal, Sir George Rodney ordered a Court Martial on an Officer, and broke him, for suffering his Majesty's Colours to be degraded. The Merchants have made great Complaint of the ill Treatment of the Spaniards. They have a great many English Subjects working in Irons on their Fortifications, whom we are going to demand.

Nov. 7. The Publick may rely on the Truth of the following Anecdote of John Eyre, Esq; It shews the natural Depravity of the human Heart; and the Principles upon which he then acted, may probably account for the Meanness of his late Conduct.—A few Years ago, Mr. Eyre's Uncle, a Gentleman of considerable Property, made his Will in favour of a Clergyman, who was his intimate Friend, and committed it, unknown to the rest of his Family, to the Custody of the Divine. However, not long before he died, having altered his Mind with regard to the Disposal of his Circumstances, he made another Will, wherein he left the Clergyman only 500l. the Bulk of his large Fortune to go to his Nephew Mr. Eyre. Soon after the old Gentleman's Death, Mr. Eyre, rummaging over his Drawers, found this last Will, and perceiving the Legacy of 500l. in it for the Clergyman, without any Hesitation, or Scruple of Conscience, put it in the Fire, and took Possession of the whole Effects, in Consequence of his Uncle's being supposed to have died intestate. The Clergyman coming to Town soon after, and enquiring into the Circumstances of his old Friend's Death, asked if he had made any Will before he died: Upon being answered by Mr. Eyre in the Negative, the Clergyman very coolly put his Hand in his Pocket, and pulled out the former Will, which had been committed to his Care, wherein Mr. Eyre had bequeathed him his whole Fortune, amounting to several Thousand Pounds, excepting a Legacy of 500l. to his Nephew.

It is said that Mr. Eyre made over his Estate to a near Relation of his the Day before his Trial, so that it is thought the Sheriffs will only have his Household Furniture, of which an Inventory has been taken by their Direction.

Nov. 9. We hear that no Remonstrance is yet preparing to be sent to Spain (as mentioned in some of the Papers) but that a Council will be held the Beginning of next Week to consider of the Steps necessary to be taken to procure Satisfaction for the Insults lately offered to this Kingdom by the Spaniards. It is further said, that no Remonstrance will be sent; but as soon as Dispatches arrive from Admiral Rodney, confirming the late Account of the Seizure of One of his Majesty's Ships, Reprials will be made immediately without the Delay of a Convention.

The Ship that was on Shore on the Goodwin Sands, supposed to be from Glasgow to Dunkirk, proves to be the John and Jane, Baxter, from Virginia to Aberdeen, who was got off, and failed for Aberdeen on Thursday last.

Extrait of a Letter from a Gentleman in the Suite of the Duke of Gloucester, to his Friend in London, dated Legation, October 26.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester was attacked the Night of his Arrival here with a most vio-

lent Dysentery, or Bloody Flux, and during Twelve Days received no Benefit from any Thing that was administered to him. The Disorder increased to such a Degree, that his Recovery appeared impossible; in this alarming Crisis the Bark was given with surprising Success, and his Royal Highness from that Moment grew better, and now recovers Strength apace.

In those dreadful Moments when himself and every one thought his End approaching, his Royal Highness discovered an heroic Fortitude and Christian Resignation which can never be sufficiently admired. He was attended, during this dangerous Illness, by his own Surgeon, and the Surgeon of the Frigate that brought us here; Three Italian Physicians were indeed called in, but the English Surgeons could by no Means agree to all their Prescriptions, such as Ice Clysters, Lemonades, and the like.

As soon as his Royal Highness is perfectly recovered, which we hope will be in a few Weeks, we shall proceed to Pisa, and from thence through Florence to Rome.

Nov. 12. Last Saturday's Gazette contains his Majesty's Order in Council, signifying, that as Information has been received, that the Plague hath broken out, and now rages at Moscow, and other Parts of Russia, his Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, doth thereupon judge it probable, that the Infection may be brought into this Kingdom, or the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, from Archangel, Petersburg, Narva, Riga, or some other Port or Place in the Dominions of Russia: His Majesty doth therefore order, that all Ships, Vessels, Persons, Goods, and Merchandizes, now arrived or that shall hereafter arrive in any Port of this Kingdom, or the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, from Archangel, Petersburg, Narva, Riga, or from any other Port or Place in the Dominions of Russia, do make their Quarantine for Forty Days (under the Restrictions mentioned in the said Order) which is to commence and be computed from the Day each Ship or Vessel shall come to anchor in the Place appointed for performing Quarantine, and not before: And that the Place for performing Quarantine by such Ships and Vessels (not having the Infection on board) as are bound to the Rivers of Thames and Medway, be Standgate Creek, and by such as are bound to any other of the Ports of Great-Britain, be such Places as shall be appointed by the Officers of his Majesty's Customs in the said Ports.

It is said, that a Ship from the Mediterranean, with the Plague on board, is driving about the North Seas. Letters received Yesterday from Dublin, give an Account, that on the 5th Inst. died there the celebrated Dr. Lucas, Member of Parliament for that City.

It is said that Couriers are frequently passing between London and Berlin, on secret Affairs of the greatest Importance.

We are informed, that the Malady of the P. Dowager gaining Ground, and having seized the Organs of Speech, her R. H. languishes under an Inability to express what she suffers.

When Lord R. and Lord S. attended a great Personage lately, they observed the Royal Countenance to be wet with Tears, which affected them so much, that several Minutes elapsed in mutual Silence.

A Letter is said to be received from Carrickfergus, in Ireland, that a French East Indiaman, supposed to be homeward bound, was lately driven on Shore within Five Leagues of that Place, in a violent Storm, and that both Ship and Cargo were totally lost. Part of the Crew took to their Longboat, but the Wind shifting, were driven out to Sea, and have not since been heard of; the Rest of the Crew made Signals of Distress, but the Wind blew so hard no Vessel could put off to their Assistance, and they were all drowned.

A Correspondent says, "It is really a Fact, that the Rockingham Party have finally settled a Plan of introducing the Two Burkes (Edmund and William) into the City on the very first Vacancies for Aldermen.

A Rupture, we are told, is likely to commence between the States General and the Sardinian Court, on Account of some late Transactions in the Mediterranean.

The Princess Dowager of Wales is certainly very much indisposed. Her Disorder is a nervous Fever. The Report of her Royal Highness's having a Cancer in her Mouth is untrue.

Count de Guignes has written this last Week a long Letter to the Earl of Rochford, disclaiming, in the strongest Terms, any previous Knowledge of the Fire at Portsmouth, or even of any such Persons as the Parties named as the Incendiaries; demanding, at the same Time, of his Lordship, that the false Accusers (Britain and Dudley) may have such exemplary Punishment as the injured Honour of the Count has a Right to require.

By a Letter this Day from Jamaica we learn, that a Lady is dead in that Island worth a considerable Fortune; and that she has left the Bulk of it to Mr. Wilkes.

The last Letters from the Continent advise, that his Prussian Majesty has actually marched an Army of 30,000 Men into Polish Prussia, which is to penetrate as far as the Borders of Silesia: The Command is given to General Thonningston, Knight of the Black Eagle.

The Account in some of the Papers, of the Spanish Ambassador's preparing to leave this Kingdom, we are informed is destitute of Foundation.

A very great Personage last Thursday, in Council, after expressing the most tender Concern for the Duke of Gloucester, thought proper to take Notice, that the late Act of the Duke of Cumberland would cause an eternal Separation between himself and the Duke. Upon which Tears being seen to gush, a Motion was immediately made to adjourn the Council; but the great Personage, resuming his wonted Firmness, told the Council, that no private Concerns respecting himself should ever retard the publick Business of the Kingdom, and ordered them to proceed.

The Moment the Hawke Schooner was taken by the Spaniards, Sir George Rodney demanded peremptory

Reparation from the Governor of Carthagea: A sufficient Time has not yet elapsed for us to receive the Governor's Answer, and our Ministry cannot proceed to a Declaration of War, before they know whether there is a Necessity of commencing Hostilities. The Preparations made previous to our Convention with the Spanish Court, will enable us, on the shortest Notice, to act with all due Spirit and Propriety.

PHILADELPHIA, January 16.

Extrait of a Letter from London, dated November 9, 1757.

The Spirit of Faction is declined almost to nothing; the Patriots are quarrelling with one another, the Livery, being left to themselves, have made Choice of Mr. Nash for Mayor, a moderate worthy Man, independent Fortune, and fair Character. It throws a great Damp upon the Operations of Wilkes and his Adherents, who are now melting away to fast. At the other End of the Town, the Ministry continue firm and united, as I formerly told you. Changes of any Sort, as far as I have been able to discover, are so much as thought of. The Parliament will not meet till the 14th or 21st of January; nor they expect any other than the usual Routine of Bills to come before them during the ensuing Session. France and Spain, I know, are not in a Situation, are therefore not at all inclined, to break with us. In short, every Thing portends lasting Peace at home, abroad, unless the King of Prussia should draw Sword, and, instead of acting the Part of a Mediator, endeavour to avail himself of the present Disturbance of that unhappy Country Poland, and the Wars subsisting between the Turks and the Russians. A Letter which I received from Berlin a few Days ago, find he is making vast Preparations for War; and it cannot yet be discovered when or where he will begin his Operations, it is conjectured, with great Probability, that he has his Eye upon Polish Prussia, the City of Dantzick: An Acquisition of the greatest Consequence to him, and which, besides the Advantage of being Master of the Trade of that Place, would throw a vast Addition of Power and Strength into his Hands, of course endanger the Safety of his Neighbours, and alarm all the maritime Powers of Europe. But unless his Conduct obliges other States to take Part in the War, which may at length make it necessary for us to join one Side or another, I see not to disturb us for a great While to come.

But whilst every Thing seems to favour the Peace and Happiness of the Publick, the Royal Family has been, and still are, in great Distress.—The Princess Dowager is in a declining State of Health, and been very ill of late.—The Duke of Gloucester, bears a very amiable Character among us, has been the Point of Death at Leghorn; but an Express arrived Two Days ago, that he was judged now to be of Danger. Till that Account was received, his Mother, and Lady Waldegrave (who has certainly been his Wife, and who will probably soon be acknowledged as such) were inconsolable.—Add to this the Duke of Cumberland, a thoughtless, giddy, and inconstant Creature, is universally believed to be a few Weeks ago, married a Widow Horton, Sister Colonel Luttrell, a lively gay Woman, much younger than himself, with whom he has retired for the present to Calais. If this is really the Case, it is an Event that, in the mean Time, reflects great Dishonour on the Duke, and may, in future, be attended with disagreeable Consequences.—The Licentiousness of publick Papers are unworthy Notice. Even Journals losing Ground every Day, and advances, as bold striking Truths, Things which have hardly the Foundation.—And Wilkes (perhaps the best Manufacturer of Paragraphs that ever lived, by which he has been long enabled, in Opposition to Common Sense, to buoy up his sinking Popularity) begins evidently to be exhausted, and is gradually sinking into Contempt and Oblivion, which all his feeble Efforts will not be able long to prevent.

Dr. Franklin hath been for some Time on a Tour to Ireland, where I hear he was Five Days entertained by Lord Hillsborough, at his Lordship's House at Hillsborough, with great Hospitality.—He is now in Edinburgh, at the House of Mr. Hume, the Minister, where he purposes to stay a Week or Two, and to return to London.

Jan. 20. The Brig Conolly, Capt. Robert Miles failed from Dublin the Beginning of October with Seventy Passengers on Board for this Port, and by several Letters, &c. from Ireland, we have great Reason to think that she is cast away on the Welsh Coast, every Person perished.

The Elizabeth, Eaton, from Virginia for London with 400 Hogsheads of Tobacco, is lost about 15 Miles from Cherbourg.

A R R I V A L S.

From Virginia. Roger, Benson; Planters F. Buchanan, at Gravesend. Hibernia, Robert F. Dublin.

From Maryland. Carolina, Pearson; Thos. M'Dougal; Jenny, Bartholomew; Britannia, S. Mary, Richardson; Pitt, Cheefman; Swan, Ross; and Rachel, Cidde, at Gravesend. American Frigate, Martin, at Milford. Polly, Kely; Cambden, chardson; and Molly, Maynard, in the Downs.

From New-York. Countess Donegal, Pym, at Milford. Rising Sun, Holme, at Cowes. Mercurius, Dillon (Nov. 4.) at Falmouth. America, Harris, Bristol. Rebecca, Stevens; and Milton, Bailey, Dover.

From this Port. Ship Newry Packet, Robinson, Dublin. Ship Andrews, Camble, at Cork.

A N N A P O L I S, January 30.

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