

trary of which was fully proved by some reputable Gentlemen at that Place.

It is said, that a great Personage has signified his Disapprobation of the Intention of the ecclesiastical Petitioners.

Lord Shelburne, Sir Robert Bernard, and Colonel Barre, are now at Paris on their Return from Spain, and are expected here next Week.

It is reported that the Treaty of Commerce in Agitation between the English and Russians is objected to by the Swedish Ambassador; the final Decision will soon be known, as a Messenger is dispatched to Stockholm.

It is confidently reported Advice has been received that the French and Spaniards are meditating an important Blow in the East Indies.

Dec. 11. We hear that Orders are given for a Survey to be made of all the Ports and Harbours belonging to the British Colonies in America, under the Inspection of Two able Engineers.

Yesterday an Express, with Dispatches of Importance, arrived at the Secretary of State's Office from the Hon. Mr. Cornwallis, his Majesty's Governor of Gibraltar.

This Morning a Courier, with Letters of Importance, arrived at St. James's from Madrid.

Letters from Algiers advise, that the Dey took it into his Head to shut up all the Roman Catholic Churches in one Day, and to imprison all the Missionaries.

ST. JAMES'S. This Day was received from Captain Stott, Commander of his Majesty's Ship Juno, who arrived at Plymouth the 9th Instant, in Seventy Days from Port Egmont, the following Account of the Execution of his Commission to receive the Possession of Falkland's Island, in his Majesty's Name. On the Evening of the 15th of September last, Capt. Stott arrived at Port Egmont, with his Majesty's Frigate Juno, the Hund Sloop, and Florida Storeship, under his Command. The next Morning, seeing Spanish Colours flying, and Troops on Shore at the Settlement formerly held by the English, he sent a Lieutenant to know, if any Officer was there, on Behalf of his Catholic Majesty, empowered to make Restitution of Possession to him, agreeable to the Orders of his Court for that Purpose, Duplicates of which he had to deliver to such Officer. He was answered, that Don Francisco de Orduna, a Lieutenant of the royal Artillery of Spain, was furnished with full Powers, and ready to effect the Restitution. Don Francisco soon after came on Board the Juno; when Capt. Stott delivered to him his Catholic Majesty's Orders. They then examined together into the Situation of the Settlement and Stores; adjusted the Forms of the Restitution and Reception of the Possession; Instruments for which were settled and reciprocally delivered. On Monday the 16th of September Capt. Stott landed, followed by a Party of Marines, and was received by the Spanish Officer, who formally restored him Falkland's Island, Port Egmont, its Fort, and other Dependencies, giving him the same Possession as his Majesty had before the 10th of June, 1770: On which he caused his Majesty's Colours to be hoisted, and took Possession accordingly. The next Day Don Francisco, with all the Troops and Subjects of the King of Spain, departed in a Schooner which they had with them.

Dec. 12. Last Night the Earl of Bute, Jeremiah Dyson, Sir Gilbert Elliot, and another Gentleman, were in Conference with his Majesty above Two Hours at Buckingham House.

They write from Toulon, that the naval Commander there had just received an Order from his Court, to equip a Number of Men of War and Frigates for Sea with the utmost Expedition.

Earl Temple was Yesterday at the Levee and Council, and after the Business was over had a long private Conference with his Majesty.

The Duke of Grafton has lately had several private Conferences with his Majesty at the Queen's Palace. His Grace has been offered the Viceroyship of Ireland, but it is said he will not accept of it unless it is secured to him for Seven Years.

A Gentleman upon the *Bon Ton*, who is pretty conversant in the Matters of Gaming, says, that a Calculation has been made, that no less than 150,000 Pounds have been lost by young Noblemen and Gentlemen, within these Four Months, in the Purlieus of St. James's and Covent Garden, without their having any Chance of winning.

By the late Inundation in the North the Town of Yarm, in the County of Durham, has suffered most severely. The Gentlemen are quitting it for ever, and those in Trade seem at present to be in some Degree doubtful whether they shall rebuild and repair, or pitch their Tents in some safer Situation.

Dec. 13. The Irish Parliament have no positive Right to strike off such Pensions as are granted by the King's Letters on the Revenues of that Nation, but they have a Power nearly equal, which is, to raise no more Money than they think proper; and this they will certainly exercise on the present Occasion, to the great Mortification of Government.

On the 3d Instant the Poll for a Member for the City of Dublin, in the Room of the late Dr. Lucas, concluded, and stood as follows: For Dr. Clement 1527, for Alderman Geale 1079, whereupon Dr. Clement was declared duly elected. The temperate Manner in which this Election was conducted, reflects the highest Honour on the Citizens of Dublin, who determined not to put their favourite Candidate to any Expence on their Account.

A Discovery has been made at Paris, by a Nurse on her Death Bed, which has occasioned an Order to be made to forbid any Persons giving Surgeons, Midwives, or Nurses, Fees at the Death of their Patients. The wicked Wretch has declared, that she has destroyed upwards of Forty Ladies for the Sake of the Perquisites of Linen, &c.

We are now told, that Advices have been received within these few Days from Lord Grantham, informing, that his Catholic Majesty is desirous of having the Difference relative to the late Affair at Carthage

adjusted in an amicable Manner; and that he promises to make all the Satisfaction that the Court of Great Britain can reasonably require for the Insult offered to the British Flag.

It is whispered, by the Moderators at the West End of the Town, that the only Way to heal the Difference in Ireland is to send over Lord Chatham to succeed the present Viceroy; and it is even said that such a Design has been hinted to his Lordship's Friends, by the Desire of a great Personage, but we have not heard what a Reception the Proposals met with.

Dec. 14. It is apprehended, that the Spaniards intend building a Fort upon Falkland's Island, within Gunshot of Fort Egmont.

Since the Arrival of Captain Stott from Falkland's Island, the ministerial Runners have industriously circulated, according to Order, "That the Spaniards have given up Falkland's Island entirely—the whole Island—Fort Egmont and all!" It is more than probable the London Gazette will confirm this Report. If it does, it will not be the *First Falshood* which the London Gazette has given to the World. The Fact is, the Spaniards have surrendered Port and Fort Egmont ONLY. The Spaniards drove our People from the Island; they would not suffer them to remain upon any Part of it. They took Possession of the whole; saying, "The Islands belonged to the King of Spain." The Papers laid before the Parliament last Winter (which were published) give us the Fact. The Spaniards have restored to us the Port and Fort only. But to whom does the *Sovereignty* of the Island belong? Is that to be the Subject of another Negotiation? Or is it timely to be given up? The Speech, at the ensuing Session, will doubtless be full of this great Condescension in Spain. That State Paper the Ministers think is a *privileged Vehicle of Falshood*. But though the North Briton was persecuted with a Rancour that would have disgraced the Reign of a Stuart, for speaking *bold Truths*, yet this *LIE*, if it is told, shall not go undetected.

Summonses were issued out early this Morning to the Lord-President of the Privy Council, Lords Sandwich, Temple, Hereford, North, and the Secretaries of State, &c. to attend at a Council on Monday at the Queen's Palace. The above Council is summoned in Consequence of some very interesting Advices that arrived last Night from the Earl of Harcourt at Paris.

Dec. 17. To so great a Pitch of Extravagance was a certain new made Duchess arrived, before she married, that, notwithstanding she had a Jointure of 600 Pounds a Year, it is said that at the Time of her Marriage she was above 12,000 Pounds in Debt.

Dec. 18. It is an undoubted Fact, that no Steps have been omitted to reduce the Duke of Cumberland to the Level of a private Gentleman. Orders have been universally given at Court for the Conduct of all Ranks of People; and even the Theatre have received Notice that it is his Majesty's Pleasure he have no Distinctions paid him there.—What a Difference is thus made, by the most virtuous of Princes, between the Sin of Gallantry, and the Disgrace of an unequal Marriage?

It is certain that the Princess of Brunswick is *not* to visit the Duke of Cumberland.

We have Advice from Madrid, that the Dispatch in fitting out their Ships is incredible, upwards of 14,000 Men are employed in their several Dock Yards, &c. for that Purpose.

A Letter from Lisbon says, that Advice is received there of all the new Fortifications at Rio de Janeiro being destroyed by an Earthquake, which has greatly damped the Spirits of the Court of Portugal.

It is assured that a certain great Lady, on hearing that her illustrious Kinsman had entered into the holy State of Matrimony, turned to One of her-Gentlewomen in Waiting, and said, "I heartily wish he had chosen, instead of Colonel Lutterell's Sister, the Daughter of Mr. Wilkes, because he would then have gained largely by his Change of Condition—an accomplished Girl, and Popularity."

Dec. 21. The Answer, it is said, which has been lately obtained from the Court of Stockholm, relative to the Treaty of Commerce, was laid Yesterday before a Cabinet Council, when some Points were adjusted, and we hear the Treaty will soon be ratified.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester is now at Rome, an Express arrived from him on Tuesday last, and we hear that his Royal Highness's Health is quite re-established.

Orders were sent Yesterday for a Third rate Man of War, and a Frigate to sail immediately for the Mediterranean, to reinforce the Fleet of Observation in that Sea.

Yesterday her Royal Highness the Princess of Brunswick appeared in the Drawing-room at St. James's for the first Time since her Arrival in England. Her Highness went in State, attended by the Guards, after the same Manner as the Rest of the Royal Family.

Extract of a Letter from the Russian Fleet, dated October 18, 1771.

"The Campaign was not altogether inactive; several lucky Descents have been made on the Asiatic Coast, below Rhodes, in Negrepoint, in the Bays of Countessa, Cassandre, and Volo. Great Quantity of Timber, Cattle, and Magazines of Corn, have been taken, and what could not be carried away destroyed.

"A Part of the Russian Fleet is now at Imbro, in the Sight of the Castles of the Dardanelles. The Turks do not seem to intend any Attack upon it; they rather prefer to wait for Defence; they are in constant Work to fortify the Coast of that Channel, and to plant it with Cannon as much as they can."

Dec. 25. The Court of Spain have issued Orders to their commanding Officers in the West Indies, to suffer no foreign Subjects to cut Logwood in the Island of Rattan, or even resort to that Place, on any Pretext whatsoever.

Orders are given for Two Companies of the Artillery to hold themselves in Readiness to embark for Jamaica, to relieve those now on Duty at that Place.

We hear that the Premier has written circulating Letters in the most pressing Terms to the King's Men,

as they are called, requesting their early Attendance this Winter on extraordinary Matters, which are to come on at the very opening of the Session of Parliament.

The Duke of Cumberland has been advised by his Brother the Colonel to go and spend a few Months at Lutterell's Town, till the Fracas be a little over. The Tour of Ireland may help to finish his Education.

The Treaty of Commerce between the English and Russians is to be concluded next Week, as all Difficulties are now removed.

It was Yesterday currently reported upon 'Change that the Grand Signior, irritated by the bad Success of his Arms, had, in a Fit of Despair, poisoned himself and was found dead in the Seraglio. This Advice is said to have been received Two Days ago from Holland.

They write from the Hague, that a Treaty is on Foot, for lending, at a high Price, Ten Dutch Men of War, to serve the Russians the ensuing Campaign against the Turks in the Levant.

Last Night an Alarm was spread among the Shipping below Bridge, that Press Warrants had that Morning been issued, which occasioned a general Consternation among the Sailors.

We can assure the Publick, that a Memorial was lately sent off from St. James's to the Spanish Court demanding a Release of English Prisoners, which have been at different Times taken by Spanish Vessels on various Pretences. From the same Authority we also ascert, that there is not One royal Sea Port Town in Spain, which has not at this Time a greater or less Number of English Prisoners in close Confinement. The above Point must be settled, before the Dispute now subsisting between England and Spain can be brought to any Termination.

H A R W I C H, December 6.

Two Dutch East Indiamen, outward bound, here by contrary Winds, been detained at Helvoetsluys some Time. Near a Hundred of their Crew have died lately of a Fever, which rages so much, that 400 more of them have caught the Infection, many of whom die Daily.

WILLIAMSBURG, February 20.

The Justitia, Gillies, with Transports (among them John Eyre, Esq;) is arrived in Rappahannock, and the Watt, Boushey, from Liverpool, in James River.

N E W - Y O R K, February 24.

Capt. Pym acquaints us, that, the Beginning of December, a Brig belonging to Waterford, bound for Baltimore with Servants, was cast away in Dublin Bay, and it was feared would not be got off again.

A R R I V A L S.

From Maryland. Jenny and Polly, Lawrence; the Stephen, Oliver; Peace and Plenty, Smith; Hunter, Lidell; Hazard, New; and St. George, Hammond, at Gravesend. Meliora, Montgomery; Hope, Hooper; Whalebone, Jenkins; Catharine, M'Kee; and Elizabeth and Mary, in the Downs.

From Virginia. The Swan, Rogers; Elizabeth, Jordan; Mercury, Campbell; Betsey, Halch; and Nelly, Hudson, in the Downs. Matty, Fox, at Falmouth. Polly, Wilkinson, at Liverpool. Neptune, Smith, at Whitehaven; Neptune, Shepherd; and St. George, Harrison, at Gravesend.

PHILADELPHIA, February 20.

The Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs have appointed Major Robert Bayard, of New-York, Collector for this Port, who arrived here last Night.

We hear from Charles-Town, that John Hughes, Esq; late Collector of that Port, died there the Fifth Instant.

Monday last arrived here Capt. Craig, from Grenada, which he left the 22d Ult. who confirms the melancholy Account of the Fire at St. George's, Grenada, which began in a Bake-house, about 10 o'Clock at Night, and consumed 180 or 90 Houses, and left only Five standing in the lower Town, and between 70 and 80 in the Upper. The Whole of which must have been consumed, had not the Wind changed, and thereby stopped the Progress of the Flames.—On the Passage, off Indian River, last Thursday, he spoke Capt. Abraham Gallahan, in a Schooner from St. Vincents for Virginia, had split her Main-sail, and was in want of Provisions.

A R R I V A L S.

From Maryland. Peggy, Ferguson; Wolf, Hooper; Carlisle, Howard; Jenny and Polly, Lawrence; and Stephen, Oliver, at Gravesend. Jane, Oliver, in the Downs. Two Brothers, Nicholson; and Hugh Liddle, at Dover.

A N N A P O L I S, March 12.

The General Assembly of this Province, which stood prorogued to Tuesday, the 24th Day of the Instant, is further prorogued to Tuesday the 12th Day of May next.

To the PRINTERS of the MARYLAND GAZETTE.

WHEREAS we have seen a printed Paper now in Circulation, (written in Latin, and addressed to the General Assembly of Maryland, as we are told) which we do not understand; and which therefore most probably contains Suggestions and Insinuations highly derogatory to the Honour of the General Assembly: We whose Names are underwritten, being Members, and having the Dignity thereof at Heart, require the Author of said Paper to put it into our own vulgar Tongue, in order that we may have a fair Opportunity of confuting any false and scandalous Charges therein contained.

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