

by the Commodore to go with six Sloops up the Scheld, leaving his own Ship behind; which he did and came to an Anchor about four Leagues below Antwerp, and waited on his Royal Highness the Duke; who sent Col. Scot and him, to inform themselves of the condition of the Place and Garrison, and to make their Report to his Royal Highness. They view'd all the Out-works and batteries in the midst of the Enemy's Fire and Shells; and notwithstanding the Governor's Assurances, that the Place could not be taken, they reported to his Royal Highness, that they had quite different Apprehensions from the Governor's management. Upon which he thought fit to go away incognito, and went on board the Mortar sloop, where he lay that Night in Capt. Ferguson's Hammock, and took that Gentleman with him to Hull; but just as they were going to land, they found all the Troops ready to embark, and that the Place had been delivered up in Form, without the loss of a Man, or the Knowledge of the British Troops, at which his Royal Highness was greatly incens'd.

However, such was the care of seeing the Troops safely embark'd, that we thought he expos'd himself to great Danger; for he had scarce got on board, before a great Body of the French came and attack'd about 300 of the High and Regiment, who were the last to embark; but they behaved with so much Bravery, that they beat off three or four Times their Number, killing a great many of them, and took some Prisoners, with only the loss of one Officer and two Men.—It was with the greatest Difficulty that their Officers could prevent their pursuing the Enemy to their very Camp.—And it was remarkable, that a Boy of about 14 took one of the Hussars Prisoner.—The Duke was greatly pleas'd with the Behaviour of the Troops; and was landed that Night by Capt. Ferguson, within four Leagues of his Head Quarters.

Sixteen of Admiral Anson's and Warren's Squadron are arriv'd at Plymouth and Portsmouth; but the Monmouth, Capt. Harrison, is not yet come in; 'tis hop'd he will bring in some more of the French fleet.

London, May 12. 'Tis said a Northern Star of the first Magnitude has been seen lately at some places in Prussia, and has occasion'd much Speculation; but 'tis believ'd was at too great a Distance to have any Influence on the invincible Demons of that Monarch.

We have an account, that there is eleven Millions of Pieces of Eight at the Havanna, on account of the King of Spain, waiting to be sent to Spain with a proper convoy. And that the French have 120 Ships at Martinico, ready to sail for France.

They write from Jamaica, that Colonel Price of that Island, was deputed to succeed his Excellency Edward Trelawney, Esq; who is coming for England.

A very extensive Scheme is said to be fram'd, for setting on Foot three great Fisheries from Scotland, viz. a Whale fishery from the Orkneys, towards the coast of Greenland; a Cod Fishery from the same Place in the Seas of Iceland, and a Herring Fishery in Zealand and the Western Isles; in order to which an Application will be made to Parliament, for opening the proper Ports to facilitate these great Undertakings, which at the same Time that they enlarge the Commerce, would contribute alio to preserve the Peace, and promote the civilizing that Part of the Island.

A private LETTER, from one Quaker to another.

Friend JOHN,

I Desire thee to be so kind to go to one of those sinful Men in the Flesh, called an Attorney, and let him take out an Instrument with a Seal affix'd thereunto, by means whereof we may seize the outward Tabernacle of George Green, and bring him before the Lamb-skin Men at Westminster, and teach him to do as he would be done by: And to I rest,
Thy Friend in the Light, R. G.

May 19. The great cause between the officers of the Centurion man of War, in which Admiral Anson sail'd round the world, and those of the Gloucester and Trial sloop, was decid'd before the privy council in favour of the former.

Admiral Anson waited on the King, when his Majesty was pleas'd to say, *Sir, you have done me great services; I thank you; and desire you to thank, in my name, all the officers and private men, for their bravery and conduct, with which I am well pleas'd:* His Majesty convers'd with him in his Closet, and in public a long time.

May 20. His Majesty has been pleas'd to constitute and appoint the Right Hon. John Earl of Crawford, Major General of his Majesty's forces, to be Col. of the Royal Regiment of

North British Dragoons, in the room of Field Marshal Earl of St. ir, deceas'd.

May 29. His Majesty has been pleas'd to confer the order of Knighthood of the Bath, on Rear Admiral WARREN. The ceremony being perform'd in his Majesty's closet, &c. Admiral Anson is created a Peer, but the Title is in his own choice, not yet known.

Gosport, May 26. On the 22d, about two o'clock in the afternoon the corpse of that truly British commander Capt. Grenville, was rais'd in Stoke's Bay, where a hearse was brought to receive it, to carry it to be buried in the vault belonging to the family: The corpse was attended by all the boats of the Squadron at Spithead to which he belong'd; his sword was drawn and laid across his coffin; and from the time of the bearing putting off from the ship's side to their landing, minuets were fired by the whole Squadron, who likewise hoisted their colours half-mast high on the melancholy occasion: He was a gentleman of true courage and conduct; a humane and generous commander, never failing to reward merit, where he found it: He was as easy of access to the meanest sailor as to any of his officers (which is much out of fashion amongst many of our commanders) and never fail'd to reward or punish according to the merit of the case: His officers respect'd him, his sailors lov'd and esteem'd him as their father. In short,

He was, but words are wanting to say what:

Say all that's good and brave, and he was that.

EDINBURGH, May 11.

Last Saturday Night died in the 78th Year of his Age, at his Lodgings in the Cannon-gate, the Right Honourable Field-Marshal JOHN Earl of Stair, one of the sixteen Peers for Scotland, Knight of the most noble order of the Thistle, General of Marines, Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Scots Gray Dragoons, Governor of Port-Mahon, and one of his Majesty's most honourable privy Council, a Nobleman of the most rare Abilities, being endowed with every Virtue that could either accomplish the Statesman or adorn the Warrior: The Court of Versailles and the States General will tell of his Wisdom and Prudence, while the Plains of Malplaquet, Ramilies, Oudenard and Duingen, will continue lasting Monuments of his Bravery and Conduct.

Charleston, South Carolina, June 8.

On Sunday: evening a Vessel arriv'd here from Anguilla, by which we have Advice, of an agreeable change in the Conduct of the Men of War station'd to protect the Trade of the several Islands, since the arrival of Commodore Legge in those Parts; that Gentleman having already given uncommon Satisfaction, by placing the Ships under him in such a Manner, that few or none of the Enemies Privateers come out but are taken, and they now scarcely hear of one English Vessel being carried into Martinique or Guadaloupe: And that he was empower'd to hold a Court Martial for the Examination and Tryal of Commodore Lee, having sent for the necessary Evidences for that Purpose from all the Islands.—By the Difference in Conduct of Mr. Legge, from the Gentleman who frequently gave it as his Opinion in Antigua, that to send a British man of war after a French Privateer, was but *sending a Cow after a Hart*, (when complain'd to of the many Captures made and the ruining of their Trade by the Enemy, and petition'd for Redress by sending out Cruizers to proper Stations) we may almost venture to foretell the Event of this Court Martial,—at least, we forethink what Mr. Lee's Conduct deserves.

BOSTON, July 13.

By a Vessel from Louisbourg to York, we have a Report that the Comet Bomb has taken a French Brigantine bound to France from Canada, with Furr; and that three French Men of War have lately been in Bay-Vert, where they landed Cannon and Mortars for attacking the Fort at Annapolis; but we have Reason to believe Admiral Anson has happily given that Place a Reprieve for one Year more.

By Capt. Gay we have Advice, that Capt. Prince in a Brigantine, Capt. Bruce in a Ship, and Capt. Watts in a Snow, all belonging to this Place, are taken by the French Privateers.

NEW-YORK, July 20.

Thursday last arriv'd here in 13 Days from Cape Fear, the Privateer Brig. Dolphin, Capt. Beezley, in whom came Mr. Francis Frefneau, Merchant of this Place, who was taken some time ago on his Passage thither, in a Pilot-Boat from hence, in sight of the Cape, by a Spanish Privateer schooner from St. Augustine, of 8 carriage-Guns, and 60 Men, who stript him of all but his Breeches and shirt, and otherwise us'd him very severely; but was six Days after retaken by a schooner Privateer, Capt. Obrien, from South-Carolina, who carried them all into Cape