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T H U R S D A Y, JANUARY 25, 1781.

L O N D O N, Ag, 10.

HE Panther man of war dr-rived at Portmouth from The Gibraltar, effected the vigi-tance of the Spanish Iquadron

I hance of the Spanish squadron by pushing out in the night, a spanish packet which the tools on palage and brought in with her, has macky of moties on board. Letters by the Liston mail advise, that spanish have opened their batteries and Gibraltur, the English made a faltern them, in which they repulsed a may party of the bestegers, many of hom were put to the sword.

bon were put out warlike figurdrons by the fitting out warlike figurdrons by a northern powers, and the arrival of a Russah finen of war in our ports, preed a new Bra in naval history. The at, they were suppliants for allistance ad infroction in maritime affairs: we with them with flores, and lent them officers, by which ineans we gave the first hope of becoming a naval sert. We have thus warmed the frozen of, who in retain whets her turks put us.

A private letter received yesterday from biland, by the Dutch mail, fay, that bet are thirty fail of thips in the lexel, are unity ini of flips in the lexel, litting laden for fea, bound with flores a france, and that they are only waiting the arrival of fome Russian men of art to convoy them there. to convoy them there.

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If the above account is really true, we are conclude type a correspondent, that he pair and defign of the northern consumary goes somewhat further than seems without with that thrick neutrally, which here powers pretend to adopt. In circular powers pretend to adopt. mentant with that strict neutrality, which he powers pretend to adopt. In circumstances like the prefent, the protection of their own trade is all that the law stations will adjudge to any people, deven that much, in particular cases, my appear problematical. But surely here can be no licence or authority, include in the regulations hitherto estationary supersign states, for any of bended in the regulations hitherto effa-hified among fovereign flates, for any of den to afforme a right of protecting ano-det in carrying on a commerce to the practice of a third party. I lie moment berieve, that Ruffia takes the Dutch dissunder convoy, the may be confider-d at having virtually declared war against

the having virtually declared war again.

Inc. 16. It is to be hoped that our miniters will keep a vigilant watch over its neutrality armatments, left they may haved as a protect to cover forms hoffle fight. Much is to be apprehended from the profound policy of the Ruffian queen, justed to the artful projects of the lagacious Mynheers.

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Almost all the neutral powers in Europe thert Portugal, feem to have joined this sign, which, though it fliould be really signed, as it is pretended, for the prothion of commerce, is yet very formida-tic for the facility with which it may be much to the accomplimments of any var pürpole.

By the last returns made of the volunthe corps of the kingdom of Ireland, now a array, they abfolutely amount to

11,000 men. A few day's finee a commillion was difmaked to Sir George Rodney, giving perrs in the purishment of fuels of his attains, as, by their usefullers prevent the total decent of the French fleet. If it is. The West-India merchants at using all possible expedition in getting

was feet, and hive applied to the lords who admirates for a convoy, to fail the thir wind after the 30th of October.

If the letter which appeared in many of Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Ambie newspapers, signed Bernando de Gal. fierdam to bis friend in this city, dated well, and addressed to the president of the September 16. congress, was really written by that ge-neral, it is in fact an acknowledgment of American independence; and cautious as Spain was in her memorial to our court, not to make the leaft mention of the Americans as an independent people, no fensible person can doubt but it is with the leave of the court of Madrid that the governor of a Spanish province writes to a rebel, and an assembly not acknowledged by their own prince.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13. Extract of a letter from Paris, dated Och. 4, 1780.

" I am glad to fee the American spirit rouled again, and am much pleased with the subscription of the ladies and merchants. They have confuted the affertion of that Scotch writer, who fays, that wo-men have not the anterpatrie; and that the merchants are attached to no coun-

By a prisoner lately arrived here from New-York, and letters from some of our captains in that city, we learn that the American priloners never were treated with more feverity and inhumanity than they are at present by the enemy. This is done with an evident design to engage them to enter into the British service, for which they have large premiums, and particular promites of the kindest treat-ment. By these means, we are told, se-veral hundred of our seamen have been compelled to enter on board their ships as a refuge from their diffrats, who would have despised the reward and the letvice, had the circumstances of their captivity been only tolerable. Should things go on in this way, the greatest part of our fea-men may be translated to the vessels of the This is confidered here as a point of no small importance, and deferving the particular and unrepetted attention of congress. If the facts above stated are found upon due enquiry to be true, ought not the law of retaliation to be immediately put in force, as the most likely, and, perhaps, the only means to procure pro-per treatment for our priloners, and pre-vent, for the future, fuch outrages upon humanity, and fuch discouragements to our cause?

Friday laft arrived here the brig Fanny,

captain Tanner, and schooner
captain Vicary, from the Havannah.

Yesterday came into port a prize brig, taken by the Fair American, captain Jackways, on her intended voyage from New-York to Charles town. She has on wine, dry goods, &c. &c.

The British forces which lately embarked at New-York have landed in Virginia.

We hear that major-general Phinip we hear that major-generar ramps (burgoyn's convention troops, but lately exchanged) commands on this expedition, although it is faid that Arnoid gits as a principal officer; this is confirmed by the following extract of a letter from Frederickfburg, received yefferday per poil in the Arnoid, with about 1500 men and a few likely borfer landed set miles below

few light horse; landed its miles below kichmond, and marched late that town on Friday, about its o'clock, they have defroyed. Weftham and all the public works, great quantities of rum and fugar, but door undertand they defroved any but don't understand-they destroyed any tobacco. They retreated on the saturday, about is o'clock, the fame way they came: General Nelson is collecting the militia as fan as possible, and following them in order to harafs their rear. We hourly expect the particulars."

September 16.

se The capture of 55 thips at once; so much wealth; so many seamen and soldiers; and such quantities of stores, is a severe stoke to the English, and cannot but have the most excellent effects for us, both in the West-Indies and North-Ame rica. The right vein is now opened, and it is to be hoped that the courts of France and Spain will now be in earnest in convoying their own commerce and cruifing for that of their enemies. This is the thort, easy and infallible method of humbling the English, preventing the effusion of an ocean of blood, and bringing the war to a conclusion. In this policy I hope our countrymen will join with alacrity. Privateering it as well understood by them as any people whatever; and it is by cutting off supplies, not by attacks, fieges or assaults, that I expect deliverance from our enemies; and I should be wanting in my duty if I did warn them against any relaxation of exertions, by fea or land, from a fond expectation of peace; they will deceive themselves if they depend upon it. Never, never, will the English make peace while they have an army in North America."

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In CONGRESS, Jan. 5, 1781.
THE committee to whom were referred the letter of Abraham Skinner, commissiary-general of prisoners, and other papers relative to the treatment of prisoners in the hands of the enemy, delibered in a record of the commy, delibered in a record of the statement of the commy, delibered in a record of the statement of the commy, delibered in a record of the statement of the commy, delibered in a record of the statement of the commy of the statement of the committee of livered in a report; as follows:

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Officers and men are indiscriminately thrown into the holds of prison ships and into loatistome dungeons, and there de-prived of fuel and the common necessaries of life, by which means many of the citizens of these states have been compelled to enter into their service, to avoid those distresses which a conduct so contrary to the law of nations had brought upon them. Our feamen taken upon the American coast have been fent to Great-Britain, or other parts beyond feas, to prevent their being exchanged, or to force them to take arms against their country: that, in the opinion of the committee, an exercise of the law of retaliation has become necellary, as a justice due to those citizens of America, whom the fortune of war has thrown into the power of our enemy?" whereupon

Resoured, That copies of the letter of Mr. n. skinner, and the other papers re-terred, be transmitted to the commander in chief, and that he be directed to enquire into the minner in which our people, who are priloners, are treated by the enemy, and that he give immediate orders to the commanding officers; at the different posts to take particular care that the British priloners receive the tame allowance and treatment, in every respect, as our people, who are prisoners, receive

from the enemy.

Refelved, That it be recommended to the respective executives to take effectual measures for carrying into execution, the act of congress of January 13, 1780, respecting prisoners taken by the cinizens, troops or ships of particular states: 海白白

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