

To which his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Return you hearty Thanks for your kind Address, and you may be assured of my sincere Desire to promote the Happiness of the good People of Maryland on all Occasions, to the utmost of my Power.

SAM. OGLE.

H A N O V E R, January 11.

THE Government having been informed, that a great Quantity of Foreign Coin has been lately brought into this Electorate, which is considerably diminished in its Weight, he caused a Placard to be published, forbidding all Persons whatsoever to take the said Coin on any other Footing than as it is received at Leipfick.

Naples, Dec. 26. The King having been informed that great Disorders had been committed in the Church of a certain Town not far from Cantanzara, where the sacred Vestments had been torn to Pieces, and the Holy Vessels broke and thrown into the Street, his Majesty has sent thither a Commissary to make strict Enquiry into that Affair, and if possible to find out the Authors of it. The two Frigates we have on the Stocks in this Port, are already pretty far advanced, and we doubt not will be ready to put to Sea in the Spring, in order to cruize on the Corsairs of Barbary. The Bishop of Tropea in Calabria, finding himself not able to perform the Functions of his Episcopal Office, on Account of his great Age and Infirmitis, has laid down that Employment, reserving to himself a yearly Pension of one Thousand Ducats. The Beginning of last Week several Shocks of Earthquakes were felt in divers Parts of this Kingdom, and in Sicily, which alarmed the Inhabitants pretty much, but they happily went off without causing any considerable Damage. The King having expressed a Desire of seeing the Slaves that were on board the Corsairs of Barbary, lately taken by our Xebèques and Gallioti, those Slaves were a few Days ago brought to the Palace, where his Majesty viewed them from the Window of his own Apartment, and ordered a Sum of Money to be distributed amongst them by Way of Charity.

Leghorn, Jan. 1. A few Days ago the Regency acquainted his most Christian Majesty's Consul at this Port, that they had received Orders from Vienna to give up the Twelve Turkish Slaves which escaped some Time ago from the Port of Toulon on Condition that nothing worse should be done to them than sending them back to the French Gallies. But the Consul declaring himself absolutely ignorant of the Intentions of his Court with respect to what Manner they were to be disposed of, and promising to write about it, they are ordered in the mean Time to be confined in the new Fortrefs. We have received Advice, that the Algerine Corsairs have lately taken, upon the Neapolitan Coast, two Venetian Ships, richly laden.

Turin, Jan. 5. We learn from Massa, that a French Ship, laden with Iron and other Merchandize, had foundered at Sea on the 20th past. at a little Distance from that Coast; and that all the Crew were drowned, except the Captain and two of his Officers, who had found Means to save themselves in their Boat.

Schaffhouse, Jan. 6. Last Thursday Night we felt here, and in several Places in this Neighbourhood, some sudden Shocks of Earthquakes, which very much alarmed the Inhabitants, but happily did no considerable Damage. By private Letters from Bern we are informed, that the Negotiation which the Count de la Tour has lately entered upon concerning the Renewing of the Capitulation for the Swiss Regiment belonging to that Canton, which his Sardinian Majesty has in his Service, was far advanced, and 'twas expected that Minister would return shortly to Turin, to report the Success of his Commission.

Naples, Jan. 6. Public Prayers were put up last Week in all the Churches in this City, for three Days successively, on Account of the constant Rains and repeated Shocks of an Earthquake, which have been felt within these few Days past. The King has nominated M. Paci to succeed M. Guglielmini, in the Bishoprick of Tropea, which he lately renounced, on Condition of reserving to himself a Pension of 1000 Ducats per Annum. A few Days ago arrived in this City from Trieste, Part of the Baggage and Domestics of Prince Esterhafi, consisting of Twenty-five Waggons, forty Horses, and three Coa-

ches; and Yesterday several Persons of Distinction set out from hence to meet that Prince, who is coming to reside at this Court in Quality of Ambassador from their Imperial Majesties. On Friday last, being New Year's Day, their Majesties received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, on that Occasion. The Queen is entered into the ninth Month of her Pregnancy, and is in perfect Health; and Preparations for Public Rejoycings are making at the Palace against her Majesty's Lying in, which is almost daily expected.

Vienna, Jan. 16. They write from Fiume and Trieste, that several very violent Shocks of an Earthquake had been felt in Istria, which had thrown down several Houses, and caused much Damage. The late Empress Dowager has appointed by her Will the Empress Queen to be her sole Legatee. Her Imperial Majesty advances happily in her Pregnancy, enjoys a good State of Health, and often appears in Public. M. de Grave, who has resided at this Court for some Years, in Quality of Resident from that of Berlin, died here a few Days ago. We learn from Trieste, that M. de Forgatch, Major of the Regiment of that Name, had the Misfortune to be killed by the Bursting of a Fuzee, as he was exercising his Men-

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Gosport, Jan. 11 On Saturday a Court Martial was held on board the Tyger Man of War in the Harbour, on a Foremast Man, for Detention. He was sentenced to have twenty Lashes along side each of his Majesty's Ships and Sloops in Commis- sion, in the Harbour; and on Monday he underwent the Pen- nishment pursuant to his Sentence.

Jan. 16. Yesterday Morning the Body of a Man, with the Head and divers Limbs cut off, was taken up at Somerset- House Stairs in a Hamper; it was exposed all Day in the New Church-Yard in the Strand to be own'd.

On Saturday last two Gentlemen in a Post Chaise were rob- bed in a Lane between Uxbridge and Beaconsfield, by a single Highwayman, who took from them about two Guineas, their Watches, and a Sword; but behaved with great Civility, and asked the Gentleman if he had any particular Regard for that Sword; and upon his telling him that he had, he returned it, and said, if it had been set with Diamonds he would not have taken it, and that it was mere Necessity drove him to that Employ.

Jan. 19. Yesterday at the Sessions at the Old Bailey, one John Cox, an old Bumboatman, was convicted of stealing four Sacks of Wheat out of a Barge on the River Thames, the Prop- erty of Messieurs Staples and Company; and John Purley, a wealthy Baker at Shadwell, and in all other Respects a Person of a good Character, was convicted for buying that Wheat, knowing it to be stolen. The first of these Convicts will be transported for 7 Years, and the other for 14.

An Extract of a Letter from Pool, dated January 21.
On the 17th Instant put into Swanze Bay, in a Gale of Wind at S. S. E. the Refignal, a French Ship, from Havre for Bayonne. The same Evening a French Shallop was seen to sink off Peverel Ledge; she had 15 People on board, who were all lost. Another Shallop has since drove ashore near Swanze, with her Bottom out, supposed to have been lost on the Coast; as the abovementioned French Vessel gives an Account of three Shallops being in Company the Day before. Yesterday came Advice from Cadiz, that the Duke, Capt. Perryn, bound from London to Marseilles, is lost at St. Petri, about three Leagues from Cadiz; and that the Captain and several of the Crew were drowned. It is said that twenty of the People got on Shore, but in a miserable Condition, being beat against the Rocks in getting on the Land; however they are all in a fair Way of Recovery, thro' the Care of the Brit- ish Consul, Mr. Colebrooke. The Captain's Body was found on the Shore, quite naked, and was buried by Order of the Consul.

The Ellis, Francis, bound from London to Falmouth, with several Passengers on board, is lost off Loo, and all drowned. The following is his Majesty's most gracious Answer to the Address of the Hon. House of Commons,

Gentlemen,

I thank you most heartily for this affectionate Address. You may depend upon my constant Endeavours to pre- serve the General Tranquility in Europe, and to promote the particular Interests and Happiness of my People.