

This Day his majesty was pleased to knight his grace the duke of Gordon, one of the sixteen peers of Scotland, with the most noble order of the Thistle, and invested his grace with the green ribband, vacant by the death of the earl of Stair.

Yesterday the hon. John Stanhope, Esq; brother to the earl of Chesterfield, kissed his majesty's hand at St. James's, on his being appointed one of the lords of the admiralty.

March 1. Commodore Wafon is appointed to command the men of war and sloop order'd for Cape Breton on board which a great number of forces will be shipp'd.

It is supposed that the Lisbon and Oporto fleets, a large fleet from Jamaica, several ships from the Mediterranean, and North America, have been beating the channel for some time past, not being able to get in, on account of the strong gales of wind at N. E. but as there was never more of his majesty's ships cruising at one time than at present, it is not doubted but they will all get safe in, with the first fair wind.

The Spanish letters, by the Dutch mail yesterday, bring advice, that the outward bound galleons were in port the 30th ult. N. S. not daring to stir out, on account of the English Squadron, which continues on that station, off Cape St. Vincent, when these letters came away.

London, March 12. Yesterday his majesty received the compliments of the nobility and gentry at St. James's, on account of the safe delivery of her royal highness the Princess of Orange, of a Prince; when their royal highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales likewise paid their compliments on the same Occasion.

His majesty has ordered a hundred Guineas to be given to the messenger who brought the news.

Letters from Constantinople and Malta assure, that Commodore Griffin had taken Pondicherry, and was preparing to undertake the recovery of Madras.

It is reported that there are Letters by the Dutch Mails which mention the death of the Pretender at Rome.

On Wednesday night Capt. George Edgumbe, commander of the Salisbury man of war, arrived in town from Portsmouth, where he brought in his Prize, the French East-Indiaman; and yesterday he took his Seat in the House of Commons for Fowey in Cornwall.

There are advices, by the way of Novi, that the Genoese had formed a Plot to deliver themselves from the French Yoke, much like that against the Imperialists; but that the duke de Richlieu being informed of it, had immediately doubled the guards, and taken other necessary measures to frustrate it.

The private Letters by Thursday's Irish mails give us some farther explanations of an affair that was but obscurely mentioned in some of the Letters from Dublin by the last mail. It seems that a chymist of that city apprehending himself in danger, if any of his accomplices should make a prior discovery, has given an information of several Persons, some said to be of Figure & Fortune, with whom he was concerned in washing of Gold Coin of all sorts, and thereby lessening it's value. Some of those concerned, are said to have made their escape; but others, and particularly one Person of note, have been committed; and it is believed, that a very extensive scene, of a very dark Nature, will be laid open.

They write from Marseilles, that seventeen French ships richly laden from the Levant, are taken by Admiral Byng's Squadron; and that an English man of war of 90 Guns was burnt by Accident near Nice.

We hear that some men of War are immediately order'd out, to intercept three rich ships which are to sail from Cadiz for the South Seas.

The Brilliant, a French ship bound from Turkey to Marseilles, is taken and carried into Leghorn by his Majesty's ships the Roebuck and Leostaff.

Capt. Jarman writes, that on the 15th of February, he had an account, that the Friendship, Capt. Sedgwick, was lost on the Island of Coll, in her passage from Maryland to London.

On the 9th Instant failed from St. Helen's his Majesty's ship the Invincible, of 74 guns, to join Sir Peter Warren.

The same Letters mention, that Admiral Hawke's Squadron has taken the Magnanimous, a French man of war of 74 Guns, commanded by the Chevalier d'Albert; and that the said ship was lately come out of Brest, and was going for Cadiz.

Hermanstadt, in Transylvania, Feb. 21. On the 17th Instant, his Excellency Feldt Marshal Count d'Abonsperg and Traun, our Governor, was taken so ill that he was obliged to go to Bed, and died the next Morning. His Body was opened, and a Stone was taken out of his Bladder which weighed three Ounces and a half.

Paris, March 21. The Dauphin had the other Day, a very narrow Escape in falling down a Pair of Stone Stairs, by which it is thought he would have lost his Life, if a Gentleman upon Guard had not luckily caught him in his Arms, for which the Prince rewarded him with all the Gold he had about him, which was a hundred Louis d'Ors, to which the King added a Present of six thousand Livres, settled a Pension on him for Life, and gave him a Troop of Dragoons. M. de la Bourdenays, after conferring with the Count de Maurepas, and being in all Appearance graciously received by the King at Versailles, was on his Return hither arrested, and sent Prisoner to the Bastille, and a Commission is actually issued for his Trial.

A N N A P O L I S.

Last Monday Sennight, the House of Mr. Jacob Stoner, at Muncksby, accidentally took Fire in the Night-Time, and was burnt to the Ground, with all the Furniture, &c. and Two Hundred Pounds Current Money. What adds greatly to Mr. Stoner's Misfortune is, that his Son, about 10 or 12 Years old, perished by the Flames: And a Man was also so much burnt, that his Life is despaired of.

Last Week the following Scene of Roguery, contrived and carried on by a Set of Villians, was detected here; viz. The Warehouse of Mr. Robert Swan, of this City, Merchant, having, by means of a false Key, been diverse Times robbed of considerable Quantities of Linnen, Handkerchiefs, Rum, and other valuable Goods, not any Thing was miss'd, till lately; when, on opening a Chest of Linnen, supposed to be full, 25 Pieces were wanting, and on further Examination, several other Goods were missing: This was prudently kept secret, till by a private Enquiry, some Persons should be heard of, who had either offer'd to Sale, or had been seen in Possession of, such Goods as were then missing. On Friday last, Mr. Swan being inform'd, that some Pieces of Linnen had been sold lately in Town, by a Fellow who pretended he had them from a Sailor, the said Pieces were accordingly found, and the Man that sold them immediately apprehended, and committed to Prison the same Evening. He has since impeach'd some of his Co-conspirators, who were either actually concern'd with him in robbing the Warehouse, or had knowingly received and concealed them; and a general Search being made, according to his Information, which as yet appears very imperfect, large Quantities of the said Goods have been found, both in Town and the adjacent Country, some in Houses, some buried in the Ground, others thrown into Creeks, &c. and several of the Receivers and Concealers have since been taken into Custody; so that 'tis hop'd the whole Roguery will be found out to the Bottom.

We hear that a Ship is arrived in Patuxent in seven Weeks from Liverpool; the Captain of which Reports, that the Fleet for these Parts, sail'd from Portsmouth before he left the Pool. And a Virginia Gazette, just come to Hand, of the 5th Instant, inform us, that several Ships are arrived there from Liverpool, which bring certain Accounts of the Fleets sailing by Plymouth on the 10th of March, so that they may be daily expected.

In an English Paper, of the 12th of March, just come to Hand, is an Account of an Action which happened near Bergen-op-Zoom on the 15th [4th] of March, wherein the Allies greatly gain'd the Advantage, having kill'd upwards of 2000, taken near 1000 Prisoners, besides a vast deal of Provisions, which were going thither under Convoy from Antwerp, and had been 6 Weeks making up. Among the Prisoners is the Governor of Bergen-op-zoom. The Loss on the Side of the Allies is trifling, 12 kill'd, 49 wounded, and 27 missing.

Yesterday Capt. John Rendell, in the Ship Sea-Horse; and Capt. Anthony Beck, in the Ship Frances and Elizabeth, (belonging to this Place) arrived here from Leghorn.

Capt. John Rolfe, a Passenger in the Sea-Horse, lately Commander of the Sloop Ranger, of Boston, was taken in Sight of Gibraltar, on the 24th of Feb. past, by three Spanish Xebecs, who us'd him extremely ill.

Yesterday the General Assembly of this Province met here, when his Excellency open'd the Session with the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

AFTER our last Parting I received a Letter from the President and Council of Pennsylvania, with some other Papers relating to the Indians; which I thought of such Consequence, that I should have been glad to have had an Opportunity of laying them immediately before you for your Consideration.