

Hampton-Court gained greatly on them, being supposed to be within 3 Miles of them; and the Sunderland had lost her Main-Top mast in the Chase. The rest of Admiral Medley's Squadron had been separated some Days.

*St. James's, Nov. 24.* This Day the Earl of Granville having resigned, the King was pleased to appoint the Earl of Harrington to be one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

*Whitehall, Dec. 15.* The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Sir John Evelyn, Bart. Bryan Fairfax, John Hill, Wardel George Weiby, Esqrs; Sir Robert Baylis, Knt. Ricnard Chandler, Beaumont Hotham, Samuel Mead, and Gwyn Vaughan, Esqrs; to be Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs and other Duties in Great Britain.

*Dec. 25.* On Saturday last his Majesty was pleased to make the following Promotions; *viz.*

The Duke of Dorset to be President of the Council, in the Room of the Earl of Harrington.

The Duke of Devonshire, Lord Steward of his Majesty's Household, in the Room of the Duke of Dorset.

The Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in the Room of the Duke of Devonshire.

The Earl of Cholmondeley, Vice-Treasurer of Ireland.

Lord Gower, Lord Privy Seal, in the Room of the Earl of Cholmondeley.

Lord Hobart, Captain of the Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, in the Room of Lord Bathurst.

Sir John Hind Cotton, Bart. Treasurer of the Chamber, in the Room of Lord Hobart.

The Duke of Bedford, Earl of Sandwich, Lord Vere Beauclerk, Lord Baltimore, Lord Archibald Hamilton, James Green-ville, Esq; and Admiral Anson, Lords of the Admiralty.

Richard Arundel and George Lyttleton, Esqrs, Lords of the Treasury, in the Room of George Compton and Philips Gibbon, Esqrs.

William Cherwynd, Esq; Master of the Mint, in the Room of Richard Arundel, Esq;

George Bubb Doddington, Esq; Treasurer of the Navy, in the Room of Sir John Rushout.

Edmund Waller, Esq; Cofferer, in the Room of Lord Sandys.

The Earl of Hallifax, Master of the Buck-Hounds, in the Room of Ralph Jennison, Esq;

Benjamin Keene, Esq; Pay-master of the Pensions, in the Room of Edward Hooper, Esq;

Sir John Philips, Bart. and John Pitt, Esq; Commissioners of Trade, in the Room of Benjamin Keene, Esq; and Sir Charles Gilmore. And

James Otwald, Esq; Scotch Commissioner of the Navy.

*Bristol, Dec. 6.* Sir John Norris is appointed First Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, in the Room of the E. of Winchelsea.

Admiral Haddock will be appointed Governor of Greenwich Hospital, in the Room of Sir John Balchen.

*London, J. n. 22.* A few Days since, his Grace the Duke of Chandos was married to one of his Servants.

*From the BARBADOES Gazette, Dec. 8, 1744.*

The following is an Account of the late disagreeable Behaviour of Capt. John Prentice, who was Commander of that well fitted Bilander Privateer named the Greyhound, which mounted 12 Carriage, and 24 Swivel Guns, with above 90 stout Men; which had every Thing else necessary, and which, to its eternal Dishonour be it spoke, he did surrender, give, and deliver up to our sworn Enemies the French, in the following Manner; *viz.* Ten Leagues off St. Vincent, Prentice could not just perceive a Sail; upon which he called out to his Gunner, to know if every Thing was ready for a Defence? who told him, that he had but 6 Guns loaded, and those never having been discharged or unloaded (either through Ignorance or bad Principle),

were so foul, that after several Attempts to fire them, only 3 would go off: And when Prentice found some would fire, he immediately demanded and took the Match out of the Gunner's Hand, and with his Foot stamp'd the Fire from it; then turning about to his Men, asked them one and all whether they were willing to fight, or not? upon which, one Pilgrim, second Lieutenant, all trembling and fearful, said, *God bless you, dear Captain, we had better give up, we shall be more civilly treated for it!* and seeing a Man going to give Fire to a Gun, he snatch'd the Match unawares from him, and threw it overboard. By this Time the French Sloop had got under her Lee-Bow, and was ready to discharge a Broad-side, when they perceived another French Sloop bearing directly down upon them, upon whose firing one Shot, the unfortunate Bilander struck. But Behold! when the French Officers came on board, and found what Metal she had, and how well she was mann'd and fitted, they cried out, *Shame, Shame to the English! had it been a Captain of ours who had behaved so meanly, he would have been hang'd or burnt; and they freely own'd, that if he had made the least Resistance, they must have surrendered or got clear, being in a very mean Condition for want of Ammunition.* After this, he and all his Men were carried to Martinico, where his Image was form'd, hang'd up, fired at, and burnt in his Presence, to let him see in what Derision they had him (whose proper Coat of Arms ought to be, *A Lion Couch'd, that is, A Lion with his Tail turn'd in between his Legs*); and from thence by a Flag of Truce, he and all his Men were brought back to us here, where he must not shew his Posteriors, much less his Face; for which Reason he cunningly and imperceptibly got home, where he has hid himself, to lament for his cowardly Behaviour: But however, the next Day after his Arrival, his and his second Lieutenant's Images were made, and publicly hang'd in the Horse-meat Market.

*Where they were mock'd and sham'd by the Common, and had in Derision by every Woman.*

And it is really hoped that they will not go unpunished some Way or other, for such cowardly, unmanly, and treacherous Actions; that others, for the future, may be deterred from taking upon them such Trusts and Employments as they are no Way qualified for.

*NEW-YORK, February 11.*

Yesterday the Ship Lincoln, and the Brigantine Triton, the two last of our 13 Privateers, sailed on a Cruise against the Majesty's Enemies.

*April 1.* By a Vessel from Jamaica, we have Advice of the Loss of his Majesty's Ship the Orford, of 70 Guns: She had been to convoy some Vessels through the Windward passage, and in returning for Jamaica, run ashore on Haniguagua: The Men arriv'd at Jamaica just before this Vessel sail'd.

*BOSTON, February 24.*

By Letters from Barbadoes of the 11th of January past, we are inform'd, that a Ship was arriv'd there from Madeira, which brought Advice, that Admiral Davers was at Madeira with 13 Ships of the Line, bound for Jamaica; and that he was hourly expected at Barbadoes.

*Febr. 25.* Last Week a fine Ship (called the Massachusetts) built by Capt Barry, about 400 Tons, that is to say, 20 Carriage Guns, 9 and 3 Pounders, was launched in Presence of a vast Number of People assembled on that Occasion: She is bought by the Government, for the protection of our Coast and Trade, and the Command given to Capt. Tyng, late Commander of the Snow Prince of Orange, which is now commanded by Capt. Smethurit; and Capt. Fletcher has the command of a new brig in the Service of the Province.

On the 17th Instant the House of Samuel Lathrop, Esq; of Norwich in Connecticut, was reduced to Ashes in the Night.