

French in the last Treaty of Peace, by which they had forfeited both Ship and Cargo. The same Advices say, that the French have engrossed the greatest Part of the Fishery, and have infilled many of our Vessels; Complaints of which have been sent home, but that no Steps have yet been taken to call them to account for it.

Nov. 25. On Thursday the Cause about the Socage Estate, in the Neighbourhood of Carlisle, between the Duke of Portland and Sir James Lowther, came on in the Court of Exchequer, and was resumed Yesterday.

The great Cause between Sir James Lowther and the Duke of Portland is certainly finally determined by the Trial on Wednesday last. The Title of the Duke to Inglewood Forest is now established by the *Nullem Tempus* Act passed last Session, which declares an undisturbed Possession of Sixty Years a sufficient Title, and now precludes Government from granting a fresh Lease. The Estate has been in the Portland Family near 64 Years.

Yesterday came on before the Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster-Hall, the great Cause between Sir James Lowther, Bart. Plaintiff, and the Duke of Portland, Defendant, in Consequence of a Grant made to Sir James Lowther of the Forest of Inglewood, in the Year 1767, of Lands being for upwards of Seventy Years in the Possession of the Family of the Duke of Portland. Their Lordships came into Court about Nine o'Clock, and after waiting near an Hour for Baron Adams, the Chief Baron received a Letter from his Lordship, informing him of the Impossibility of his attending the Court that Day, on Account of the Death of Lady Adams. The Court then entered into the Business of the Day, and recited all the Records and P.rogatives of the Crown from Edward the First to the Lease made to Sir James Lowther; when, after a full, candid, and most impartial Examination of the said Lease, it was found invalid, agreeable to the Statute made in the First Year of Queen Anne, which recites, "That upon every Grant, Lease, or Assurance, there be reserved a reasonable Rent, not being under the Third Part of the clear Yearly Value of such of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, &c. &c. as shall be contained in such Lease or Grant." Sir James Lowther's Grant from the Crown being only a Quitrent of 13s. 4d. for the whole Forest of Inglewood, was immediately judged by the Court an *inadequate Third Proportion*, and he was nonsuited accordingly.

Extract of a Letter from Frankfurt, October 18.

"It is said, that a Captain from Salee, who has passed the Winter at Hamburg, under Pretence of repairing his Vessel, has performed a secret Commission given him by the Emperor of Morocco, which was to engage several People in this Town, to trade to the Coast of Africa, and the Spanish Seas, where the said Sovereign has promised them entire Security. It seems the Emperor of Morocco intends establishing a new System in the Administration of his Empire, and that he proposes transforming a Parcel of Corsairs into a trading Fleet. It is also assured, that for this same Reason he keeps up a Correspondence with several Genoese Merchants."

The Publick may be assured, notwithstanding every Report to the contrary, that General Paoli, the late illustrious Corsican Chief, is possessor of a large Property in our Funds, though we cannot pretend to ascertain the exact Sum. The General lives as happily in England as the Recollection of the disastrous Fate of his Country can permit him, being greatly esteemed and carested by a numerous and valuable Set of Acquaintance, among whom we can with Pleasure enumerate those Characters of a Lytleton, a Pembroke and a Harcourt, which will for ever shine distinguished in the Annals of Fame. The General is particularly fond of the polite Arts of Painting and Musick, which, we are happy to say, are cultivated to an astonishing Degree, as well by the Ingenuity of private Persons, as the elaborate Skill of the publick Professors in this Country. We are likewise informed that Paoli has signified to his Friends his Intention of residing for the Remainder of his Days in England. This probably will induce him to turn his Thoughts towards Matrimony (as, in the Account which Mr. Boswell gives of Corsica, he relates a Conversation which passed between the General and himself on that Subject); We have only to wish therefore on this Occasion, that the Lady whom he honours with his Choice, may possess every Accomplishment that can adorn the female Character, and prove herself deserving of so truly great and noble a Man.

Lords North, Mansfield, Sandwich, and Hillsborough, the Two Secretaries, the Lord Chancellor, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all the Members of the Privy Council, attended Yesterday at St. James's. A Vessel from Genoa brings an Account, that a very daring Conspiracy has lately been discovered there, composed of the Natives and other Inhabitants, to murder the whole Council with the Burgers. Two or Three Hundred were found actually under Arms, and fired a Signal of Revolt. This is the Third Conspiracy there within these Two Years.

We are assured there was lately a sharp Altercation between the Premier and Lord Sandwich, respecting our present disgraceful Submission to the injurious Treatment of Spain; when the First Lord of the Admiralty nobly declared, that should the next Advices from Admiral Rodney not be in every Respect satisfactory, and War not instantly declared, he would resign. He said he gloried in being in the Service of his King and Country; but that he would not remain at the Head of the Admiralty of England, and see the British Flag insulted with Impunity by Spain.

Before the last War we imported from our Colonies about 70,000 Hogheads of Sugar annually, which, from our Acquisitions upon the Peace, is increased to 130,000, notwithstanding Sugar is dear, owing to the Luxury of the Age, and the vile Spirit of engrossing. Mr. Math, it is said, in this Article alone, turns near a Million and a Quarter every Year, and can raise the Price of that Commodity at his Pleasure.

The Interest of the Established Church seems to be upon the Decline; most of the Directors of the Bank and other great Companies, with a Third of the Court of Aldermen, being Dissenters.

A Letter from Senegal mentions, that a Crew of Pirates, in an armed Schooner, who had committed divers Robberies on the Coast, finding themselves pursued by an English Man of War, and that it was impossible to escape her, blew themselves up, by setting Fire to the Powder Room, and every one on Board perished.

On Saturday Morning last the Insurance on Merchandize was advanced near Five per Cent. in this City, on a Supposition that a Rupture is on the very Eve of breaking out.

Nov. 30. Advice is said to be received that the St. Anne, Capt. Delamore, from Newfoundland to Dunkirk was lost the 20th Instant, at the Entrance of Dunkirk Harbour, and that every Soul on board perished.

The Britannia, Jackson, of Lynn, was driven out of the Harbour of Shields the 17th Inst. and went upon the Stern Sands, where she was broken.

The great Dispute between the Duke of Portland and Sir James Lowther, is said to have cost one of the Parties 125,000l.

Since the arrival of Sir Gilbert Elliot, the Buckingham-house Junto (of which he is Chaitman) have begun to act. The first Object of their Consideration was, the Marriage of the Duke of Cumberland. Full of Relentment at his having presumed to marry an English Woman, this Scotch and German Board, have determined to pursue him with the utmost Rancour and Persecution. But reflecting a little upon some past Transactions, they, upon mature Deliberation, have resolved, that the Crown shall not carry on his Persecution, lest it should make the Duke popular, and open the Eyes of the People as to the Cause of it; but that the Parliament, or as it has not been improperly called, the present *Negro Parliament*, shall do the dirty Work. This may be depended upon as the FACT; and the Publick are desired to keep their Eyes upon it, at the Meeting of Parliament.

This Day's Mail brings the following further Particulars relative to the Attempt on the Life of the King of Poland.—Lukaski, Chief of the Assassins, and who tore from the King the Order of Prussia, ordered Kofinski to give the King the Coup de Grace. Kofinski led the King into the Wood of Mairmont, to make an End of him there, but hearing the Noise of Horsemen, who, indeed were People in quest of his Majesty, he was terrified at the Peril he was in; and here it is that Providence was visibly remarkable. The Villain, perplexed and agitated with a Sense of his Crime was staggered and delayed the Execution of it: The King observed his Resolution altered, and availed himself of it. Kofinski said to him, "I know that to kill the King is a great Sin, but I have taken an Oath to kill you." His Majesty answered him, "I see thou art not yet grown gray in thy Iniquity; if thou knowest that it is a great Sin to kill the King, how didst thou dare to take an Oath to commit a Sin?" Kofinski replied, "But I have, however, taken that Oath; and and at last, if I do not kill you, I shall lose my own Head." Upon which the King answered: "If thou believest me to be a King, thou oughtest to believe that I have Power to spare thy Life." At last, Kofinski, giving way to remorse of Conscience, confessed, that he shuddered at the Thoughts of killing his Sovereign, and knew not what to do. His Majesty proposed to him to go to Warsaw with him; but Kofinski still strongly expressed his Fears; for, said he, "it is common to promise many Things in a Case of Necessity, which cannot afterwards be granted." The King then proposed to him, that "if he would not trust to his Word, he might leave him alone, and make his Escape. Kofinski, convinced then of his Majesty's Sincerity, declared that "he would go with the King to Warsaw, although he did deserve to lose his Head; but that he was unacquainted with the Road." In Consequence he consented that the King should conduct him.

Wagers of Five to One are laid at the West-End of the Town, that a certain Speech, which will be spoken on the 21st of January next before an August Assembly, will contain a *perfect Satisfaction* being obtained by his good Brother and Ally of Spain.

Dec. 2. On Saturday Morning his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland arrived at Windsor-Lodge from France, but has not yet been at Court.

A Letter from Scotland to a Gentleman in Town says, "Your News-papers will have informed you of the vast Inundation in all Parts of the North, and the extraordinary Movement of Solway Moss. I had the Curiosity to ride and see the Devastation it had made. Many Hundred Acres of the most beautiful Inclosures are covered with it, and now appear as wild as any Part of Penrith Fell. Ten Villages are destroyed by it, but no Lives lost. The People, Goods, and Cattle, were taken out at the Roofs of the Houses, and walked into the Moss. Before we came to the Part in Motion, the Ground was broke into vast Chasms as with an Earthquake. We stood and saw many Acres of Ground in Motion; by my Watch it moved about Two Yards in a Minute."

In the Beginning of the Reign of King Edward I. 280 Jews were found guilty of clipping and adulterating the current Coin of the Kingdom, whom that great and wise Monarch ordered for immediate Execution.

Dec. 5. The Lords of the Treasury have ordered Money to be issued out for paying his Majesty's Civil List Revenue to Midsummer last.

We hear, that his Majesty has ordered 1000 Guineas to be distributed among poor Housekeepers in Westminster.

The Two Brothers, Glynn, from South-Carolina to Liverpool, in Ballast, was lost going over the Bar, at the former Place; the Captain and Crew were saved.

Dec. 7. They write from Brest, that a Man of War, outward bound, for Newfoundland, was run ashore in a hard Gale of Wind, near the Mouth of the Vallaine, and stranded.

It is said, that a certain great Personage is to be appointed with, and assisted by the late desperate Conspiracy, and Assassination of the King of Poland, that his Guard will be doubled for the future, whenever he goes out.

Dec. 10. The Earl of Chatham was rather indisposed on Sunday Morning last; but was in good Spirits. The Friends of Liberty wish to see his Lordship in Office again, bearing in Remembrance perhaps the Sentiment of Pyrrhus, when he owned that Cincin had acquired greater Conquest by his Tongue than he (Pyrrhus) had done by his Arms.

Dec. 11. It is said that the Prince and Princess of Brunswick, on their Arrival in this Kingdom, will be desired to show no Countenance to a Lady lately married to one of the Royal Family.

A House is taken in St. James's Street by Order of her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, for the Reception of the Princess of Brunswick, who is expected here in about Three Weeks.

Private Letters from Munich hint, that important Designs are certainly in agitation at that Court, and that the Ministry are busied about rising extraordinary Supplies.

The Preparations for War, which continue to be made in Denmark, occasion many Conjectures; but we are not able to ascertain their Object: It is assured that his Danish Majesty intends to embody the Militia of Holstein this Winter.

A Correspondent informs us, that there is now a great Intimacy subsisting between the Premier and the Lord Chancellor, inasmuch that the former is scarce a Day without consulting the latter.

CANTERBURY, November 26:

Monday.—Osborne, Esq. from Madrid, passed through this City on his Road to London; who says, that Spain is making every warlike Preparation, and that at the same Time is exceedingly cautious of having their Intentions divulged, that no Strangers are admitted into their Armies or Docks, but every Thing is kept as profound a Secret as possible.

PHILADELPHIA, February 24

On Wednesday Evening arrived here from Charles-Town, South-Carolina, the Brigantine Charles-Town Packet, Capt. Wright, in whom came Passenger the Rev. Dr. Smith, Provost of the College of this City. We hear that the Doctor has received upwards of 1000l. Sterling, from the disinterested and public spirited Gentlemen of that Colony, for the Use of the College.

On Saturday last, the Weather was so warm, that the Mercury, in Fahrenheit's Thermometer stood at 65 D. in the Shade. The same Degrees of Heat have not been felt here for these many Years at this Season.—For some Time our Navigation, which has been obstructed with the Ice, was entirely opened, so that several Vessels came up on Saturday Afternoon.

We hear that the Cold, which prevailed so universally in this City in January last, is now rising in many Parts of the Country, particularly in the Lower Counties, where, we are informed, it hath proved fatal to Numbers.

The Conolly, Capt. Miller, who sailed from Dublin the 18th of October for this Port, and was reported to have been lost on the Coast of Wales, is put into Antigua, after being blown off our Coast, where her Mainmast was carried away on the 13th of December, in Lat. 36. 49. Long. 69. 51. She got into Antigua on the 21st Ult.

On the 27th of December, the Sloop Two Brothers, Arthur Seed, Master, sailed from Cape Francois, but unfortunately was lost on the 31st Ult. the Wind being at E. by N. and likewise all the Cargo, except a few Hogheads of Molasses. The Crew with great Difficulty saved their Lives.

Captain Budden who had sailed from Antigua for this Port, is drove back to St. Eustacia.

On the 21st Ult. put into Antigua, the Sloop Cypres, John Gunby, Master, belonging to Pocomoke in Maryland, after having been blown off the Coast of Virginia, on the 1st of December, and had all her Sails tore to Pieces.

Captain Blewer, from South-Carolina, on the 16th Inst. off Cape Hatteras, spoke a Sloop, Captain Green, from Antigua for North Carolina, out 47 Days.

Captain Robertson, from London, on the 23d Ult. in Lat. 28. 30. Long. 45. 30, spoke a Schooner, Captain Liborne, from New-York to Cayenne, out 20 Days; On the 2d Inst. in Lat. 22. 58. Long. 57. 30, spoke a Sloop from New-London to Barbadoes out 15 Days; and the same Day, spoke the Ship Britannia, Capt. Walderman, from New-York for Barbadoes, out 19 Days, all well.

Captain Lovett, from Falmouth, on the 23d Ult. in Lat. 39. 4. Long. 59, spoke a Schooner, Capt. Macclenachan, from Calco-Bay for Barbadoes, out 6 Days, and on the 31st, on the Edge of Soundings, spoke a Schooner from Dominica for New-York, out 5 Weeks all well.

The Ship Britannia, Captain Falconer is arrived at London; and the Snow Anna, Captain Livingstone, from this Port, is arrived at Liverpool.

Capt. Conyngham, from Antigua, on the 18th Ult. in Lat. 37. Long. 72, spoke a Schooner from North-Carolina for Boston, out Three Days; and on the 15th, spoke a Schooner, (but could not learn the Master's Name) from Antigua for Virginia, out Two Weeks.

Capt. Craig, from this Port, is arrived at Antigua. The Brig Charming Molly, Capt. Morrel, bound to Baltimore, was blown off the Coast, and is put into Antigua.

A large Ship, Captain Baon, bound to Calco-Bay, belonging to Liverpool, put into Antigua distressed. A Ship from Glasgow for Boston, likewise put into Antigua, having lost her Fore-mast.

The Lady Gage, Captain Kemble, from New-York, and the Jane, Oliver, from Maryland, arrived at the 9th of December.

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