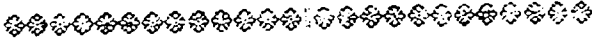


at I have found, that which is sought cannot be made finite. acquainted myself with Knowledge and Learning, and that in great Variety, and with more Compass than Depth: But not *Wifdom excelleth Folly, as much as Light doth Darkness;* et, as it is a *five Præcon,* so it is to very defective, that what is wanting to complete it cannot be substituted. I have seen that *no more better than one,* and that a *stirring Cord is not easily held;* and have therefore cultivated Friendship with much Zeal and disinterested Teaserness; but I have found this also was Vanity and Vexation of Spirit, tho' it be of the best and noblest Sort. So that, upon great and long Experience, I could enlarge upon the Preacher's Text, *Vanity of Vanities, and all is Vanity;* but I must also conclude with him, *Fear God and keep his Commandments, for this is the All of them,* the whole both of his Duty and Happiness. I do the of re end all in the Words of *David,* of the Truth of which, upon great Experience and a long Observation, I am so fully assured, that I have these as my last Words to Posterity. *Com ye Children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the Fear of the Lord: what Man is he that doth so? and heareth many Days, that he may see Good: keep thy Tongue from Evil, and thy Lips from speaking Guile: depart from Evil, and do Good, seek Peace and pursue it. The Face of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his Ways are open to their Eyes. But the Face of the Lord is against them that do Evil, to cut off the Remembrance of them from the Earth. The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their Troubles. The Lord is right unto them that are of a broken Heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite Spirit.*



L O N D O N.

October 15. There is a talk at Paris of demolishing the church of St. Landry, in order to make a large street from the metropolitan church of Notre Dame to the river, over which a new bridge is to be built, leading directly from the town-house to the said church.——By this it should appear, that the French are not so inclinable as the Romans to increase the objects of their superstition.

October 20. The following further particulars concerning the scheme for diminishing the number of churches in Paris, have been in the foreign prints:——The churches of St. Martin and St. Peter aux Beaufs are both to be demolished, and the parishes to be united to that of St. Mary Magdalen. The church of St. John the Round is also to be pulled down, and the parish to be transferred to that of St. Dennis; and that of St. Peter of the Arches is to be joined to that of the Holy Cross. By the demolition of these churches, and that of St. Landry beforementioned, the number of parishes in that part of Paris called the city, included in the island of Notre Dame, will be reduced to five only.

A very beautiful fish was lately taken near Leith, weighing 82 pounds. The body in shape something like the sea bream, but larger, being three feet seven inches long, and three feet ten inches round in the thickest part. The mouth is small, and without teeth; the eyes are covered with a membrane, remarkably large, and glare like gold. The covers of the gills like those of a salmon. The body diminishes very small towards the tail, which is forked, and expands twelve inches. It has one erect fin on the back, eight inches long, which terminates gradually backwards. Near the gills, on each side, is a broad fin nine inches long, which plays horizontally; and under the belly is a pair of strong fins, eleven inches long. The skin is smooth, the back of a purple colour, the sides a lively green, and the belly and jaws like silver; and being all over speckled with white, and the fins as red as scarlet, renders it very agreeable to behold. When opened, all it's bowels would have gone within an English quart. The flesh of the fore part was firm, and look'd like beef; and the hinder part like fine veal: The bones are of the quadrupede kind, particularly the shoulder-blades, which are like those of a sheep. Several curious gentlemen and others, who have seen it, declare they never saw the like before: and are at a loss to know what name to give it.

A trial of a very singular nature is now depending in Doctors Commons, between the heirs at law of Mr. Eldridge and his wife who were burnt in the late dreadful fire which was supposed to begin at their house in Change-Alley; her relation claiming a right to the share of the husband's effects (being considerable) which she was entitled to.

floor, and the chimney, the fire broke-out was consequently the soonest exposed to the flames.

Last tuesday a sailor, who had been absent from his family seven years, and was just returned to England, went to a public-house near the Jerusalem Tavern, Clerkenwell, in order to see his wife, which he soon did, but finding she had been married about four years to another man, a law suit is likely to commence between the two husbands, to know to whom she belongs.

November 3. We receive very melancholy accounts from all the midland counties, that the mortality amongst the cattle rages with more violence than ever; especially at Leicester, where they have lost great numbers of beasts, and recover few or none.

Decr. 1. Arrived the Virginia Packet, Dobbins; the Neptune, Biggs (late Grindall); and another ship from Virginia.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, February 28.

To the Printers of the Pennsylvania Gazette.

In a private Letter from a Friend in London, I have received the following Copy of an Address, sent, on Behalf of our Friends there, to the Embassadors at Aix la Chapelle, before the Conclusion of the Peace, which I desire you to publish in your Gazette.

J. P.

To the Embassadors of the Christian Princes and States, met to conclude a General Peace at Aix la Chapelle, the People called Q U A K E R S, with Health and Happiness.

NE A R A Century ago it pleased the Almighty to raise up a People in this Kingdom to publish, amongst other Gospel Truths, the glad Tidings proclaimed at the Birth of our blessed Saviour, *Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth Peace, Good-will to Men;* and also to declare to the World, the Inconsistency of Wars and Fighting with the Example and Precepts of *Christ,* and the Doctrine of his Followers.

The Almighty hath likewise been graciously pleased to continue us a People, to bear Witness to the same divine Truths, and to engage us, in Love to the whole Race of Mankind, to promote the Knowledge and Practice of these blessed Doctrines; as they tend so manifestly to extirpate Violence, Injustice, and all the dreadful Calamities of War, to establish Peace and Harmony in the World, and to exalt the Happiness of Mankind both here and hereafter.

To contribute as much as in us lieth to these important Purposes, we are induced to request Your Acceptance and candid Perusal of the *Apology,* herewith presented to You, wrote by our Friend *Robert Barclay* for the spreading of Truth, and the Information of Mankind; which, at the same time that it exhibits the meek and humble Pattern of holy *Jesus,* the Doctrine of his Apostles, the Sentiments of the Early Christians, and our Belief in relation to Wars, contains a compendious View of the Christian Religion, divested of those Inventions with which it has been corrupted by the Spirit of Error, the Pride, the Wickedness, or the Ignorance of Men.

This *Apology* was addressed, and deliver'd by the Author, to *Charles II.* King of *Great-Britain,* and accepted by him, and his royal Successors, to whom it has been since presented, with Marks of Regard: I fervently wish it may contribute to Your solid Advantage, and, by Your Means, to the Promotion of Peace, Righteousness, and true Piety, amongst those over whom Your Influence, in Your respective Stations, may extend.

May the God of Peace and Love make You the happy Instruments of settling the Tranquility of *Europe* on a lasting Foundation, and perpetuate the Blessings of Peace to the States You represent, and through them to the whole World.

Signed in London, on Behalf of the aforesaid People, the twelfth of the sixth Month, called *August,* by

David Barclay,
Simon Warner,
Thomas Hyam,
Joseph Ollive,
Jacob Hagen,
John Hayward.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, March 21.

Extract of a Letter from Barbados, dated Feb. 10, 1748, 9.

"We are here in the utmost consternation about the French, who are actually settling Tobago. Our governor being informed of it by some Turtlers from thence, dispatched Capt. Saver, of his majesty's ship *Richmond,* to enquire into the matter, with orders to return and to the