

ing their affairs of any that ever bore that character, inasmuch as he is master of the language, and enters into all the customs and diversions of the Turks, so that it is very seldom he fails of obtaining whatever favour he thinks fit to demand; and as he is continually with the Grand Vizir, there is no doubt but he is at the bottom of all these motions, as he was of the peace with Persia, when the use of secret articles was first brought into the East. But we are, on the other hand, assured, that her Imperial majesty has caused such dispositions to be made, for repairing the fortresses of Hungary, and has reason to expect such powerful assistance from the Czarina, in case she should be attacked on that side, that we are less uneasy on that subject, than otherwise we should be; tho' after all, we are far from being entirely out of pain.

An Ordinance is issued for publick Prayers every Wednesday in all the reformed Churches throughout the Provinces, during the present perilous Times, to implore the Assistance of the Almighty, in preserving our dear Country from the Enterprizes and Machinations of her Enemies, to unite the subjects of the Republick by the Ties of mutual Love and Harmony, and to grant his inextimable Blessings and Protection to the Lords of the State, the Prince our Stadtholder, and to all the Inhabitants of these Provinces, their Allies, &c.

L O N D O N, May 16.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sir Henry Monro, Bart. to be Receiver-General of North Britain, a Post of 600*l.* per Annum, in the room of the late Earl of Cromarty.

We hear that several large ships sailed lately from Liverpool with the Rebel Prisoners, which came thither a few Days before from the Goals of Carlisle, Lancaster, Chester, York, and Lincoln, to the Number of about 430, under a strong Convoy, to Virginia and Maryland and other of his Majesty's Plantations; which makes the whole of what has been transported upwards of 1000.

The French Fleet from St. Domingo, consisting of upwards of 180 sail of ships richly laden, are daily expected home, under Convoy of only three Men of War; and as we have a strong Squadron at sea, under the fortunate Anson, and the active Warren, it is hoped the greatest Part of them will fall into their Hands.

We are informed that the Government have taken into their Service, a considerable Number of ships of the size and strength of stout Privateers, which are to be well mann'd, and kept constantly cruising, for the Protection of the coasts of England, Scotland, and Ireland; they are to carry from 16 to 20 Guns, 9 Pounds.

Sir Hector M'Lean, one of the State Prisoners, was Yesterday discharg'd out of Newgate, and deliver'd into the Custody of a Messenger.

The other State Prisoners are order'd to remain.

The Purser of the ship that came last from the East-Indies arrived last Tuesday at the India House, and gives an Account, that Fort St. George was ransom'd for 1000 Begoras, (about 7*s.* 6*d.* Sterling each) exclusive of the Company's Effects. It does not appear that the French made any other Prisoners at Fort St. George and Madras, than the Military that guarded the Fort, who capitulated on being offered these Terms, viz. That the Garrison of Fort St. George should be sent to Fort St. David's, upon their Parole; but that by the Articles of this Capitulation they should be disabled from serving against the French: However, after the French ships were lost with all their Capture on board, they violated the Articles of Capitulation, and sent the Company's Military to Ponticherry as Prisoners.

A Dutch Gentleman arrived Yesterday from Flushing reports, that the King of Prussia had order'd a considerable body to march to the Assistance of the Dutch; and that the People in Zealand were under no Apprehensions of being greatly annoy'd by the French.

Last Saturday several Transports with Provisions and Forage on board, for the Use of the Allied Army in Flanders, fell down the River to the Nore.

'Tis said that the Admirals Anson and Warren will soon go again upon another Expedition; and that 5 more of the French Ships are taken and brought into Plymouth.

Last Friday Night the Commons, on a Division, 137 against 53, pass'd the Bill for taking away and abolishing the Heritable Jurisdiction in Scotland; which Bill the Lords read a first Time Yesterday, and ordered it to be printed. In a Grand Committee went through the Bill for allowing Persons impeach'd of High-Treason, to make their full Defence by Council, and reported it, without Amendments.—Yesterday the Commons deferr'd going into a Committee on the Bill to prevent the Re-

turn of the pardon'd Rebels from Transportation, till Monday: also deferr'd the Bill for taking away the Tenure of Lands by Ward-holding in Scotland, till Monday.

We are told from the Hague, that most of the Provincials have agreed to augmenting their Troops to 30,000 men.

The Army of the Allies still occupies the same Camp in the neighbourhood of Antwerp, where Count Lowendahl is making Dispositions for its Defence, and the Garrison has been reinforced.

We learn that a Detachment of General Tripp's Hussars has been engaged with a Body of the Enemy, on the side of Duissel, kill'd some, and made 24 Prisoners.

The Argyle, Semour, bound from Philadelphia to London, is retaken by the Duke of Cumberland Privateer, and brought into Falmouth; after she had been three Weeks in possession of the French.

Yesterday Admiral Anson arrived in Town from Plymouth, and afterwards dined with his Grace the Duke of Bedford.

Extract of a Letter from an authentic Hand at the Hague, dated May 5.

'Every Body in this Country agrees, that there never was so important an Event, as that which has happen'd in the choice of the Prince of Orange to be Stadtholder of the Republick, effected with so much Ease. This great Revolution has been all together the Work of the People; and what is remarkably providential, and indeed wonderful in it, is, that it has been brought about with very little or no Effusion of Blood, and no more than two or three Houses ransacked and plundered in Zealand. The Master of one of them was the Burgomaster Coquelle of Tervecr, who fled in his Shirt with his Wife, and took shelter in the Rat house, or House of correction, where, it's reported, he was dispatch'd by one of the Cords made Use of by the Executioner to bind the Prisoners. M. Allwyn, Pensionary of Dort, is, it's said, dead at Rotterdam, in returning to his City. It's believed, that the Blows he received in going out from the States of Holland the Day, and during the Time, that they were deliberating upon the Election of the Stadtholder, for having roughly answer'd a Burgher, who asked him, perhaps to exasperate him, knowing his Principles, whether the Prince was elated? was the Cause of his Death. The Misfortune which befel the Burgomaster Coquelle happen'd thro' the Fault of his Wife, who answer'd the Burghers, who demanded to speak with her Husband, that he had no Business with such Scoundrels. In all the other Cities of Holland and West-Friesland, the Affair was transacted with great Ease and Tranquility; the Councils having heard what had been done in Zealand, readily consented to the Election of the Prince, and the Orange Colours were every where displayed.'

W I L L I A M S B U R G, July 23.

The following Account was taken from a Copy on board the Spanish Sloop, which the Captain had from Capt. Mitchell jun. in the Ship Mermaid bound for Leghorn, who spoke with the Princess Louisa, in Lat. 44. 30. N.

THE Squadron under command of Admirals Anson and Warren, on the 3d of May, fell in with, engaged, and took the following French Ships, viz.

Ships.	Guns.	Whither bound.
Invincible,	74	India.
Serious,	64	
Juton,	54	
Ruby,	52	Canada.
Diamond,	50	
Glory,	44	

The French Admiral, whose name is Shankens, had his Flag on board the Serious. The Invincible has on board 14 Tons of Silver, and the Indiamen undermention'd, have each of them several Chests of Silver on board.

India Ships.	Guns.	Whither bound.
Philberr,	30	
Apollo,	50	
Thayls,	20	Store-ship for India.

His Majesty's sloop Faulkland brought in another Indiaman, and brought an Account that the Yarmouth, Monmouth, and Nottingham, about 6 o'Clock the same Evening, were in the Middle of the French Fleet, which consisted chiefly of Martineco and Dominico Men, and it was hoped they would give a good Account of them.

The Invincible has all Brass Guns, below and aloft, abaft her Mainmast; and is by all Accounts larger than the Princess. They came from Rotchford.

We have Advice from Jamaica, that capt. Holmes, commander of his Majesty's ship Enterprize, about the latter End