

Paris, Jan. 14, O. S. Such Preparations are making here, for the Marriage of the Dauphin with the Infanta of Spain, as have not been seen in this Kingdom since Louis le Grand: Money circulates very fast; for there is Nobody of Distinction about the Court, but has bespoke at least a Dozen Suits of Cloaths, to appear in at the different Festivals and Entertainments to be given on this Occasion.

Newcastle, January 16. Last Monday was chased into this Harbour, in Sight of a Multitude of Spectators, a Brigantine and two Sloops, by a French Privateer, who fired several Shot at them, many of which grazed on the Sand; for she came so near Tinmouth-Bar, as to be in 3 Fathom Water. But a light Bark appearing, the Master thereof had the Courage to fire at her, which occasioned her to sheer off.

Bristol, Decemb. 29. By the Cartel Ship arrived at Pool, with 230 English Prisoners, we learn, that another Vessel with 23 English Prisoners more, was lost in a Bay near St. Malo's, in a violent Storm, on Wednesday Fortnight: But as several of those Prisoners are since arrived here, they report that some of them were saved; and others taken up dead, floating on loose Simbers of the Vessel, and who are supposed to have perished with the Cold.

Jan. 26. Yesterday arrived here the George, Edwards, from Philadelphia for Belfast; who was taken by a French Man of War of 26 Guns, called the Emerald, from Brest; and ransomed by Mr. Goodton of this Place for 600 *l.* who gives the following Account; *viz.* On the 4th Instant about 20 Sail of Ships sailed from Cork for Jamaica, or the Leeward Islands, and Barbadoes; and on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, the above French Man of War, who with another Man of War of 20 Guns, which he parted from the Day before, were sent out of Brest on purpose to catch this Fleet; with strict Orders, if they met with any of them laden with Provisions, not to ransom them: And accordingly the 26 Gun Ship took the Sarah, Bannison, of Lancaster; and the Martha, Wilnot; on the 9th: On the 10th they took the Swallow, Lang; and on the 11th, the Marlborough; in Lat. 52, 48. 'Tis wisd the other Man of War may not have met with the Remainder; but if she did not, the 20 Gun Ship intended to pursue them.

By the Clarming Molly, Talbot, from Montserrat, we learn that the-Union Privateer, Capt. Higgins, of that Place, which had taken many brave Prizes from the French, since the Beginning of the War, was unfortunately blown up, by some unknown Accident, in November last.

BOSTON, April 29.

On Thursday last, his Excellency our Governor was pleased to dissolve the General Assembly of this Province; having first sent the following Message to both Houses; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives,
I HAVE continued this Court in being, 'til almost the last Day limited by the Royal Charter, that I might have all the necessary Assistance from you, in the Affair of the Expedition; not knowing what new Incidents might arise, upon our first Intelligence, after the Arrival of our Forces at Canio: And I am glad I can inform you, before your Dissolution, of the safe Arrival of the greatest Part of them there; and of the rest, at Country Harbour near that Place, who were hourly expected at Canio; according to my Advices from the General, who acquaints me, that he had viewed the Forces on Canio-Hill, and found them in good Health and Spirits; one only having died among them, and 15 being sick; and 3 amongst the Seamen being dead: And that after the Arrival of the other few Transports, he should embrace the first fair Wind, and proceed to Chapparouge-Bay. The General further informs me, that Capt. Donahew has taken 3 Indians, from whom he has gain'd Intelligence; that a general Rendezvous is intended by the

French and Indians in those Parts, sometime next Month, in order to make a fresh Attack on Annapolis-Royal; and that Monsieur Duvivier is expected with two Ships of War from France, to join them. But that you may have a more particular Account of these Things, I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you the General's Letter to me.

I presume you have given sufficient Power to the Committee of War, to make all further Provision for furnishing the Forces, with such Things as may be found still necessary for prosecuting this important Design. If you find any Thing wanting in their Power, for all Emergencies that may arise, I desire you would supply it before your Dissolution.

I hope the Event of the Expedition, may in some Measure be answerable to the singular Zeal which you have shewn, for promoting the general Service of his Majesty, as well as the particular Interests of his Northern Colonies, by it; which, from the Accounts we have hitherto had, we seem to have great Reason to expect.
W. SHIRLEY.

April 15. By a Vessel in 30 Days from Lisbon, we hear, that there are very great Divisions in France, on Account of the ill State of their Affairs, some of the Ministers pressing hard for a Peace on any Terms, while others as obstinately insist on carrying on the War. We likewise hear, that our Privateers have had great Success on the Coast of Spain and Portugal, having brought into Lisbon 15 valuable Prizes in a few Days.

And by a Vessel from Barbadoes we have Advice, that his Majesty's Ships and Privateers have lately taken a great Number of the Enemy's Vessels in the West-Indies. That 15 were carried into Barbadoes; 3 or 4 of which, of 20 Guns each, were taken by the Woolwich Man of War, and were loaded with Provisions and Stores.

By a Letter from South-Carolina, dated March 19, we are informed, that Rice goes a begging at 15 *s.* per Hundred, that Currency, not quite 2 *s.* Sterling.

April 22. Thursday last arrived in Town from New-York, by Land, the Lady of the brave Commodore Warren.

NEW-YORK.

Extract from the Votes of the General Assembly of this Province, Die Veneris 5 April, 1745.

Resolved, Nem. Con. That a Bounty shall be allowed by this Colony, to all Privateers who shall take or destroy any Enemy's Privateer on our Coast, between Cape Hinlopen and the East End of Long-Island, the Sum of 5 *l.* for the Benefit of the Captors, for every Man that shall be on board such Enemy's Privateers at the Time of such Engagement.

April 29. By a private Letter in Town, we are informed, that a Spanish Man of War has taken 7 Dutch Ships, bound from Curacoa for Holland; but some being separated from the Man of War, two Rhode-Island Privateers have retaken two of the said Ships.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.

We are credibly informed from New-Garden, in Chester County, that on Friday last, between 2 and 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, they had a prodigious Shower of Hail; the Stones of various Figures, some of 6 Sides, some of 8, and others of more, generally an Inch Diameter: It did great Damage to the Corn-Fields; cut their Rye, Barley, and Wheat, to pieces; and made incredible deep Impressions on the Shingles of their Houses.

Yesterday arrived here a Snow called the Hope, Andrew Andrews Master, bound from Statia to Amsterdā: She was taken by the Marlborough Privateer, Christopher Clymer, Commander, and is laden with Sugar, Coffee, &c.

We hear that the Warren Privateer is coming up, with a large Prize Sloop: And that two Prize Ships are also in the River, which we hope to see confirmed by their coming up.