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PREFACE.

In our Preface to the Register of last year, we fully explained the nature of our design: the Book itself has shown in what manner we have been able to carry it into execution: It is therefore not necessary to detain the reader a long time at the entrance of the volume which we now lay before him. Even at our first setting out, we employed none of the customary arts to excite attention, and seduce judgment; and on the present occasion...
oceanion these arts would prove as ineffectual, as they would have then been low and illiberal. The favour which the public has shewn to our humble labours, without any such helps, encourages us to proceed in the manner in which we originally began.

There is no considerable change in the order and method of the work; a small improvement we have indeed made, by classing our Miscellaneous Papers somewhat more exactly. Besides, as a work of this kind depends for its materials on the events and publications of the year, it would be improper so scrupulously to restrain ourselves to one set of heads, and to one proportion of matter under each, as not
not to conform ourselves to things as they arise. Some years abound in one species of entertainment, and are barren in another. In our last Register we had an article of *Extraordinary Adventures*. This year has produced hardly any thing of that kind, and therefore we have omitted that title; but we have made the reader amends under that of *Characters*; which contains a very great variety of accounts of eminent persons, good and bad; some drawn by very masterly hands; none in a manner that is contemptible. We are the more pleased with our fertility in this part, as we know no kind of reading that can be at once more useful and more agreeable.
We do not pretend, that with all our care, and with something more of experience, we have been able to avoid all the errors, and to supply all the defects which might have been observed in our first volume. They have been in that overlooked or pardoned by the candour of the public; and we shall never, we hope, forfeit our title to that indulgence by laying claim to perfection; we shall make the errors of each year lessons for the ensuing; and when we have done our best, we shall stand in need of pardon.

We have only to add, that we request the favour of the correspondence of
of ingenious persons. It is hoped that the choice we have hitherto made will not give any gentleman cause to be ashamed that his performance should appear among the pieces we select, whether in prose or in verse. We received indeed some papers, but they came too late, our plan having been then unalterably settled. We hope that those gentlemen who intend to favour us, will send in their letters before November.
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THE HISTORY OF THE PRESENT WAR

CHAP. I.

The inclinations of the powers at war at the close of the last campaign. The King of Spain's death apprehended. Condition of the King of Prussia, Empress Queen, Russia, Sweden, Holland, France, and England.

Whoever reflects upon the conclusion of the several campaigns since the year 1755, will easily perceive that at the end of the last, the fortune of the several powers at war seemed more nearly upon a balance, than it had been at the close of any of the former. That campaign was rather less bloody, than that which immediately preceded it; and it was not concluded with any action of such an eclat, as could greatly raise, or depress the hopes of any of the contending parties. All parties became more cautious; because it became every day more evident, that the fortune of war was not to be decided by any single stroke, however considerable. The prize was reserved for the player of the skilful game; for the most attentive patience; for the greatest depth of resources. An equality of this kind seemed at last to promise Europe some respite. All sides might now give and receive honourable and equitable terms; and peace might
might be settled on that footing, on which it has been usually made, for some time past, in our part of the world. But the great designs entertained by each power; revenge imprecated by the blows which all had felt in their turns; the consideration of the vast expenses that fell upon all, and which a peace at that time would have made fruitless; even the hopes arising from the equivocal appearances of the last campaign, estranged every court from the disposition to peace. Insomuch that there were no terms directly offered by any of the belligerent powers; nor did any of the neutral interpose their mediation. Besides these, another cause operated powerfully; a great event was hourly expected about this time; an event which threatened to involve the Southern parts of Europe in the calamities of that war, that had so long wafted the Northern, and which, whenever it should take place, threatened to render the political system infinitely more intricate, and probably to give the war quite a new turn.

The late king of Spain, by the force of a conjugal affection, rarely seen in that dignity, since the death of his queen, had been given up to a melancholy, which preyed upon his health, and affected his understanding. His death or insacity appeared inevitable within a short time. The king of Naples, Don Carlos, was next in the order of succession. In the treaty of Aix la Chapelle, it had been agreed, that the duchies of Parma, Placentia, and Guadalla, should be restored to the house of Austria, in case Don Carlos should ever come to the crown of Spain. These countries were, at the end of that war, in the hands of the Empress Queen, or her allies. Her Imperial Majesty had set up a claim to the reversion of these duchies, on the extinction of issue male in the house of Farnèse. But the ambition of the Queen of Spain to make all her children sovereigns, put powerful bars in her way to it. This ambition was one of the causes, which made the last so general a war. The peace of Aix la Chapelle, which put a period to that war, after settling these contested duchies as an establishment for Don Philip, second son to the King of Spain, provided, that whenever the event, which we have mentioned before, should take place, that is to say, the accession of Don Carlos to the crown of Spain, then the kingdom of Naples and Sicily should pass to the Infant Don Philip, and the duchies which formed his establishment should revert to the house of Austria.

The King of Naples, not without reason, looked upon this article of the treaty of Aix la Chapelle, as injurious to his rights; accordingly he never acceded to it. No method in this case could be seen which might prevent matters from coming to extremities, except the situation of the Empress, engaged as she was with a powerful adversary, who kept her forces strained to the utmost pitch. She was in no condition to engage in a new war, however interesting the object might be. Her ally, France, who so ineffectually assisted her in Germany, could not probably assist her with more effect in Italy; she therefore seemed to have no other part left, than to acquiesce for the present, and wait in silence a more favourable opportunity to assert her claims. The event of the King of Spain's death hath since happened. It has produced none of those immediate effects.
feats which were apprehended; and this probably proceeded from the cause which we have just now hinted. A dead calm at present breeds over it. In this tranquillity and silence there are materials gathering, which may, on no very distant period, burst in a terrible tempest over that delightful country. They are very nearly the fame that produced the last troubles there; and may not only revive them, but spread the horrors of war once more over all Europe.

Such were the inclinations of the powers at war, at the opening of this year: their strength seemed also very entire; in particular, the resources of the King of Prussia appeared astonishing, after the great blows he had suffered; and after the advantages he had gained, but gained at a high price. He was still able to shew himself the father and benefactor, as well as the protector of his people. In the midst of the devouring waste of such an expensive war, from the funds of his economy he was enabled to remit the taxes to those parts of his dominions, which had suffered from the Russian barbarity; he even advanced money to those who had suffered the most considerably.

To take a nearer view of his situation, we must observe, that the whole kingdom of Prussia still remained in the hands of the Muscovites. The duchy of Cleves, together with his other possessions on the Rhine, could yield him nothing; they were held by the French; but in these respects, his situation was not worse than it had been, almost from the beginning of the war. He had, to balance these losses, the rich country of Saxony, which he had twice in one campaign wrested from the hands of the Austrians. Add to this, the renewal of the subsidy treaty with Great Britain, on the advantageous terms of the former year. These were undoubtedly great supports; and the King seemed as entire in power, and more advanced in reputation, than ever.

But, on a more critical examination, things had an aspect not quite to favourable. This appearance was rather specious than entirely solid; and whilst all without looked full and fair, within there was a decay of subsistence, and an hollowness that rung at the slightest touch. That incomparable body of troops, which, at the beginning of the war, had given him to great superiority, no longer existed in the same persons. If his troops derived advantages from a long series of active service, these advantages were equally on the side of the enemy. His army had known what it is to be beaten; and it is no wonder, if a sort of weariness and despair began to creep upon them, after such an infinite train of unrewarded fatigues, when they saw that so many wonderful exploits had not yet ended the war in their favour. Many of his best generals had been killed in battle, or died, or had retired, or were disgraced. The boards which he had amassed before the war, by this time must have been entirely spent; his dominions must have been greatly exhausted, both of men and money. Saxony could no longer yield such supplies as formerly. The indigence of the subdued inhabitants, set bounds to the capacity of the conqueror. The subsidy from Great Britain did a great deal; but it could not supply the deficiencies on this, and on every other side. These circumstances, probably, made the King,
of Prufia more cautious and dilatory than usual.

The court of Vienna had as great burdens to sustain as the King of Prufia, and she had suffered much greater blows. That power has a strength, somewhat unaccountable and peculiar to herself. More deficient in pecuniary funds, than any other great power in Europe, she is better able to subdute, and to do considerable things without them. For, by a long habit, the whole state is formed to its necessities: and the subject is more ready to supply free quarter, and to endure military licence than any other. The country is abundantly fruitful in all its parts. And whilst the war is carried on near home, an arbitrary government, operating on so extensive an object, can hardly fail of such resources, as must serve an Austrian army; which is still paid, in a great measure, as Tacitus describes the troops of the ancient Germans to have been; they have a plentiful table in lieu of pay.

And indeed it must be owned, that there is no Sovereign, who is more highly honoured in his dominions, or obeyed with a greater mixture of love and reverence, by all his subjects, than her Imperial Majesty. So that having a very ample power, very willing obedience, a large territory, and many men, not sufficiently employed in the arts of peace, it perhaps may be guessed, in what manner she has been able to supply her many and great losses, and to continue a war, like the present, better than states more abundant in money. She is besides, and this is a matter of no small consequence, supported by the countenance, the authority, and the forces of the Empire. And she has for her allies the first, and most formidable names in Europe. In the wars which this power carried on in the last, and in this century, though usually not very successful, she has always been the last to desire a peace; though frequently slow in her operations, she makes amends by an extraordinary perseverance.

This flowre's could not escape general observation, in the actions of the last year. That the Austrinions did not play, with sufficient spirit, the great game which was in their hands, after the battle of Hohenkirchen and the entry of the Russians into the New Marche of Brandenburgh, seems hardly disputable. Perhaps it was that the court of Vienna, by an error common to many courts, but particularly so to this, and often fatal to it, interfered too much and too minutely in the operations of the campaign.

It is not impossible that the character of Marshal Daun himself, might have had some share in this inactivity; a character almost in all things the direct reverse of that of his Prussian majesty. He saw that the King, active, resolute and adventurous, warded himself even by that activity and spirit, to which he owed his most brilliant successes. Should the Austrions carry on the war in the same spirit, they might suffer in the same manner, without being ever able to equal, much less to exceed that great Monarch, in a file of action peculiarly his own. Daun therefore by principle, seems to have kept his army from coming to action, in order to oppose a strength entire, and recruited by a long reit, to that of the King of Prufia, wafted by the efforts it was

* Nos cepule, et quamquam impari, largi tamen apparatus profpensio ce

* Tacit. de moibus Germ. § 14.
obliged to make, incessantly and on every side. His design seemed to be, that the issue of the war should rather arise from the general result and concurrence of all the operations, gradually producing a solid though a slow advantage, than from the effect of a bold, quick, and masterly stroke. In fact, the Austrians felt all the benefits, and all the inconveniences which usually attend this sort of conduct, a conduct which probably lost them Saxony in the last campaign, and which has secured them the possession of what they now hold in that country. The Austrians and Prussians watched the time and one another, and came very late to action.

The court of Petersburg still adhered to its old system, in spite of the late ill success of her arms, and all the efforts of the British minister, to withdraw her from her alliance. If she had some loss of men, it was the least loss she could feel: and the thought that whilst the war was carried on at the expense of others, the reduction of so near, so dreaded, and so hated a rival as the king of Prussia, and the opportunity of the forming her troops to service, and perfecting her officers, were objects of consequence enough to keep her closely attached to her first sentiments.

The Swedes preferred likewise the same connection; but they continued as before, an inconsiderable, and inglorious part of the war.

Holland preferred her neutrality; but it was a neutrality little respected, and indeed in itself little respectable. Divided in her councils, attentive only to private interests, she disdained the English, and neither pleased nor served the French. For some of the subjects of that republic had carried on the trade of France in their bottoms, which subjected them to frequent captures from the English men of war and privateers. This produced loud complaints in Holland, and warm remonstrances to the court of London. These complaints met with little attention, being in many respects but indifferently founded. The affair was drawn out in length, until the dispute was extinguished by the destruction of its object: some of the French colonies were reduced, and the trade in the others grown too small and too hazardous to be continued longer with any hope of advantage.

The affairs of France and England were partly connected with the general system, and partly distinct and independent. France perceived that the strength of the English, and the exertion of that strength, increased continually in America; she knew from the natural inferiority of her colonies, and the feeble state of her navy, that she could not in reason hope for great successes in that quarter; for which reason, although she sent a fleet under Mont. Bompard into the West Indies, and some men of war, with as many store and transport ships as the could steal out of the river St. Laurence, her great efforts were to be made in Europe: she had two objects, the recovery of Hanover, and the invasion of these islands; in either of which, if the success, there could be no doubt, but that it would prove a sufficient balance for all that she had suffered, or had to apprehend in any other part of the world.

With regard to the first object, though it was difficult to attain it, and though, if it should be attained, it did not promise to answer her purposes so well as the latter, yet it was upon that she chiefly depended. Hitherto indeed the success which France had in Germany, was not at all
all proportioned to the prodigious efforts which she made; she began to find herself much exhausted. The wants of the French obliged them to pay little respect to neutral, or even to friendly powers; so that the effectual and assiduous which they had in Germany diminished continually. They eat up the country, and seized on such towns as were convenient to them, without any ceremony: yet freed from all these restraints, their army had made very little progress; their generals had not displayed any great abilities, and their army, in itself very badly composed, was deficient in discipline, to a degree which is scarcely credible. They kept neither guards, nor posts, nor sentinels: a great part of their troops wandered from the camp into the neighbouring towns, and returned drunk. Their councils of war were held in a tumultuous and disorderly manner; and all their designs were perfectly known in the camp of the allies, where a very different picture was exhibited with regard to regularity and caution.

The French troops have several essential defects in their constitution, which prevent them from equaling those of Germany and other nations. Several regiments are in a manner hereditary in great families, who, placed at their first outset at a very high point of military rank, think it unnecessary to attain the qualifications, which lead others to it step by step. As to the rest of the officers, as their pay is small and their hopes little, few study the art military as a profession; they serve because it is the fashion to do so, and that it is thought necessary to a gentleman. Thus they dispatch their business as a disagreeable task; and having little to lose in the service, it is almost impossible to preserve a due subordination. The common men are little more than abject vassals, and therefore want that high spirit which in their gentry makes some amends for the want of knowledge and affability. And as they are corrupted by the example of their superiors, so by their negligence they are left without any restraint. The officers do not chuse to incur the ill will of their men, or to give themselves trouble, by exercising that wholesome severity in which the health and vigour of military discipline consists.

The German common people are indeed in a still lower state of vassalage than the French, and might therefore be supposed naturally no better soldiers; but their bodies are more robust and hardy; their treatment is severe and rigorous, their subordination is most exact, which makes their discipline perfect; and Germany is so habituated to war, that all the people may be said to be born soldiers. These things give the Germans a great superiority over the French; a superiority which was more visible in this, than in any former war.

These defects in their army were increased by the low rate of their finances, which caused their troops to be very ill paid. The French court made some attempts to keep up their credit, by changing their former methods of raising money. M. Silhouette was made controller of the finances, and the farmers general were removed from their former employment of finding the supplies. New methods were devised, which might have off the entire ruin of their finances, until their armies in Germany could strike some effective blow, or their project of an invasion, which quieted the minds of

* See *Lettres de M. Belleisle.*
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The dispute concerning the preference of the continental and the marine system, was entirely silenced; because a system took place which comprehended both, and operated in both as fully as the warmest advocates of either could desire. Never did England keep a greater number of land forces on foot, on the continent of Europe, in England, in America, when she turned all her power to her land forces only. Never did she cover the seas with such formidable fleets, when her navy alone engaged her attention. Such is the effect when power and patriotism unite; when liberty and order kiss; and when a nation fits with a happy security under the shade of abilities which she has tried, and virtues in which she dares to confide.

CHAP. II.


The seizing of Francfort the last year, by a most flagrant violation of the liberties of the Empire, had given the French and their allies the most material advantage they had acquired in the campaign; for it secured to them the course of the Maine, and the Rhine, and made it easy to them to receive every kind of reinforcement and supply. It secured likewise that communication between them, the Imperial, and the Austrian armies, and formed that chain, from which they derived no small benefit, of mutual succour and concurrence in their operations. Much depended upon their being dislodged from that post; as well with regard to the fortune of his Britannic Majesty's army, as to that of the King of Prussia. Such a stroke must necessarily have the greatest influence on the events of the whole ensuing campaign. Prince Ferdinand, sensible of this, as soon as the season permitted him to enter upon action, drew his troops out of their cantonments; and at the head of thirty thousand men, prepared to dislodge them, before they could receive the supplies of which they were in daily expectation. The rest of his army, consisting of about ten or twelve thousand men, were left to guard the electorate, and to watch the bithoprick of Munster. Some detachments of Hanoverians and Prussians.
fians had, in the latter end of February, driven the Imperialists and Austrians from the posts, which they occupied at Erfurth and Elinach, and some places in the country of Hesse; this drew a strong body of the enemy into that part, which pushed them back; but the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick, who led the army of the allies through ways, before deemed impassable to an army, defeated them in some severe skirmishes; several places of importance were taken; several whole battalions were made prisoners, with their officers. The French, alarmed at the vivacity of this beginning, judged it but the prelude to something more decisive. Accordingly, the duke of Brogli took an advantageous post, near Bergen, at a village between Francfort and Hanau, which it was necessary that the allies should matter, before they could penetrate to his line. This place he had made his right, and secured his flanks and center in such a manner, that the attack could only be made at that village.

In this disposition was the French army when the allies approached: they formed themselves under an eminence, and began the attack on the village of Bergen, between nine and ten in the morning, with great intrepidity. They were received with a very severe fire, which the enemy had prepared for them; they made three attacks in the space of about two hours, and were every time repulsed.

Prince Ferdinand now observed that the enemy still kept a good countenance in their post, and that his own troops began to fall into some disorder. This able general, who never risks his fortune on a single throw, began to think of a retreat, whilst his loss was yet inconsiderable, and the disorder of his men easily to be repaired. But a retreat in the face of a victorious enemy, was hazardous; and the day was not yet above half spent. In this exigence he made such movements, as strongly indicated a design of falling once more upon the village, in the enemy's right, and of making at the same time a new attack upon their left. These appearances were further countenanced by a cannonade on both these posts, supported with an uncommon fury. The French, deceived by these manoeuvres, kept close in their posts; they expected a new and a lively attack every moment; they returned the cannonade as briskly as they could; and in this posture things continued until night came on, when the Prince made an easy retreat, without disorder, or molestation, and halted at Windeken.

In this action the loss of the allies was about two thousand in every way; that of the French was by no means less considerable. The allies indeed suffered nothing in their reputation; their countenance through the whole action having been excellent. Prince Ferdinand gained as much honour, and displayed as much skill, as could have been obtained, or shewn upon a more fortunate occasion. The event however was, in its consequences, far from indifferent; for the allies having missed this blow, the French will kept Francfort, and all the advantages which they drew from that situation; they had time and means to receive their reinforcements; and they acquired in a short space such superiority, as obliged Prince Ferdinand to content himself with acting on the defensive, for a long time after.
The advantages which would have arisen from another issue of that battle appeared more fully, from the operations which were carrying on on the side of Bohemia, and which probably were designed to coincide with those of the Prince, in some grand and comprehensive scheme. There is no doubt, that the army of the allies, and those of his Prussian majesty, had determined to act in concert, and had settled some plan for that purpose: and though it should not be discovered, with equal certainty, what that plan was, it may not however be unpleasant to trace it; as far at least, as a reasonable conjecture, guided by the lights derived from the tendency of each operation, may lead us. For if we succeed at all, in such an attempt, it diffuses a wonderful clearness over the whole narrative.

It is not impossible then, that it was designed, in the first place, to keep the Ruffians at a distance, until the latter end of the summer, by the destruction of their magazines in Poland. That, on the other side, Prince Ferdinand should attempt to drive the French towards the Rhine, and to get between them and the army of the Empire; which having thus lost its communication with the French, Prince Henry should rush out of Saxony, and fall upon them in Bohemia and Franconia, and cut off also their communication with the great body of the Austrians. Then the Imperialists would find themselves situated between two hostile and superior armies; whilst in Bohemia Marshal Daun would be either obliged to try his fortune single handed, with the King of Prussia, or totally to abandon that kingdom, into which it was in the power of the Prussians to enter in opposite parts at once.

The first part of this plan was executed with great spirit and success. So early as the 23d of February, the Prussian general Wobernhow marched into Poland, from Glogau in Silezia, with forty-six squadrons, and twenty-nine battalions, where they routed some bodies of Cossacks; and after having destroyed several immense magazines, particularly one at Pofen, said to be sufficient for the subsistence of fifty thousand men for three months, they returned without any loss into Silezia, on the 18th of April.

As for the second act of this military drama, it was executed with as great success, and with some advantages more striking than the first. Prince Henry commanded the Prussian troops in Saxony, which the public accounts called forty thousand men. He had certain intelligence, that some movements, which had purposely been made by the King of Prussia, had drawn the greatest part of the Austrian troops, which had been posted as a watch upon Saxony, towards the frontiers of Silezia. He immediately took advantage of this opening, and entered Bohemia in two columns; Ap. 15; one marched toward Peterwald; the other, which was commanded by General Hulfen, made its way by Palberg and Commottau. The first penetrated as far as Loboschutz and Leitmeritz, the enemy flying before them, and every where abandoning or burning the vast magazines which they had amassed in all those parts.

The body under General Hulfen did as much service, and it had a more active employment. The pass of Palberg, strong in itself, was defended by a considerable body of Austrians. General Hulfen having conducted his infantry by another way,
way, so as to fall directly on their rear, attacked them with his infantry in front, and drove them out of all their intrenchments; one general, fifty-one officers, and no less than two thousand private men, were made prisoners on this occasion. The Prussians lost but seventy men killed and wounded. They returned into Saxony with hostages for the contributions they had exacted.

After this fatiguing expedition, the Prince gave his troops a few days to rest, and then led them once more to action. He directed his march through the Voigland, towards the army of the Empire; they entered Franconia by the way of Hof; they attacked General Macguire, who commanded a body of Austrians and Imperialists. Here they were bravely resisted for the whole day; but the numbers and spirit of the Prussians prevailing, Macguire gladly took advantage of the night to make a retreat, having lost about five hundred men. A few skirmishes more decided the fate of Franconia. The army of the Empire retreated, as the Prussians advanced, and abandoned the rich bishoprics of Bamberg and Wurtzberg to contribution. The town of Bamberg surrendered upon terms; but some confusion happening before the capitulation was completely finished, a party of Croats came to blows with a party of Prussians, who had by this time possession of one of the gates; this was resented as an infringement of the capitulation. A pretence was given to plunder the place; it was given up to pillage by order of the commanders, for two days, in a very unrelenting and licentious manner. This produced loud and just complaints against the Prussians, and in due time, a severe retaliation.

Prince Henry had pushed back the army of the empire as far as Nuremberg; he had disabled a great part of the circle of Franconia from giving them assistance; and thus far he had accomplished the objects of his expedition. But as that part of the plan, which Prince Ferdinand was to have executed, had failed, it was impossible on one hand to hinder the French army from. pursuing that of the empire, or on the other, to prevent a body of Austrians from availing themselves of his absence, to penetrate into Saxony. In these circumstances any farther stay in Franconia was useless, and might be dangerous. His army, loaded with booty and contribution, returned to their old situation. The Austrians retired into Bohemia at their approach.

Appearances were hitherto favourable enough to the Prussians; however none of the great ends proposed by the general plan were fully answered. The Russians, notwithstanding the destruction of their magazines, continued their march towards Silesia. Count Dohna, who had raised great contributions and levies in the duchy of Mecklenburg, was preparing to oppose them on the side of Brandenburg; other parties, under other commanders, were posted at those places where their irruption was the most apprehended. The approach of this army brought things nearer and nearer to a crisis. The eyes of all Europe were fixed with anxiety and expectation on their progress. It appeared the more formidable, because the progress of the French arms was very rapid after the battle of Bergen.

Prince Ferdinand, finding that another attack was not advisable, retreated continually. The French possessed themselves of Hesse without
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out opposition; they met as little in making their way through the bishopric of Paderborn; and whilst their grand army, under Marshal de Contades, pushed the allies in that quarter, and on the side of Heiff, M. d'Armentieres was posted by Wefel, to advance on that side as occasion should require. The condition of the allied army was extremely dubious; whilst the French increased in their numbers and spirit. Their new successes gave them reason to hope for a campaign as fortunate as that of 1757.

Chapter III.


GREAT Britain was not content with the efforts which she had made in Germany: America, the interests of which had given rise to the war, was the object which principally engaged her attention. This was indeed the proper object of her natural strength, and by her success in this quarter, the most effectually laid the ax to the root of the enemy's naval power, and cut away one great part of the resources which fed the war. A squadron of nine ships of the line with fifty transports, containing six regiments of foot, 1758, in the end of the last year failed for the West Indies, in order to attack and reduce the French Caribbee islands. General Hopson commanded the land forces: the fleet in the expedition was to be under the orders of Commodore Moore, then in the West Indies.

Their first object was Martinico, the first in reputation of the French Caribbees, the seat of government, the center of all the trade which France carries on with these islands: strong both by nature and art. This island lies in the 15th degree N. lat. The shore is on every side indented with very deep bays, which they call Cul de sacs, and the lands, only discoverable at low water, form in many places a hidden, and almost immoveable barrier. A lofty ridge of almost immoveable mountains runs north-west and south-east quite through the island; all the space on both sides is intersected at inconsiderable distances with deep gullies, through which the water pours down in the rainy seasons with great impetuosity. In other respects the island is pleasant and fruitful: well watered, and well cultivated, abounding with plantations and villages all along the sea-coast. The two principal places are St. Pierre, and Port Royal; both towns considerable in this part of the world, for their magnitude, trade, and strength.

By this short description may be discerned how desirable such a conquest was, and the difficulties which naturally oppressed themselves to it. They were the greater, because at this time there was in the island a considerable number of regular troops. They have at all times a numerous and well-armed militia, not contemptible for their discipline,
pline, and well suited to the service of the country; add to this, that they can bring into the field a large body of negroes, habituated to arms, and in general well affected to the interest of their masters.

The English forces landed without opposition, on the west side of Port Royal harbour, after the men of war had driven the enemy from their batteries and intrenchments. But on their landing, they found that the nature of the country proved a greater obstruction to their progress, than the strength of the enemy. These profound gullies, inclined by steep, and almost perpendicular precipices, proved an insurmountable obstacle to the regular march of the troops, or the conveyance of cannon. The enemy had broken up the roads; and five miles of such roads, and through such an impracticable country, were to be passed before Port Royal could be attacked by land. The commander therefore of the forces, judged the difficulties on the land side insurmountable; the naval commander held it impossible to put the cannon ashore nearer to the fort. Some jealousy seems to have arisen. The result of the whole was, that the forces were reinforced on the day of their landing.

Very little was done at Port Royal; but it was hoped that more would be done at St. Pierre. They accordingly set sail for that place; but when they had arrived before it, and examined the coast, new difficulties arose, which produced a new dilatoriness. They determined that the fort could not be reduced, without such detriment to the troops and the shipping, that they could afterwards make little use of their success; and in this they had probably good reason. The conduct of the officers afterwards plainly demonstrated, that no mean views had any influence on their councils; they agreed to abandon their enterprise against Martinico. But having been foiled in this their first attempt, they resolved not to return with the disgrace of having done nothing worthy of the greatness of the armament, and the expectation of their country. They considered that the island of Guadeloupe was an object, though not of such an extent, of full as much real confluence as Martinico; and they knew that it was neither so strong in troops or fortifications. Their first failure might lead to an advantage as considerable as that which they had missed. In pursuance of these resolutions, they set sail for Guadeloupe.

This island is called Guadeloupe, from a resemblance which it bears to a chain of mountains of the same name in Old Spain. To speak with exactness, Guadeloupe is rather to be considered as two islands, divided from each other by a small arm of the sea, or salt water river, not above three hundred feet; over where it is widest. One of these islands is called the Grand Terre; the other more particularly and by distinction, Guadeloupe; they are together in circuit about ninety leagues. The first is nearly delimitate of fresh water, and not perfectly cultivated; but it is otherwise with Guadeloupe. No part of the world is furnished with more or better. No less than fifty rivers in that small circuit, throw themselves into the sea; many navigable by boats, for two, some even for three leagues into the country. Not to mention
mention the numberless springs which rise among the rocks, and after a thousand beautiful meanders, lose themselves in the larger streams. The first accounts which we have of that country, are lavish in the description of its beauties; and the latest agree with them, that no part of the West Indies, perhaps of the world, affords more agreeable and romantic scenes. It is full of high mountains; one of which towers far above the rest, and is a volcano, continually emitting smoke and fire. From hence they have considerable quantities of sulphur. They have also hot baths, fit for all the medical purposes in which such waters are used. The land in the valleys is extremely fertile; it produces the usual West India commodities, sugar, indigo, coffee, cotton, and ginger; the mountains abound with game; so that there is nothing in the island wanting, for the convenience and delight of life, in an air more temperate and salubrious than is commonly breathed between the tropics.

The French began to plant colonies in this island as early as the year 1632. But for a long time this, together with all their other colonies, continued in a languishing condition. It was in the beginning of the present century, that they began to emerge. After the peace of Utrecht had given France time to breathe, she turned her attention strongly to these islands; Guadeloupe partook however least of this care than Martinico; and yet by its natural advantages, it does not fall short of that island, either in the quantity, or the goodness of its produce; if it does not greatly exceed it in both; as it certainly does in its capacity to receive all sorts of improvement. The importance of this island, until its late conquest, was very little known in England.

The reason was this: By an old regulation, the people of Guadeloupe were forbid to trade directly with Europe, but were obliged to send all their produce to Martinico, from whence also they had all their European commodities. A strange regulation to be continued in an age so enlightened as this, by a nation so enlightened as France.

The English made attempts upon this island in 1691, and 1703; but they were neither powerful enough, nor conducted with sufficient ability, to produce any permanent effect; the troops wasted the country, and retired with their booty. But on the occasion of which we are going to speak, they were more able, strong, and fortunate.

On the 23d of January the fleet came before the town of Basse Terre, the capital of the island; a place of considerable extent, large trade, and defended by a strong fortress. This fortress, in the opinion of the chief engineer, was not to be reduced by the shipping. But Commodore Moore, notwithstanding this opinion, brought four men of war to bear upon the citadel; the rest were disposed against the town, and the batteries which obstructed the landing. About nine in the morning a fire from all sides began, which continued with the utmost fury until night, when the citadel, and all the batteries, were effectually silenced. During this cannonade the bombs, that were continually showered upon the town, set it on fire in several places. It burned without interruption the whole of this and the following day; when it was almost totally reduced to ashes. The loss was prodigious from the number of warehous in the town, full
of rich, but combustible materials. Nothing could be more striking, than the horror of the spectacle, from the mutual and unremitting fire of so many great ships and batteries, heightened with a long line of flames, which extended along the shore, and formed the back ground of this terrible picture.

In this lively engagement, our loss was very inconsiderable. The next day the forces landed Jan. 24. without opposition, and took possession of the town and citadel. Notwithstanding this success, the island was far from being reduced. The country is rugged and mountainous, and abounded with paffes and defiles, of a difficult and dangerous nature. The inhabitants had retired with their armed negroes into the mountains; and all seemed prepared to defend their possessions bravely, and to the last extremities.

General Hopson died on the 27th of February; and General Barrington succeeded him. He embarked part of his forces for the Grand Terre, where Colonel Crump attacked and reduced the towns of St. Anne, and St. François; whilst this attack diverted the enemy's attention, the general fell upon the strong post of Gosier, and possessed himself of it; and thus the Grand Terre was in a manner reduced, and disabled from finding any relief to the other part.

There is a considerable mountain, not far from the town of Basse Terre, called Dos d' Afne, or the Ais's Back; thither a great part of the enemy had retired. It is a post of great strength, and great importance, as it keeps a watch upon the town, and at the same time forms the only communication there is between that town, and the Capes Terre, the plainest, plea-

fantest, and most fruitful part of the whole island.

It was not judged practicable to break into it by this way; and all the rest of Guadeloupe was in the enemy's possession. Therefore a plan was formed for another operation, by which it was proposed to surprize Petit Bourg, Goyave, and St. Mary's, and by that way to march into Capes Terre, which might be easily reduced. But this design failing, it was necessary to attempt those places by plain force. Col. Clavering and Col. Crump landed near Arnowville, and attacked the enemy, strongly intrenched at a post strong by nature, called Le Corne. This was forced; another intrenchment at Petit Bourg had the same fate; a third near St. Mary's yielded in the same manner. An opening being at last made into the Capes Terre, the inhabitants saw that the best part of the country was on the point of being given up to fire and sword; they came in and capitulated; their possessions, and their civil and religious liberties, were granted to them.

The small islands, near Guadeloupe, Dèfrade, Santos and Petite Terre, surrendered a few days after, and on the same terms.

This capitulation was hardly signed, when the French squadron under M. Bompart appeared before the island, and landed at St. Anne's in the Grand Terre, the general of the French Caribbees, with six hundred regular troops, two thousand buccaneers, and a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The capitulation was made at the most critical time; for had this reinforcement arrived but a day sooner, the whole expedition had probably been lost.

Thus came into the possession of Great Britain, this valuable island, after
after a campaign of near three months, in which the English troops behaved with a firmness, courage, and perseverance that ought never to be forgotten. Intolerable heat, continual fatigue, the air of an unacclimated climate, a country full of lofty mountains and steep precipices, posts strong by nature and by art, defended by men who fought for every thing that was dear to them; all these difficulties only increased the ardour of our forces, who thought nothing impossible under commanders, who were not more distinguished for their intrepidity and skill, than their zeal for the service of their country, and the perfect harmony and good understanding that subsisted between them. There is nothing, perhaps, so necessary to inspire confidence into the father, as to observe that the officers have a perfect confidence in one another.

It must not be omitted, that many of the inhabitants exerted themselves very gallantly in the defence of their country. A woman, a considerable planter in the island, particularly distinguished herself; she was called Madame Ducharme: this amazon put herself at the head of her servants and slaves, and acquitted herself in a manner not inferior to the bravest men.

Soon after the reduction of the island of Guadeloupe, the island of Martinique surrendered itself upon terms similar to those which were granted to the former islands. This is a small island, but the conquest is of consequence, as the French by this are left no footing in the Leeward Islands: Martinique is one of those to the Windward. These beginnings were happy omen to the success of the more important undertaking, which was to be carried on in another part of America. The reputation of our arms there, except in the reduction of Louisbourg, had hitherto been very great. But other commanders were now appointed, and other maxims prevailed. However, we postpone the narrative of these very important events, to consider those which intervened on the continent of Europe, in which too we see our arms no less distinguished; and to behold England, emerging from the rubbish of low principles and timid conduct, once more become the pride and terror of Europe, and acting in a manner not unworthy the most illustrious periods of her history.

CHAP. IV.


We left the army of Prince Ferdinand upon the retreat, ever since the battle of Bergen. The French, advanced with great vivacity; their light troops made incursions almost to the gates of Hanover. The Prince still continued to retire; but he left garrisons in Lipphadt, Ritberg, Munster, and Minden, in order to retard the enemies
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enemies progress; their principal design seemed to be to cut off his retreat to the Weser, to which he kept very close, as he knew the infinite consequence of that communication. However, if the enemy failed to compass that object, all the precautions of the Prince proved also ineffectual to retard the progress of their arms. Ritberg was surprised. Lipstadt was blockaded, Minden was taken by assault, where a garrison of 1,500 men were made prisoners, and where immense magazines fell into their hands. D'Armentieres advanced against Munster; he attempted to take the place by a coup de main. Though foiled in this attempt with considerable loss, he did not desist; he drew up his cannon from Wesel, and, July 25th, fell master of the city; the garrison of 4,000 men became his prisoners. Nothing seemed able to withstand the rapid torrent with which the French over-ran the whole country; they no longer hoped the conquest of Hanover; it was with them an absolute certainty. Elated with the fair appearance of their fortune, they kept no bounds. The French minister, the Duke of Belleisle, in his letters to the Marshal Contades, speaks only of the means of securing their conquest, and preventing another expulsion from Hanover; and for this end proposed the most cruel and unwarrantable expedients. Nor was there less dread and dejection visible on the side of the allies, than pride and confidence on that of the French. The archives and most valuable moveables were sent off from Hanover to Stade. All things seemed hastening to the same polish, which drew on the famous capitulation of Closter-fen ven.

In this general gloom, that over-spread the fortune of the allies, the Prince kept himself unmoved, and attentive to his designs. He did not suffer himself to be disconcerted by blows, which he had probably foreseen, and the ill consequences of which he knew how to prevent. The body of the French army, after the taking of Mindeh, had posted themselves near that city, to which the right of their army extended; their left was protected by a very steep hill; in their front was a large morafo; and a rivulet covered their rear. Nothing could be more advantageous than this situation; and whilst they continued in it, nothing could be enterprized against them. The army of the allies, after a continued retreat, began, at last, to advance, and fixed their camp altogether as advantageously at Peterhagen, a place about three leagues from the enemy.

Things were brought to that pass, that nothing but a battle could hinder the French from taking winter quarters in the elec to-rate. There was no possibility of attacking them with any hope of success in the camp which they then occupied. The point was to draw them from that post into the plain; but the movements necessary to effect this were extremely hazardous to an inferior army, in sight of the enemy. The operations of Prince Ferdinand, on this occasion, displayed so penetrating and uncommon a genius, such a guarded boldness, such a certainty of the grounds he went upon, such a perfect possession of himself, that perhaps there is no instance in history of generalship so compleat and finished; for which reason we shall endeavour, from the best lights we have, to draw out at length the several parts that con-
curried to form this remarkable piece; we could indeed with that the authentic accounts of so very memorable an event, had been more clear and explicit, but we must content ourselves with the materials we have.

On the 28th of July Prince Ferdinand forsook his camp on the Wefer, and marched toward Hilden, a village considerably to his right, with the greatest part of his army: however, he took care to leave on the brink of that river, a body under General Wangenheim; which extended to the town of Thornhausen, where they were intrenched, and supported by a considerable artillery. He had the day before detached the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick, with 6000 men, to make a compafs towards the enemies left flank, and to post himself in such a manner, as to cut off the communication of their convoys from Paderborn.

The French were not inattentive to these movements; their generals immediately held a council of war; and the result was, that they gave completely into the snare that was laid for them. They saw, as they imagined, the allied army divided and disjointed; and now the happy moment presented itself, for the attack of General Wangenheim, who they knew was not strong, and who seemed at a great distance from the rear of the army, so that it appeared impossible that he could be relieved. This body being routed, as it easily might, it was obvious that they should then be able to place themselves between Prince Ferdinand's army and the Wefer, and cut off his communication with that river; the great object at which they aimed, through the whole campaign, and in which was involved the certain destruction of the allies.

Full of these ideas, they left their advantageous post, and in eight columns passed the morais in their front, and advanced into the plain. The Duke of Broglio was to lead the attack, by falling upon that body that lay near the river, which seemed to present him an assured and easy victory. He marched on, therefore, with great confidence; but as soon as he had gained an eminence which lay along his front, he was struck with the utmost surprise, when, instead of a few posts weakly guarded, he behold the whole army of the allies drawn up in excellent order, extending from the banks of the Wefer, quite to the morais, in the front of the late French camp. This was a stroke entirely unexpected: they believed the Prince to have been at Hilden; but he had marched up, and the whole army was joined in the night. This discovery for a while put a stop to the motions of the French; they were hemmed in between the allies, the morais and the river. Their situation was disagreeable, but it was now impossible to recede. The allies finding the French flower than they expected, began to advance, and threatened the enemies center. This was composed almost wholly of horse; but it was the flower of their cavalry, who anticipated the shock of the allies, and began the engagement. The brunt of the battle was almost wholly sustained by the English infantry, and some corps of Hanoverians, which stood the reiterated charges of so many bodies of horse, the strength and glory of the French armies, with a
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resolution, readiness and expertness in their manœuvre, which was never exceeded, perhaps never equalled. They cut to pieces or entirely routed these bodies. Two brigades of foot attempted to support them, but they vanished before the English infantry. Waldegrave's and Kingilow's regiments distinguished themselves in a particular manner this day, nor were their commanders less distinguished. The enemies here which composed their center, being entirely unconfident, and their right which attacked Wangenreim, having made no sort of impression, they thought of nothing but a retreat.

At this point of time the Prince sent orders to L. George Sackville, who commanded the whole British, and several brigades of the German cavalry, to advance. That cavalry formed the right wing of the allies, extended to the morals, and if it could have charged at the instant of the enemies retreat, such a shock at that time, and in that situation, would in all probability have left the French without an army in Germany. But the orders were not sufficiently precise, or they were not sufficiently understood by the English commander, so that there was some delay in waiting for an explanation. The critical minute passed away; the British cavalry lost their share in the glory of the action; and the French retreated in some order, favoured by the spirited and well judged efforts of the Duke of Broglio, and the advantages which the possession of Minden gave them.

What is remarkable, the French attributed their misfortune in this battle to the same error in their dispositions, which left them the battle of Blenheim; that of composing their center almost wholly of cavalry, without any proper support of foot.

The battle was over; but then it was that the effects of Prince Ferdinand's admirable dispositions appeared in their full lustre. The French not having been molested by the British cavalry in their retreat, had an opportunity of regaining their former advantages post. They had indeed lost the honour of the day, and misfitted the stroke which they had meditated. They had likewise lost a great number of men. But all these losses and disgraces might be repaired, and there seemed nothing decisive in the day of Minden. It had certainly happened, as it then appeared, if the Prince, who foreseeing this, and neglecting nothing which could be provided, had not formed the plan of detaching away the Hereditary Prince in the manner already related. At five in the morning of that day, this young hero attacked a large body of the French under the Duke de Brial; this body, though posted in a most advantageous manner, he entirely defeated, and obliged them to take refuge in Minden. The news of this blow came with an ill omen to M. de Contades, in the instant when the English infantry began to engage his center. The enemy himself could not help admiring the dexterity of the stroke under which he funk; and full of astonishment at a conduct at once so daring and judicious, paid the juft applause to a general who could detach with security so large a body from his army, when he was going to attack an enemy already much superior to him in numbers.

This happy stroke decided the affair, all the passes through which the
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the French could draw succour or provision, were seized. They relinquished their strong posts; they fled through Minden, and falling the Weier, retreated to the eastward of that river; thus losing all the advantages which they had made in the campaign, and forced to retreat through a country different from that through which they had advanced, and in which they had taken no measures to procure subsistence.

The loss of the French in this action amounted to about seven thousand men killed, wounded and prisoners; among whom were many officers of considerable rank. The loss of the allies was not more than two thousand. The English, as they gained the greatest glory, so they were the greatest sufferers. Twelve hundred of the killed and wounded were of that nation. The Prince on the day after the battle paid the due honours to these illustrious corps, as well as to several of the Hanoverians, who had behaved in the same gallant manner. He did justice to the merit of the officers; he distinguished their names; and even particularized so low as captains. To some in the most obliging manner he sent considerable presents; and he omitted nothing to shew that he knew what it is to be well served, and how to encourage the troops and officers to do their duty with spirit and cheerfulness.

Although the English had the greatest share in the honour of this signal day, and that the Prince acknowledged their merit in the strongest terms, yet a cloud was cast over their triumph. There were some expressions in the orders for the rejoicings, which were supposed to convey a very severe reflection on Lord G. S. commander in chief of the English forces. The Prince required with an emphasis, which seemed particularly pointed, that his orders by his aids-de-camps for the future should be more exactly obeyed. In a manner still less to be misunderstood, he expressed his concern that the Marquis of Granby had not had the command of the British cavalry. Had he commanded, his highness made no doubt that the success of the day had been much more complete and brilliant. The severe intimation concerning the disobedience to orders, and the invidious compliment to a subordinate officer, were clear declarations.

The news of a victory so glorious to our troops, and of a cenure so disgraceful to their commander, came at once to England. In proportion to the joy which filled all hearts, in proportion to the opinion of the great general to whom they owed so reasonable an advantage, was their indignation against the unfortunate commander to whom it was attributed that this advantage was not greater. The public as usual judged definitely upon the first charge. They never pardon a general whose error it is to fall short. In vain they are prayed to suspend their judgment, and to wait for a full discussion; the matter is already decided; they have a fact against an officer, and they look upon all reasoning in his favour, not so much as a defence of his conduct, as the exertion of eloquence and artifice to palliate a neglect of duty. This indeed makes the case of officers particularly hard; but then it always shews them what they have to do.

The merits of the matter are
still regarded in the same light by the public. But the heat, the eager-
ness, and curiosity of the first move-
ments being over, the matter will be
beber whenever it comes to be
again discussed with less attention,
but with less passion too. It is not
for us to deliver any opinion in fa
nice a controversy. We have in
point of less moment his hero de-
clined it; and we shall always de-
cline it until the proper judges be-
fore whom it will probably come, shall have taught us what to think.
There is indeed no doubt, that if the
cavalry of the allies right wing, sit-
tuated as it was, had been brought
to act at a critical time when it
had orders to move, the battle of
Minden had proved as decisive as
that of Hoclet. But whether it was
a fault in the giving or the deliver-
ing of the orders, or whether it was
some miscalculation in him who
received them, we cannot but sin-
cerely pity a commander of such ad-
mirable talents, who by the error
or the misfortune of a moment, lost
an opportunity that would have
ranked him for ever with the Marl-
boroughs and Brunwicks.
A few days after the battle his
lordship resigned his command, and
returned to London. He was but a
few days in London when he was
deprived of all his military em-
ployments. The Marquis of Gran-
by, whom the opinion of Prince
Ferdinand, and the desires of the
whole army had pointed out, suc-
cceeded him in his command. A
genious and ardent courage, an
ability of manners that flowed
from no artifice, a manly freedom;
and openness of soul, a careful
and unrefered conversation, a mu-
nishence that knew no bounds, so
many qualities of the man and of
the soldier, endeared him to the
whole army, and rendered English
and foreigners, his inferiors, his
equals and his superior in com-
mand, unanimous in his favour.

Whilst these changes were mak-
ing, Prince Ferdinand lost no time
to improve his victory, by the pur-
fuit of the French, who retired in
the utmost dilire. The allies were
not indeed able to overtake the
main body of their army, but they
harassed them extremely, and the
French were obliged to sacrifice
great part of their army piece-
meal, to preserve the rest entire.
The necessity of providing subsis-
tence drove them towards Caffel.
The Prince pursued them, obliged
them to evacuate that place, and
once more freed that poor disfreted
country from the French tyranny.
The battle of Ziegenhayn, after an
hour's defence, gave the allies about
four hundred prisoners.

After this the Hereditoary
Prince of Brunswick, equally
conspicuous in the greater and the
lesser operations of war, made
a private march at night in or-
der to surprize a corps of the French
irregulars commanded by the fa-
mous partizan Fischer, which were
posted at Wetter, where it was con-
venient for the allies to encamp.
This corps he entirely routed,
killing a great number, and taking
four hundred. The French threw
a garrison into Marburg, in hopes
of putting some stop to the rapid
career of the allies. In effect, this
did prove an obstacle for some days,
but at length the castle surren-
dered, and the garrison con-
sisting of between eight
and nine hundred men became pri-
soners of war.

Here a bound was set to the pro-
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The battle of Minden, and the subsequent misfortunes of the French arms, threw Verfaillies into the utmost confusion. The news of that defeat arrived just as the King was taking horse to hunt. He retired silent and depressed into the apartment of Madam de Pompadour, and for some time saw none of his ministers. The Duke of Broglio and M. de Contades mutually accused each other, for the ill conduct of the day. The public acquitted Broglio. Brienne and his general Contades lost all reputation; but the duke still preserved his employment and a considerable part of his influence at court.

As soon as the first confusion and surprise of so unexpected an event was a little abated, it was resolved to send reinforcements to their army in Germany, and at the same time to send thither some officer of experience and authority, who might judge, and compose if possible, the differences which subsisted between the commanders; as well as to assist in the deliberations for retrieving their affairs. Public misfortunes call great men from their obscurity. M. de Essines was chosen on this occasion, and invested with the authority which he unwillingly accepted. When he arrived at the French camp, he could not avoid a sigh on viewing of the ruins of that army, which had triumphed under his command at Halenbeck. However, his behaviour to M. de Contades was polite and generous. The old Marechal told him, that he was not come to take his command, but to serve under him; and whilst he advised him with his advice, he would receive his orders.

 Whilst the French endeavoured to piece up their broken fortune in Germany, they made some flight of the allied arms. Not that they were stopped by any considerable obstruction from the main body of the French in that quarter, but from some effects in another quarter of the unsuccessful beginning of the campaign, from which the battle of Minden had not yet perfectly disengaged them. Munster was still behind them, and still in the hands of the enemy, who had a powerful garrison in that city. M. de Contades, who even after his defeat exceeded the allies in numbers, and had now no further view of an offensive campaign, sent a strong body under d'Armentieres, which was reinforced by some troops from the Lower Rhine, to near fifteen thousand men, to cover that place. Prince Ferdinand had before detached General Imhoff from Caffel in order to reduce it. On the approach of d'Armentieres, Imhoff was obliged to raise the siege.

Sept. 6. But being soon after reinforced, the French commander retired in his turn towards Wefel, the possession of which place has all along proved of infinite importance to the French in all their operations. The siege of Munster was again resumed, but the buffoons threatened to be difficult and tedious. This, however, was the only rub which the allies encountered. In all other respects they were perfectly fortunate. They had driven their enemy two hundred miles before them, and at the end of the campaign, after all their efforts, and all their tanguine hopes of conquest, set them down just where they had begun it.

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of pushing the other part of their scheme with vigour. All their ports were full of the preparations for an invasion of the British dominions. Men of war, transports and flat bottomed boats, now almost a word of ridicule, were prepared with great diligence. They talked of a triple embarkation. M. Thurat was to command a small squadron and several transports from Dunkirk, which it was believed were intended for Scotland. This man from the master of a merchant ship, became a captain of a privateer, in which capacity he greatly annoyed the English trade, and acquired a reputation. At a time when France does not abound with great men, his services in this way, and his daring spirit, recommended him to a command in the king's service.

The design against England, as the voyage hither is the shortest, was to be attempted from Havre, and some other ports of Normandy, in flat bottomed boats. The third embarkation, which was supposed against Ireland, was to be made from Vannes in the Lower Brittany, where a large body of troops was assembled, commanded by the Duke d'Aguesseau, governor of that province. This embarkation was to be covered by the fleet under M. de Condins, which was preparing with great diligence in Brest. Had this design been such as it was represented, and had it been put into execution, there is no doubt but such an attempt upon both kingdoms, at three different places at once, must have thrown the whole into no small confusion. But excellent measures were taken on the part of England to frustrate their designs which they might have been.

A squadron under Commodore Bays was stationed before Dunkirk. Admiral Rodney was sent to bombard Havre, which service he performed with success. Admiral Hawke blocked up the harbour of Brest with a strong squadron, whilst a lesser kept a watch upon that of Vannes. These precautions were continued the whole summer, during which time the French proceeded rather slowly; but after the battle of Minden had destroyed their hopes in Germany, they turned to this object with the greater attention. What issue it had we shall relate in its proper place. But their first attempts on the ocean proved as unsuccessful as their arms on land.

A great fleet was equipped at Toulon, which some defined for America, whilst others believed it was designed to unite itself with that of Brest to favour the invasion. Admiral Boscawen, who commanded in the Mediterranean, blocked up this squadron, until some unfavourable weather and the foulness of his ships obliged him to return to Gibraltar to refit. The French took this opportunity to Aug. 14. fail out, and they proceeded with great diligence to the freight.

They had arrived very near Gibraltar before the admiral had notice of their approach; but notwithstanding that our ships were not perfectly prepared to fail, the admiral used such great expedition that in two hours after the account arrived the English fleet was out at sea.

The English fleet was composed of fourteen ships of the line besides frigates. The enemy had twelve of the line. They were superior in the bulk of their ships and in the number
number of men, if they were inferior in the number of vessels; and it is the opinion of many persons of judgment, that if they had formed a line of battle and fought Mr. Boscawen in order, they might very well have hoped for a better issue of this matter than they found. But the evil genius of France operating on the cowardice or incapacity of their commander, induced them to separate their fleet and fly. The English ships were newly refitted; they proved better sailors, and the men animated with the spirited example of their admiral, engaged the French ships as they could overtake them; and they overtook some of them off Cape Lagos in Portugal. A brisk engagement ensued: Two of the enemies' ships, the Ocean and the Redoubtable, were run on shore and burned. The first was the ship of M. de la Clue the French admiral, who escaped to land; but being grievously wounded, and as it is said having lost both his legs, he died soon after. Two other capital ships, the Centaure and Medele, were taken.

The scattered remains of their fleet with difficulty got into the harbour of Cadiz, where they were soon after blocked up, and where they still remain. This action happened on the 18th of August; and it gave a great check to the British arms, which in the same month had triumphed so signally both by sea and land.

**CHAP. V.**


As the King of Prussia's victory at Rosbach had given the Hanoverians an opportunity to free their country, it might be expected that the affairs at Minden would have served to free his Prussian Majesty from some of the numerous armies that oppressed him. But as this battle was fought in the middle of the season for action, and as Munster still continued in the possession of the French, Prince Ferdinand could not venture at that time, to make any detachment from his army in the King's favour, without riveting all the advantages which he had obtained from his victory. The King of Prussia was therefore left alone to struggle with Austrians, Russians, Imperialists and Swedes.

The Russians, whose motions governed those of all the other armies, left their camp at Polna in Poland, and quitting the Vistula, drew near to the banks of the Oder. They were under the command of a Russian nobleman, Count Soltikoff. Count Dohna, who had been ordered to oppose them, saw that their numbers were too considerable, and their posts too strong to be attacked with any prospect of advantage; so that he contented himself with observing their motions, and harassing their march. This conduct seemed more dilatory and timid than the circumstances, or the inclinations
clinations of the King could bear. He is said to have reproached that general in the severest manner, for a conduct in which he was in all probability very justified, but he took the first opportunity to resign his command, and under a pretence of recovering his health, retired to Berlin. The King immediately put General Wedel into his place, with positive orders to engage the Ruffian army at all events. To enable him to obey his commands, he reinforced him with several detachments from his own army. The positiveness of the King's orders on this occasion may perhaps be denounced, but it must be owned that the time required a course next to desperate. His hereditary dominions were in the utmost danger, and nothing but some great and fortunate stroke could effectually prevent the junction of the Austrian and Ruffian armies, an event which of all others he had the greatest reason to dread.

Fortified in some measure by the reinforcements he had received, and in consequence of his orders, General Wedel resolved to attack the Ruffians on their march. They had got to Zulichau, and on July 23, retired their course to Croffen in Silezia, to get before the Prussian army, and to make good the passage of the Oder. The situation of the Ruffians was very advantageous; posted upon eminences, defended by a powerful artillery, and near seventy thousand strong. The Prussian army fell short of thirty thousand; and they had greater disadvantages than the enemy of numbers to get over. They had a bridge to pass, and from a narrow defile to struggle through, that faced a third of a battalion could march in front. The ground was soft, that the cavalry could not support their infantry. Yet with all these difficulties the attack was long and replete. But this resolution made their repulse, which all these disadvantages had rendered inevitable, far more bloody and distressful. Four thousand seven hundred were killed or prisoners; the wounded came to three thousand. General Wobernau, an officer of great ability, was killed, and General Manteufel was wounded. The Ruffians were obliged to retire, but they were not pursued, and they passed the Oder without molestation. The Ruffians seized upon the towns of Croffen and Frankfort on the Oder.

The King of Prussia, since the beginning of the war, had never hitherto obtained an advantage where he was not personally present. His presence now became more necessary than ever. Since the action at Zulichau the Ruffians had penetrated a considerable way into his territories, and had taken possession of the important city of Frankfort upon the Oder. He therefore marched with ten thousand of his best troops, to join the broken army of Wedel, in order to drive this formidable and determined enemy from his country. Prince Henry commanded the remainder of his army, which was too well apprized to bear any insult during his absence. The eyes of all were fixed upon his march, and his soldiers who remembered Zorndorf eagerly longed to try their strength once more with the same antagonists.

M. Dauin was not unapprized of the motions of the Ruffians, or the designs of the King of Prussia. He knew that the great fault of the Ruffian
Russian troops, was the want of a regular and fine cavalry, which might be depended upon in a day of action. This defect was a principal cause of their misfortunes at Zorndorf in the last year; a misfortune which disconcerted all the operations of that campaign. As this was the only want which the Russians were under, so it was that which Daun was best able to supply at a short warning. With this view he selected about twelve thousand of his horse, and there is no better horse than that of the Austrians, which, with about eight thousand foot, he placed under the command of General Laudohn, one of the ablest officers in that service. This body was divided into two columns, one of which marched through Silesia, and the other through Lusatia. By extreme good fortune and conduct, with little loss or opposition, they both joined the Russian army, and were received with transports of joy.

In the mean time, the King of Prussia, who was unable to prevent this stroke, joined General August 12. Wedel at Muhlrode, and took upon him the command of the united armies. But still finding himself too weak for the decisive action he was preparing to attempt, he recalled Gen. Finck, whom he had sent some time before into Saxony with nine thousand men, in order to oppose the Imperialists in that country. With these reinforcements he was not able to raise his army to fifty thousand complet. That of the Russians, since the junction of Laudohn, was upwards of ninety thousand. They had besides taken a poit, which they had so strongly entrenched, and defended with such a prodigious number of cannon, that it was extremely difficult and hazardous to attempt them, yet under these accumulated disadvantages, it was absolutely necessary that he should fight. The detachments from Count Daun's army already menaced Berlin; Saxony, which he was obliged to leave exposed, had become a prey to the Imperialists; and the Russians, united with the Austrians, encamped before his eyes in Silesia, the best and richest part of his dominions. In short, his former reputation, his present difficulties, his future hopes, every motive of honour and of safety, demanded an engagement; the campaign hastened to a decision, and it was evident, that nothing farther could be done by marches and choice of poits. The fanguine temper of other generals has often obliged them to fight under disadvantages; but the King of Prussia's circumstances were such, that from the multitude of his enemies, he was neither able to consult times nor situations. Rahtreefs could hardly dictate any thing, which, in his condition, would not have been recommended by prudence.

When the attack was resolved, the King's troops Aug. 12. put themselves in motion at two in the morning, and having formed themselves in a wood, advanced towards the enemy. It was near eleven before the action began. The principal effort of the King of Prussia was against the left wing of the Russian army. He began, according to his usual method, with a fierce cannonade; which having had the effect he desired from it, he attacked that wing with several battalions disposed in columns.

The Russian entrenchments were forced with great slaughter. Seventy-two pieces of cannon were taken.
taken. But still there was a defiance to be palled, and several redoubts to be masterd, which covered the village of Cunnersdorf. These were attacked with the same resolution, and taken one after another. The enemy made another stand at the village, and endeavoured to preserve their ground there, by pushing forward several battalions of horse and foot; but their refihtance there proved not more effectual than it had done every where else; they were driven from post to post quite to the last redoubts. For upwards of six hours fortune favoured the Prussians, who every where broke the enemy with an unparalleled slaughter. They had driven them from almost all the ground which they had occupied before the battle; they had taken more than half their artillery; scarce any thing seemed wanting to the most complete decision.

The King, in those circumstances, wrote a billet to the Queen, to this effect, "Madam, we have beat the Russians from their entrenchments. In two hours expect to hear of a glorious victory." This news arrived at Berlin, just as the poet was going out, and the friends of the King of Prussia throughout Europe, exulted in a certain and conclusive victory. Mean time fortune was preparing for him a terrible reverse.

The enemy, defeated in almost every quarter, found their left wing, shattered as it was, to be more entire than any other part of the army. Count Solikoff therefore attended the remains of his right, and gathered as many as he could from the center, reinforced that wing, and made a stand at a redoubt, which had been erected on an advantageous eminence, in a place called the "Fetre burying ground. Nothing was wanting to turn matters in favor of the King, but to drive the Russian from thence their last hope. But this enterprise was difficult. It is confidently said, that the Prussian generals were unanimous in their opinion, that they should not endeavour at that time to push any farther the advantages they had obtained. They represented to the King, that the enemy was still very numerous, their artillery was very considerate, and the post which they occupied of great strength; that his brave troops, who had been engaged so long a time, in the several actions perhaps ever known, and in one of the hottest days ever felt, were too much exhausted for a new attempt; an attempt of such extreme difficulty as might daunt even troops that were quite fresh. That the advantage he had gained would be as decisive in its consequences as that at Zorndorf; and whilest the enemy filled the gazettes of their party, with frivolous disputes of the field of battle, he would be reaping, as he did then, all the effects of an unquestioned victory.

That the enemy would be obliged to retire immediately into Poland, and to leave him at liberty to act in other quarters, where his presence was full as necessary.

These reasons were very cogent; and for a few moments they seemed to have some weight with the King. But his character soon determined him to a contrary resolution. He could not bear to be a conqueror by halves. One effort more was alone wanting to that victory, which would free him for ever from the adversary which had leaned heaviest on him during the whole war.

Once more he put all to the hazard.
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H's infantry still resolute and supported by their late success, were ready brought to act again. They drew on their bodies tainting with heat and labour to a new attack. But the enterprise was beyond their strength. The situation of the enemy was impregnable; and their artillery, which began to be superior to that of the Prussians, on account of the difficulty of the ground, which made it impossible for the latter to bring up any other than a few small pieces, repulsed their feeble battalions with a great slaughter. With an alarum, perhaps with a blameable perseverance, the Prussian infantry was brought to a second attack, and were a second time repulsed, and with all greater than at first. These efforts being unsuccessful, the affair was put to the cavalry. They made redoubled, but useless attacks; the horses were spent, as well as those they carried.

It was just at that time when the Prussian horse was waited by these unsuccessful efforts that the greatest part of the Russian, and the whole body of the Austrian cavalry, which had been hitherto quite inactive, and which was therefore quite fresh, rushed down upon them, broke them to pieces, forced them back upon their foot, and threw the whole into irreparable disorder. The whole army was seized with a panic; and in a few minutes those troops to lately victorious and irresistible, were totally dispersed and defeated. The King did everything to relieve the field, hazarding his person even beyond his former daring, and prodigal of a life he seemed to think ought not to be separated from conquest. Twice he led on his troops to the charge; two horses were killed under him; several balls were in his cloaths. The efforts of skill, courage and despair were made, and proved ineffectual; a single error outweighed them all. Scarcely a general, hardly an inferior officer in the army was without some wound. That of General Seidlitz was particularly unfortunate; for to that wound the failure of the horse which he commanded was principally attributed. It was to the spirit and conduct of this able officer, that a great part of the success at Zorndorf was owing, in the last campaign. It is known, that if it had not been for a favorable movement of the horse, the whole Prussian army had then been in great danger of a defeat.

The night, and the prudent use of some eminences, which were defended as well as circumstances would admit, preserved the Prussian army from total destruction. However their loss was far greater than any which they had sustained from the beginning of the war. All their cannon was taken. The killed, wounded and prisoners, by the most favourable accounts, were near twenty thousand. General Putzammer was killed on the spot. Their generals whose names are so distinguished in this war, Itzenplitz, Hulin, Finck, Wedel, and Seidlitz, were among the wounded; as was the Prince of Wurtemberg, and five major generals. The enemy could not have fewer than ten thousand killed on their side. For hardly ever was a more bloody battle.

When the King of Prussia found himself obliged to quit the field, he sent another despatch to the Queen expressing in this manner: "Rev move from Berlin with the royal family. Let the archives be carried
carried to Potsdam. The town "may make conditions with the "enemy." We should in vain attempt to draw the picture of the court and city, on the receipt of such news in the middle of the year which they indulged for that which they had received but a few hours before. The terror was increased by the indifferent relation that followed, which gave them only to understand, that their army was totally routed; that there was no account of the King, and that a Russian army was advancing to take possession of their city.

The day after the battle the King of Prussia repaired the Oder, and encamped at Retwim. From hence he moved to Fufelenwalde, and placed himself in such a manner, that the Russians did not venture to make any attempt upon Pefin. He continually watched their army; a part of which, instead of turning towards Brandenburg, marched into Lusatia, where it joined that of the Austrians. Here the victorious General Soltikoff, for the first time, met M. Daun, and exchanged rejoicings and congratulations, consulted about the measures for improving their successes.

The Russian and Austrian armies thus united, scarce feared from their strength and their victories to have any other deliberation left, than of what part of the Prussian dominions they should take immediate possession. The King was twice defeated, with vast losses. He was cut off from all communication with the army of his brother Prince Henry; yet, to the amazement of all the world, the superior, the victorious, and united army acted upon the defensive, and were curbed in all their motions, and frustrated in all their designs by the inferior, the beaten and dwindled. Nothing ever showed the genius of the King of Prussia more fully than his conduct after the battle of Cunnerdorf. In a few days after so terrible a defeat, every thing was in order in his camp. He supplied the loss of his artillery from his stores in Berlin. He recalled General Kleift with about five thousand men from Pomerania; in presence of two such armies as those of M. Daun and Count Soltikoff, he detached six thousand men from his small body, to the relief of Saxony, where the army of the Empire had availed itself of his absence to reduce the whole country. Hall, Wittemberg, Leipzic, Torgau, and at last Dresden itself had opened their gates to the Imperialists. With the remainder of his troops he put himself between the Russians and Great Glogau, covered that city, which was the object of the enemy's designs, and saw them soon after, notwithstanding their two victories, obliged to return again into Poland; and to leave him free for the rest of the campaign.

What was done by the King of Prussia since that time, will be the subject of another chapter; after we have related the proceedings of the English and French in America, to which the order of time directs our present attention. But we cannot dismiss the affairs of Germany, in which two such battles as those of Minden and Cunnerendorf were fought, with events so different for the common cause, without observing something concerning the two generals who conducted them.

They are certainly in reputation the first in Europe, which probably never
never produced two greater men; though they differ as much in their characters, and in the kind of talents they possess, as they agree in the greatneds of their abilities for war. The King of Prussia rapid, vehement, impatient, often gives decisive blows; but he often misses his stroke, and wounds himself. Prince Ferdinand is cool, deliberate, exact and guarded; he sees every possible advantage, he takes it at the moment, pursues it as far as it will go, but never attempts to push it further. Nothing in the man disturbs the commander. In him we do now fee a person who is a great soldier; it is the idea of a perfect general; it is a general in the abstract. Ferdinand suffers his temper to be guided by his business. He never precipitates matters; he takes them in their order and their course, and trusts nothing to fortune. The King, on the other hand, leads, and even forces circumstances; he does not endeavour to remove, but to overlap obstacles; he puts all to the risque; and by suffering fortune to play a part in his designs, he acquires a splendor and eclat in his actions, which mere wisdom could never give them. Prince Ferdinand is famous for never committing a fault. The King of Prussia is above all the world in repairing those he has committed. Like some of the great masters in writing, whenever he makes, or seems to make a mistake, it is a signal to the observer to prepare for some great and admirable stroke of spirit and conduct. His errors seem to be spurs to his abilities. He commits an error; he repairs it; he err again, and again astonishes us by his manner of eluding. We should often condemn the commander, but that we are always forced to admire the hero.

C H A P. VI.


The theatre of our operations in America is of such a vast extent, that if we had persevered in the course we pursued for some time, in attacking but one place at once, the war would inevitably be spun out to an extreme length, without bringing on anything decisive; and it would have rendered our natural superiority of very little use, by suffering the French to collect, as they had hitherto done, their strength into one single point, which enabled them to contend with us, with a force sufficient for the service of that country. This year another method was followed. It was proposed to attack the French in all their strong posts at once; to fall as nearly as possible at the same time upon Crown Point, Niagara, and the forts to the south of Lake Erie, whilst a great naval armament, and a considerable body of land forces should attempt Quebec, by the river St. Lawrence.

This plan was very advisable, as it tended to weaken by distracting the resistance of the enemy; and whilst we adhered to it, it was clearly impossible for the French to maintain their ground in any of those places
places which were attacked, without very weakly defending, or even deferring some of the others; and if by the means of such diversions any one of those places should fall into our hands, the campaign could not be said to be spent to no purpose. But besides the end in distracting the enemies defence, there was another proposed of no less consequence; which was to make a concurrence in all the various operations, so that whilst they divided the enemy, they might mutually support one another.

General Amherst, who commands the American forces in chief, with the most considerable body, amounting in regular and provincials, to about twelve thousand men, was to attack Ticonderoga and Crown Point by Lake George; the reduction of those forts would naturally lay open the Lake Champlain, where having established a sufficient naval force, he was by the river Sorel, which forms the communication between this lake and the great river St. Lawrence, to proceed directly to Quebec the capital of Canada. Here he was to make a junction with General Wolfe and Admiral Saunders, who having entered the river St. Lawrence at the opposite quarter, would probably have commenced the siege of Quebec, by the time that General Amherst might find it practicable to join them. It was not doubted that if this junction could be effected, the reduction of that city would follow of course.

The third of the grand operations was against the fort, near the falls of Niagara; a place of very great consequence both in war and in peace. The reduction of this was committed to Brigadier General Pri-
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another long and very narrow freight with the Champlain. This freight is secured at each side by a fort; that to the side of Lake George is called Ticonderoga; that to the Champlain Lake is called Port Frederick, or Crown Point; both extremely strong in their situation; and the former of which had repulsed our troops with very considerable slaughter, as has been related amongst the events of last year.

Amherst, after he had passed Lake George, arrived with very little opposition from the enemy before Ticonderoga; at first the French made some appearance, as if they meant to defend the place; but as they knew the strength of our forces, as they saw that the preparations for the attack were making with as much judgement as vigour, and as the enterprise which was preparing against Quebec did not leave them a force to considerable as they had there in the preceding campaign, they abandoned their fort in the night, having damaged it as much as they July 7. could, and retired to Crown Point.

General Amherst immediately set himself about repairing the fortifications of this post, which effectually secured the Lake George; covered our colonies, and was of such vast importance to enable him to push forward his offensive operations, or to favour his retreat in case of a reverse of fortune. The only loss of any consequence which the English army suffered, in making this valuable acquisition, was the death of Colonel Townend, who was killed in reconnoitring, by a shot from the fort. The steady bravery, the promising genius, and the agreeable manners of this officer, caused his loss to be considered as a very great one. They compared this melancholy event with the death of Lord H we; they remembered how much these young soldiers resembled each other, both in their virtues and in the circumstances of their fate. Both dear to the troops, and having both lost their lives on an expedition against this place.

Although the general had reason to imagine, that the fame reasons which had induced the enemy to abandon their forts and their lines at Ticonderoga, would persuade them also to relinquish Crown Point; he took all his measures with the same care, as if he expected an obstinate defence at the fort, and an attempt to surprize him on his march. He remembered how fatal security had proved to us in that part of the world upon many occasions.

The French abandoned the fort as it had been foreseen. The general retired with about three thousand five hundred men to the bottom of Lake Champlain, and posted himself at the island called Isle du Noix. He was still pretty strong on the lake, having several armed boats and flocks, with which he hoped to prevent the progress of the English into the interior parts of Canada. Amherst, as soon as he had taken possession of Crown Point, used every endeavour to attain a naval superiority on the lake, and in the mean time began to fortify this post as he had that at Ticonderoga. To this time the French were actually established in the heart of our territories; so that during a war of three years, we had in effect been only acting on the defensive. It was on the day on which Mr. Amherst took possession
position of Crown Point, that he received the agreeable news of the reduction of Niagara by the troops under Sir William Johnson; and he had the pleasure and encouragement of seeing two of the great objects of the campaign accomplished, whilst he prepared himself to cooperate in the accomplishment of the third, which was to be decisive of the whole. The body which had been appointed for Niagara under General Prideaux, without any accident arrived at the fort, which lies at the bottom of the lake towards the south-west.

This is, without exception, the most important post in America, and secures the greatest number of communications. For it is situated at the very entrance of a freight, by which the Lake Ontario is joined to that of Erie, which is connected with the other three great seas of fresh water, by the course of the vail river St. Lawrence, which runs through them all, and carries off their superfluous waters to the ocean. A little above the fort is the cataraft of Niagara, which is esteemed the most remarkable in the world, for the quantity of water, and the greatness of the fall. This fall would interrupt the commerce between the lakes, but for a road which the French have made up the hilly country that lies by the freight; so that there is here a good carrying-place, and not very tedious; for, after a portage of about eight miles, you re-embark, and proceed, without any interruption, to the Lake Erie.

As the great communication of those who go by water along this freight, and carrying-place, so those who travel by land are obliged to cross it. The lakes are so disposed, that without a somewhat hazardous voyage, the Indians cannot any otherwise pass from the north-west to the south-east parts of North-America for many hundred miles. The fort of Niagara thus naturally commands all the Five Nations, and all those Indian tribes that lie to the northward of the lakes, as well as those that are scattered along the banks of the Ohio, Guabache and Mississippi, and, according as it is professed by the English or the French, connects or disjoints the colonies of Canada and Louisiana, and lays open our own, and is in all respects of so much consequence, that it was the opinion of persons the most conversant in American business, that this attempt ought to have been made much earlier; and that if such an attempt had been made at such a time had succeeded, it would have contributed very much to the security of those parts of our colonies which were the most exposed, and would have at the same time greatly facilitated all our offensive measures, and shortened the war.

From the time that the French were acquainted with this place, they were fully possessed with an opinion of its importance, both with regard to commerce and to dominion. They made several attempts to establish themselves here; but the Indians, who seemed more sensible of the consequences than we were, constantly opposed it. They obliged them to relinquish a fort, which they had built, and guarded this spot for a long time with a very severe and prudent jealousy.

But whilst we neglected, confiding in our strength, to cultivate the Indians; and the French, sensible of their weakness, omitted no endeavour to gain these savage people to their
their interests, and they prevailed at last, under the name of a trading house, to erect a strong fort at the mouth of the freight, on the very best harbour, not only on this but on any of the lakes; an harbour which is safe from every wind, and open for the whole year. A French officer, an able and enterprising man, had been a prisoner among the Iroquois for a long time, and having, according to their custom, been naturalized, he grew extremely popular amongst them, and at last acquired his liberty. He communicated to the then governor of Canada, the plan of an establishment at Niagara, and he himself undertook to execute it. He returned amongst the Iroquois, and pretending great love for their nation, which was now his own, told them that he would gladly come to make frequent visits to his brethren, but it was proper for that purpose, that they should allow him to build an house, where he might live at ease, and according to his own manner; at the same time he proposed to them advantages in trade for this establishment. A request which seemed a compliment to those to whom it was made, was readily granted. The house was built. By degrees this house extended itself; it was strengthened by various additions; and it grew at last to a regular fortress, which has ever since saved the Five Nations, and checked our colonies.

July 20. The siege of this place had not been long formed before General Prideaux was killed in the trenches by the bursting of a cannon. As soon as this accident happened, which threatened to throw a damp on the operations, an express was sent to General Am-Vol. II.

herff, who, always attentive to the service, lost no time to send an officer of character to command in his place. But the command which in the interim devolved upon Sir William Johnson, could not have been better bestowed. He omitted nothing to continue the vigorous measures of the late general, and added to them every thing his own genius could suggest. Respected by the regular troops, dear to the provincials, almost adored by the Indians, possessed of that genius for acquiring popularity amongst all kinds of men, and that versatile disposition, which we so seldom see united with disinterestedness and integrity, he employed those talents solely for the benefit of his country. The troops remembering that it was under that general, the first advantage had been obtained over the French, pushed on the siege with so much alacrity, that in a few days they had brought their approaches within an hundred yards of the covered way.

The French were alarmed at the imminent danger of this interesting place. They therefore collected all the regular troops and provincials, which they could draw from all their posts about the lakes, and those joined a large body of savages, in order to give the English battle, and to raise the siege. They amounted in all to 1700 men.

When General Johnson was apprized of their approach, he ordered his light infantry, supported by some grenadiers and regular foot, to take post on the road to his left, by which the French were to take their route. He placed his Indians on his flanks. Whilst he took measures to receive the French, who came to relieve the place, he pulled a strong
a strong body in such a manner as to secure his trenches from any attempt of the garrifon during an engagement.

In this disposition he waited to receive the enemy. At nine in the morning the engagement began by a violent and horrid scream of the enemies savages, according to their barbarous custom. It was this scream, perhaps the most horrid found that can be imagined, which is said to have struck a panic into the troops of General Braddock, and was one of the principal causes of that defeat, by which our endeavours in America were so long frustrated; but on this occasion it had no effect. The enemy was so well received by the troops in front, and by the Indians on their flanks, that in less than an hour's time their whole army was ruined. The pursuit was hot and bloody; and it continued for five miles. Seventeen officers were made prisoners, among whom were the first and second in command.

This action was fought in sight of the fort; and it was no sooner concluded in favour of our troops, than the general summoned the garrifon to surrender; sending in a list of the prisoners, and remonstrating on the ill effects of their holding out longer, particularly with regard to the Indians. The capitulation was signed that night. The garrifon, consisting of about 600 men, surrendered prisoners of war, and were conducted to New York. The fort and stores were given up to the English troops.

This was the second very important service performed by General Johnson in this war, and a second time he had the good fortune to make the commander in chief of the enemy his prisoner. It must not be omitted, to the honour of this gentleman, that though he was not regularly bred a soldier, the most compleat officer could not have made more excellent dispositions for the battle, or have conducted the siege from the beginning to the end, with a more cool and steady resolution, or with a more compleat knowledge of all the necessary manoeuvres of war. The taking of Niagara broke off effectually the communication, so much talked of and so much dreaded, between Canada and Louisiana; and by this stroke, one of the capital political designs of the French, which gave occasion to the present war, was defeated in its direct and immediate object.

The consequences which attended the reduction of the fort at Niagara, as well as those upon Lake Champlain, were very interesting; but the great and central operation to which all the rest tended, and to which even those were to be only subservient, was that against Quebec, the capital of Canada; and as this was to be the decisive stroke, it was proper that the greatest force should have been employed against it. If we reckon the maritime force, there is no doubt that we employed a greater number of men against Quebec, than against the Champlain forts; but the land forces, from some cause, fell much short of the number originally proposed, for they did not exceed 7000 men. Regulars and provincials, though the original plan intended 9000 for that expedition, independent of the junction of those under General Amherst, whose assistance on the occasion was taken for granted. In this expedition general Wolfe commanded the land forces. The fleet was under Admiral Saunders.

26th. The whole embarkation arrived in the latter end of June at the isle of Orleans, a few leagues from Quebec, without any accident whatsoever, notwithstanding the ill fame of the river St. Lawrence, and the reports of its dangerous navigation, probably spread for political purposes. They landed upon the isle of Orleans, which is formed by the branches of the river St. Lawrence. This island is about twenty miles in length, and seven or eight in breadth, highly cultivated, and affording every kind of refreshment to the soldiers and sailors after their tedious voyage.

As this island extends quite up to the baftion of Quebec, it was necessary to possess it in order to act against the town; for the most westerly point of this island advances towards an high point of land on the continent, called Point Levi. Both of these shut up the view of the northern and southern channel, which environ the isle of Orleans, so that the harbour of Quebec appears to be a baftion land-locked upon all sides. The possession of both these points were necessary, as they might be employed either with great advantage against the town, or much to the annoyance of the besiegers; for whilst the enemy continued masters of those, it was impossible for a ship to lie in the harbour of Quebec. When these polls were possessed, which was done with little difficulty, the harbour and town of Quebec appeared full to the view, at once a tempting and discouraging sight.
For no place seems possessed of greater benefits of nature; and none of which nature seems more to have consulted the defence.

Quebec, says F. Charlevoix, can boast of a fresh water harbour, capable of containing an hundred men of war of the line, at one hundred and twenty leagues distance from the sea. It lies on the most navigable river in the universe. The river St. Laurence up to the isle of Orleans, that is, for about a hundred and twelve leagues from its mouth, is no where less than from four to five leagues broad; but above that isle it narrows, so that before Quebec it is not above a mile over. Hence this place got the name of Quebec or Quebec, which, in the Alogonquin tongue, signifies a strait.

The city is the seat of the governor and the intendant, and the supreme tribunals of justice for all the French North America; it is also an episcopal see, and a place of considerable trade. It is large in extent, and elegant in many of its buildings both public and private. It consists of an upper and lower town; the lower, which is narrow, is built upon a strand, at the foot of a lofty rock, upon which the upper town stands. This rock extends itself, and continues with a bold and steep front, westward along the river St. Laurence for a considerable way. Another river from the north-west, called St. Charles, falls here into the former, washing the foot of the rock on which Quebec stands; the point on which the town is built thus becomes a sort of peninsula by the junction of these rivers; so that whoever attacks Quebec, must either make his approaches above the town, and overcome the precipice which I have mentioned, or cross the river St. Charles, and attempt it upon that side. The former of these methods must appear to a prudent commander wholly unadvisable, and the latter extremely difficult. If the former method should be attempted, they would have that dangerous precipice to overcome, defended by the enemies whole force, which the attack would draw to this quarter. On the other hand, the country from the river St. Charles to the northward for more than five miles is extremely rough, broken and difficult, full of rivulets, gullies, and ravines, and so continues to the river of Montmorenci, which flows by the foot of a steep and woody hill. On the side of the river St. Laurence is a bank of sand of great extent, which prohibits the approach of any considerable vessel.

In this advantageous situation was the French army posted, upon what was deemed the only accessible side of Quebec, all along from the river St. Charles to that of Montmorenci, entrenched at every attackable spot, with the river and sand-bank above mentioned in their front, and thick impenetrable woods upon their rear. It is impossible to imagine a stronger post; a post at once more defensible in itself, or better calculated for succouring the city, on which side forever it should be attacked. Thus posted, they greatly exceeded in number the besiegers, being about ten thousand men, under an able, and hitherto fortunate commander, M. de Montcalm, who though he was superior in number to the English, resolved to risk nothing, and wisely relied on the natural strength of the country.

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When Wolfe saw the situation of the town, the nature of the country, the number of the troops, and their position, though of a fanguine temper and highly adventurous, he began to despair; but, however another commander might have thought inaction in such circumstances justified to himself or even to the world, by such strong appearances, Wolfe resolved to leave nothing unattempted, but amidst the choice of difficulties which lay before him, to pitch upon those where the value of his troops might be employed with the best prospect of success.

As soon as he had secured the west point of the isle of Orleans, and that of Levi, he erected batteries there of cannon and mortars, on the high ground, from the point of Levi, which looks towards the town; these fired continually upon the place; Admiral Saunders was stationed below in the north channel of the isle of Orleans, opposite to Montmorenci; Admiral Holmes was stationed above the town, at once to divert the enemy's attention, and to prevent any attempts from the enemy against the batteries that played against the town.

After this wise dispositions was made of the fleet, General Wolfe caused the troops to be transported over the north channel of the river St. Laurence, to the north-east of Montmorenci, with a view of passing that river, and bringing the enemy to an engagement. Some heights which commanded the enemy's intrenchments, and a ford above, and another below the falls, encouraged him to this attempt: but, upon reconnoitering the ground, the opposite shore was found too steep and woody, that he could not hope to put his design in execution, which was by moving towards the enemy's flank, to draw them to an engagement. To bring the French to an action was his single object. He had found that any attempts to assault the city would prove to no purpose, whilst the fleet could only batter the lower town, and must suffer greatly by the cannon and bombs of the upper, whilst they were employed in this ineffectual service; for after the reduction of the lower town, the passages to the upper were extremely deep, and moreover being well entrenched, that this advantage would prove little towards the reduction of the place.

The only point left therefore, was by every means to intice or force the enemy to an engagement; and to this end no means were omitted by sending detachments up the river, and by every appearance of a design to attack the town on that side. But the Marquis de Montcalm in chusing his post, was well apprised of its importance. He knew sufficiently the nature of the country up the river, and he trusted to it; and therefore kept himself closely in his post, disposing his parties of savages, in which he was very strong, in such a manner, as to make any attempt upon him by surprize absolutely impossible. In the mean time, front the town fire ships and boats were let down the stream to destroy the shipping, which as they almost wholly filled the channel, were greatly endangered. But by the extraordinary skill and vigilance of admiral Saunders, every vessel of this kind sent against them was towed ashore without doing the least mischief.

The general finding that all his efforts to decoy the enemy to an engagement had proved unsuccessful, and sensible that they desired no-thing
thing more than to act defensively, until the season itself should fight for them, and oblige the English to retire, he came at last, in spite of all difficulties, to the resolution of attacking them in their entrenchments on the side of Montmorenci. The place where the attack was to be made, as chosen with great judgement, was the only place thereinabouts in which the artillery could be brought into use; as there, and there only, the greatest part, or even the whole of the troops, might act at once, and that there the retreat in case of a repulse was secure, at least for a certain time of the tide. Having determined upon the place where the attack was to be, which was at the mouth of the river Montmorenci, the best dispositions for it were made, July 30, both on the part of the admiral and of the general. But notwithstanding that the whole was conducted with equal vigour and prudence, it was totally defeated by one of those accidents which so frequently interpose to the disgrace of human wisdom, and which demonstrates that she is far from being the sole arbiter of war.

The English grenadiers, who led the attack, had orders, immediately after their landing, to form themselves on the beach; but instead of forming themselves as they were directed, from the hurry and noise of their landing, or from an ill-governed ardour, they rushed impetuously towards the enemy's entrenchments in the utmost disorder and confusion, without waiting for the corps which were to sustain them, and join in the attack. In this disorder, they were met by a violent and deadly fire from the entrenchments, by which they were thrown into more confusion, which obliged them to shelter themselves behind a redoubt, which the French had abandoned on their approach.

The general perceiving that it was impossible for these grenadiers to form under so severe a fire, that the night drew on, a violent tempest was gathering, that the tide began to make, saw clearly that he had nothing further left than to order a retreat, with as little disadvantage as possible. He therefore called off those troops, and having formed them behind Brigadier Monkton's corps, which was on the beach in excellent order, the whole repassed the river without molestation, the general exposing his person with that intrepidity, which distinguished him both during the attack, and the retreat.

The loss in this check was not inconsiderable; and the event on the whole was such, as to discourage any further attempts upon that side. They returned to the old measures. The general again sent some bodies above the town, and some men of war failed up the stream for more than twelve leagues. They received intelligence that the enemy had amassed some magazines of provisions in the interior country, and they proposed, by getting between them and the town, to draw the French army from their entrenchments, to the long desired engagement; but if they failed to compass this, they might at least destroy the ships of war which the enemy had in the river, and help to open a communication between them and General Amherst, on whom their last expectations were fixed, and who, they flattered themselves, was on his march to their assistance.

But though they succeeded in destroying some of the enemies magazines, there was nothing of great mo-
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moment in this. They could not come near the men of war. However they received intelligence from some prisoners, of the success of Sir William Johnson against Niagara; they learned likewise, that the French had smoothed the difficulties in the way of General Amherst, by abandoning Crown Point and Ticonderoga. But this intelligence, otherwise so pleasing, brought them no prospect of the approach of any assistance from that quarter. The season waited apiece. The general fell violently ill, confounded by care, watching, and a fatigue, too great to be supported by a delicate constitution, and a body unequal to that vigorous and enterprising soul that it lodged. It was not enough for him to escape from so great an expedition uncondemned and unapplauded; to be pitied, was, he thought, but a milder cenfore; and he knew that no military conduct can shine, unless it be gilded with success. His own high notions, the public hope, the good success of other commanders, all turned inward upon him, oppressed his spirits, and converted disappointment into despair. As soon as he had a little recovered, he dispatched an express with an account of his proceedings to England, written indeed in the style of depreciation; but with such perspicuity, clearness, and elegance, as would have ranked him among our best writers, if his military exploits had not placed him among our greatest commanders.

He resolved, when he sent away his account, to continue the campaign to the last possible moment; and after a deliberation with his officers, determined, that any further attempts at Montmorency were to little purpose, and that their principal operations should be above the town, in order, if possible, to draw the enemy to an action. But the design of Wolfe was deeper, and more particularly directed than it had been before. The camp at Montmorency was broke up, and the troops were conveyed to the south-east of the river, and encamped at Point Levi. The squadron under Admiral Holmes made movements up the river for several days successively, in order to draw the enemy's attention as far from the town as possible. This succeeded in feme measure; for, though it could not persuade the Marquis de Montcalm to quit his post, it induced him to detach M. de Bougainville with 1500 men to watch their motions, and to proceed along the western shore of the river, whilst the English army directed its march the same way on the eastern bank.

When General Wolfe saw that matters were ripe for action, he ordered the ships under Admiral Saunders to make a feint, as if they proposed to attack the French in their entrenchments on the Beauport shore below the town, and by their motions to give this feint all the appearance of a reality which it possibly could have. This disposition being made below the town, the general embarked his forces about one in the morning, and with Admiral Holmes's division went three leagues further up the river than the intended place of his landing, in order to amuse the enemy, and conceal his real design. Then he put them into boats, and fell down silently with the tide, unobserved by the French sentinels posted along the shore. The rapidity of the current carried these boats a little below the intended place of attack. The ships followed
them, and arrived just at the time which had been concerted to cover their landing. Considering the darkness of the night, and the rapidity of the current, this was a very critical operation, and it required excellent heads both on the part of the marine, and the land service, to preserve a communication, and to prevent a discovery and confusion.

As the troops could not land at the spot proposed when they were put on shore, an hill appeared before them extremely high and steep in its ascent; a little path winded up this ascent so narrow that two could not go a breadth. Eventhis path was entrenched, and a captain’s guard defended it. These difficulties did not abate the hopes of the general, or the ardor of the troops. The light infantry under Colonel Howe lying hid of stumps and boughs of trees, pulled themselves up, dislodged the guards, and cleared the path; and then all the troops surmounting every difficulty, gained the top of the hill, and as fast as they ascended formed themselves, so that they were all in order of battle at day-break.

Montcalm when he heard that the English had ascended the hill, and were formed on the high ground at the back of the town, scarcely credited the intelligence, and still believed it to be a feint to induce him to abandon that strong post, which had been the object of all the real attempts that had been made since the beginning of the campaign. But he was soon, and fatally for him undeceived. He saw clearly that the English fleet and army were in such a situation, that the upper and lower town might be attacked in concert, and that nothing but a battle could possibly save it. Accordingly he determined to give them battle, and quitting Beauport passed the river St. Charles, and formed his troops opposite to ours.

He filled the bulwarks that were in his front with detachments of Indians and his belt marksmen, to the number of about 1500; his regular forces formed his left; his right was composed of the troops of the colony supported by two battalions of regulars. The rear of the Indians and Canadians extended on that side, and attempted to outflank the left of the English, which was formed to prevent that design, in a manner which the military men call Potence; that is, in a body which presents two faces to the enemy. Here Brigadier General Townshend commanded six regiments, and the Lousibour grenadiers were disposed in a line to the right of this body, extending to the river. A regiment was drawn up behind the right for a reserve. It was formed in eight subdivisions with large intervals. The light infantry under Colonel Howe protected the rear and the left. The dispositions on both sides were judicious, and the engagement on both sides began with spirit.

The English troops were exhorsted to reserve their fire; and they bore that of the enemy’s light troops in front, which was gallant, though irregular, with the utmost patience and good order, waiting for the main body of the enemy, which advanced full upon them. At forty yards distance our troops gave their fire, which took place in its full extent, and made a terrible havoc among the French. It was supported with as much vivacity as it was begun, and the enemy every where yielded to it; but just in the moment when the fortune of the field began to declare itself, General Wolfe, in whose life
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In this decisive action our troops lost about 500 men; on the side of the enemy at least 1,500 were killed. But however glorious this victory was, and however important in its consequences, it must be admitted that it was very dearly bought. Soldiers may be raised; officers will be formed by experience; but the loss of a genius in war, is a loss which we know not how to repair. The death of Wolfe was indeed grievous to his country, but to himself the most happy that can be imagined; and the most to be envied by all those who have a true relish for military glory. Unindebted to family, or connections, unsupported by intrigue or faction, he had accomplished the whole business of life at a time when others are only beginning to appear; and at the age of thirty-five, without feeling the weaknesses of age, or the vicissitude of fortune, having satisfied his honest ambition, having completed his character, having fulfilled the expectation of his country, he fell at the head of his conquering troops, and expired in the arms of victory.

The circumstances that attended the death of such a person, are too interesting to be passed over in silence, and they were indeed such as spoke the whole tenor of his life. He first received a wound in the head; but, that he might not discourage his troops, he wrapped it up in his handkerchief, and encouraged his men to advance; soon after he received another ball in his belly; this also he disembled, and exerted himself as before; when he received a third in his breast; under which he at last sank, and suffered himself, unwillingly, to be carried behind the ranks. As he lay struggling with the anguish and weakness of
of three grievous wounds, he seemed only solicitous about the fortune of the battle. He begged one, who attended him, to support him to view the field; but as he found that the approach of death had dimmed and confounded his sight, he defined an officer who was by him, to give him an account of what he saw. The officer answered, that the enemy seemed broken; he repeated his question a few minutes after with much anxiety, when he was told that the enemy was totally routed, and that they fled in all parts. Then said he, "I am satisfied;" and immediately expired.

Without the same advantages, the enemy also had an heavy loss in this battle, which no doubt, contributed to their defeat. M. de Montcalm, commander in chief, was killed on the spot; an officer who had done the highest services to his country, throughout the whole American war, and perfectly supported his reputation in this last scene of it, having made the most perfect dispositions that human prudence could suggest, both before the battle and in the engagement. It is something remarkable that in both armies, the first in command should be killed, and the second dangerously wounded. But General Monkton happily recovered, the French officer died a little after the battle.

Five days after the action, the enemy seeing that the communication between the town and the army was cut off, and that the English fleet and troops were preparing with all vigour for a siege, surrendered the city of Quebec upon terms of honour to the garrison, and advantage to the inhabitants, who were preferred in the free exercise of their religion, and the possession of their civil rights, until a general peace should decide their future condition. The fortifications of the city were in tolerable order; the houses almost totally demolished. A garrison of 5000 men, under General Murray, were put into the place, with a plenty of provisions and ammunition for the winter. The fleet sailed to England soon after, fearing lest setting in of the frosts should lock them up in the river St. Laurence.

Thus the capital of French America was rendered to the English, after a most severe campaign of near three months, and perhaps, if the whole be considered, there never was an enterprise of such difficulty carried on with a more gallant perseverance, or accomplished with more vigour and ability. A city strong in situation and fortifications, was to be attacked. An army greatly superior in number to the besiegers, was posted under the walls of that city in an impregnable situation. That army was to be forced to battle against the inclinations of a wise and cautious commander. A theatre of more than five leagues was to be filled, and operations of that extent to be carried on in the eye of the superior army, by less than 5000 men. In this contest with so many difficulties, one may say, with nature itself, the genius of the commander showed itself superior to every thing. All the dispositions to that daring but judicious attempt near Sillery, which at last drew Montcalm from his entrenchments, were so many master pieces in the art of war. But it is certain, that these things, notwithstanding the extraordinary abilities of the general, could never have been compassed, had not the marine co-operated with an unanimity,
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mity, diligence, and skill, which never could have taken place, but from that perfect love to their country, that animated all those that were concerned in this expedition. Here was no murmuring nor discontent, nor absurd jealousy; no mean competition between the land and sea-service; but the most zealous endeavours to second each others efforts, and the most generous inclinations on each side, to give a due praise to their mutual services.

When the news of this decisive action arrived in England, we all remember, though it is very difficult to describe, the various and mixed emotions with which every one was affected. But two days before this came, was received the express which General Wolfe had sent off after the affair of Montmorenci. When the general doubted, the public thought they had reason to despair. But whilst this gloom was fresh, and in the midst of the general despondency, a second express arrives, and brings all at once an account of the victory, the taking of Quebec, and the death of General Wolfe. The effect of so joyful news, immediately on such a dejection, and then the mixture of grief and pity, which attended the public congratulations and applauds, was very singular and affecting. The fort of mourning triumph, that manifested itself on that occasion, did equal honour to the memory of the general, and to the humanity of the nation.

A little circumstance was talked of at that time, and it deserves to be recorded, as it shews a fineness of sentiment, and a justness of thinking, in the lower kind of people, that is rarely met with even amongst persons of education. The mother of General Wolfe was an object marked out for pity by great and peculiar distress; the public wound pierced her mind with a particular affliction, who had experienced the dutiful son, the amiable domestic character, whilst the world admired the accomplished officer. Within a few months she had lost her husband; she now lost this son, her only child. The populace of the village where she lived unanimously agreed to admit no illuminations or firings, or any other sign of rejoicing whatsoever near her house, lest they should seem, by an ill-timed triumph, to insult over her grief. There was a justness in this, and whoever knows the people, knows that they made no small sacrifice on this occasion.

The nation, which never suffers any public service to pass unrewarded, proceeded to honour the merits of the living and the dead. The minister himself made the motion for this purpose in the House of Commons, and all the force of eloquence was displayed in setting off these services in their proper light. A magnificent monument was voted for the deceased general in Westminster Abbey; the living generals and admirals received the greatest of honours, the thanks of their country by their representatives.

It is not known with certainty in what manner the French disposed of the remainder of their army after the battle of Quebec. It is probable that they retired towards Montreal and Trois Rivieres, the only places of any consequence which they have left in Canada. In order to deprive them of subsistence
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Covered by these the army was embarked in boats on a most excellent disposition, and proceeded a considerable way upon the lake; but as the season was far advanced, and the weather growing cold and tempestuous, he judged it highly dangerous to venture his troops much upon the water in open batteaux; for the waves run as high on this lake as at sea in an hard gale of wind. Besides, he could not hope at this advanced season to set at such a distance as the Ile de Noix with any effect; he therefore wisely postponed his operations on that side to another year, and contented himself for the present with the efforts of his little marine, which exercised itself with great activity; they blocked up two of the enemies strongest vessels in a bay, but the French abandoned them in the night, and funk them in a deep water, the crews making their escape; these they were in hopes to weigh up. The French appearing no where to oppose them, the armed fasts returned to Crown Point soon after the troops, which were disposed in winter quarters.

The memorable and vigorous campaign of 1759, which made full amends for the inactivity of the former, was thus happily closed. By the taking of Niagara, Ticonderoga, and above all Quebec, the French, in the little remaining part of Canada, are invested upon every side. The troops which they have under Mr. Levy at Montreal, and those under Mr. Burlemaque at Ile de Noix, can neither be recruited with men, nor properly supplied with military stores, all communication with France being cut off. So that in the opening of the

silence in any attempt they might be induced to make towards the recovery of Quebec in the winter, the country along the river was laid waste for a very considerable extent. A measure, which for the sake of humanity, we could have wished not to have been found necessary.

Whilst the operations were thus successfully carried on in the river St. Laurence, General Amherst was not wanting in his endeavours on the side of Lake Champlain. Though the retreat of the French from Crown Point and Ticonderoga had left him entirely master of Lake George, he found that the command of Lake Champlain was still an object of some difficulty. Mr. Bourlemaque, who command ed in that part, had retired to the Ile de Noix, at the bottom of the lake, where he had three thousand five hundred men, strongly entrenched; he had likewise four stout armed sloops, by which he could easily defeat any attempt by boats.

General Amherst found it necessary to maintain a naval superiority upon the Champlain, before he could hope to push his operations any further; but this was a work of so much time, that it made it absolutely impossible to attain the great end of the campaign, the communication with General Wolfe, who was left in the manner we have seen to the exertion of his single strength. The naval preparations were not perfectly accomplished before the end of October. They consisted of a great radeau, eighty four feet in length, and twenty in breadth, which carried fix twenty-four pounders; the rest consisted of a brigantine and a sloop.
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the next campaign, if they are attacked with vigour from the side of Quebec, whilst General Amherst advances with his body by Lake Champlain, of which he has now the entire dominion, the resistance will be no more than sufficient to give reputation to the conquest; and it will depend more upon our

own sentiments of convenience what part of North America we shall leave to France, than to any efforts they may make in that part of the world: happy if our European systern should so far concur, as to leave us free to conclude a peace in America upon its own merits.

C H A P. VIII.


We took notice in the preceding part of our narrative of that movement of the King of Prussia, by which he got between the Russians and Great Glogau, and thereby baffled their designs upon that important place. This movement, at once daring, prudent, and necessary, hindered the Russians from taking winter quarters in his dominions; but at the same time it unavoidably cut off all communication with the army of Prince Henry.

That Prince, seeing that he could not second the operations of the King his brother on the side of Silezia, contrived another expedient of co-operating with him, which was immediately to direct his march towards Saxony. There was no object, the possession of which was more interesting; on that account it was very proper; but this march answered also another end; for it drew the attention of M. Daun to the side of Saxony, and disabled him from adhering the designs of the Russians against Glogau, either with his whole army, or with any considerable detachment from it. The whole country of Lusatia, through which this projected march lay, was in a manner overspread with the enemy. M. Daun with the main army of the Austrians lay at a place called Sorau, opposite to the Prince's camp. Five bodies of Russians occupied as many advantageous posts between the Bober and the Neis. General Laudenb. possessed the whole country along the Spree with several Austrian corps. To get ground of M. Daun it was necessary to make a vast circuit, and to march between the Austrian and Russian armies for more than fifty English miles.

Before the Prince entered upon this arduous design, by several bold movements he obliged M. Daun to retreat from Sorau to Gorlitz, and from Gorlitz as far as Bautzen, keeping himself as much as possible between the Prince and Saxony. But his royal highness having perceived the direction in which M. Daun was moving, made 2 com-
a compass to the northward of the Austrians, into the Lower Lu-
fatia, passed the Neis at Rothen-
b urg, and marching with the ut-
moit expedition, arrived at Hoyers
Werda in two days from
Sept. 25: his leaving his poits near
Zittau. This rapid march brought
them quite unexpected upon a body
of five or six thousand Aulrian
irregulars, commanded by Ge-
neral Vehla, who were situated
in all security behind the town.
They were routed with no small
slaughter. Having dislodged this
corps, the Prince's army had leisure
to repose themselves after such a fa-
tiguimg march, for two days; and
then continued their progress to-
wards the Elbe, which river they
crossed at Torgau, having
Oct. 2. received notice that M.
Daun had crossed it before them near
Drefden. Thus was the grand thea-
tre of the war once more transfer-
red into Saxony, and that miserable
country, continually harrassed, con-
tinually tossed from hand to hand,
the sport of violence and fortune,
suffered equal distresses from its de-
 deliverers and its enemies.

The Prussian army, from the be-
inning of this war, has been par-
ticularly distinguished for its march-
es; and there is certainly nothing,
in all the various operations of war,
which more particularly distinguishes good troops and able and spirited
leaders. But this march of Prince
Henry over such a tract of country,
almost every where occupied by the
enemy, in so short a time, and with
so little loss, is perhaps one of the
most extraordinary, and the best
conducted, of the marches that have
been made by the Prussian, or any
other army.

This fortunate stroke, together
with the retreat of the Russian,
afforded some hope, that notwith-
standing his repeated disasters, the
King of Prussia might still conclude
the campaign to his advantage.
The detachments under Finkel
and Wunsch had no sooner en-
tered Mifnia, than they attained
a superiority over the united ar-
mies of Austria and the Empire;
all the places which in so short a
time they had seized, in as short a
time were reduced to the obe-
dience of their former masters.
Wunsch had engaged their army,
and defeated one of its wings.
This victory gave them the posses-
ion of every thing to the gates of
Drefden, the only town which re-
mained to the enemy of all thes
they had taken. They found them-
selves unable to prevent Prince
Henry from passing the Elbe;
they found themselves unable to
prevent General Hulsen from
coming to his relief with a con-
siderable detachment; they found
themselves unable to prevent the
King from joining him-
self to those; when after
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obliging the Russians to evacuate
Silefia, he marched to their relief,
leaving General Itzenplitz with a
part of his army, to keep the Rul-
ians from availing themselves of
his absence. On this the army of
the empire retired. Marshal Daun
fell back towards Drefden. All
the King of Prussia's poits were
left unmolested, and after all his
lofts, and all his necessary detach-
ments, he still saw himself at the
head of a gallant army of sixty
thousand men, in high spirits, and
ready to execute the most desperate
of his orders, notwithstanding the
advanced season, and the great ex-
tremity of the cold.

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It is true that M. Daun was superior to him in numbers, and yet more so in situation. He could at any time take possession of the famous camp at Pirna, where he could not be attacked with any prospect of success; but then the freezing of the Elbe, the snow on the mountains, which divide Bohemia from Saxony, and the continual molestation which might be expected from the Prussian parties, made this situation as dangerous, in some respects, as it was desirable in others.

It was the opinion of many, that these advantages on the side of the King of Prussia, well pursued, without aiming at more, would in a short time infallibly have obliged M. Daun to relinquish his strong post, and to retire into Bohemia, abandoning Dresden, and with it all the fruits of his victorious campaign. But the King, perplexed by an idea of the ill situation of the Austrians, thought that advantages of greater moment and more decisive, might be drawn from it. He knew that the passes into Bohemia were so difficult, that by some posts properly chosen and strongly guarded, the subsistence of the Austrians might be made impracticable, and even their retreat rendered so difficult, that M. Daun would find himself obliged to fight at a disadvantage, and to put to the hazard of the field all that his caution and prudence had been so long and so painfully procuring.

Upon this plan, the King having obliged M. Daun to retreat as far as Plauen, advanced himself as far as Kefieldorf; and ordered General Finck with a strong corps to turn the Austrians, and seize the defiles of Maxen and Ottendorf, through which alone it seemed possible for the Austrians to communicate with Bohemia. This was so successfully executed, that there appeared no doubt that the King had effectually secured one of his principal objects, and placed Daun between two fires.

Whilst the Prussians enjoyed this security, M. Daun, who was aware of their design, had so occupied all the eminences about this rough and dangerous place, and all the passes into it, that the Prussians were hardly attacked, when their defeat seemed inevitable. It is probable that they had got too far into these defiles, and had not taken proper measures to secure a retreat, or any sort of communication with the grand army. They became too late sensible of their situation, and they made, for a whole day, the most intrepid efforts to disengage themselves from it; but they were foiled in every attempt, with considerable loss of men, and of the most part of their artillery.

Night put a stop to the engagement; the Austrians employed it effectually to entangle the Prussians, by guarding with double strength and vigilance, every avenue through which it was possible for them to escape. So that when the morning appeared, they saw the hills covered on every side with great bodies of their enemies, and every defile presented a wall of bayonets, through which it was impossible to penetrate. Thus galled with the losses of the preceding day, in which it is said they exhausted almost all their ammunition, stripped of the greatest part of their cannon, surrounded by the enemy on all quarters, no resource, no prospect of relief appearing, the army lost all hope, and all spirit. To make any efforts in this condition, General
General Finck thought would only be to throw away unprofitably the lives of so many brave men, which might be reserved for a more hopeful occasion; he therefore, notwithstanding the known rigour of his master, the apparent shame of the thing, and the thousand circumstances of embarrassment that must have arisen to a man of honour at such a juncture, came to a resolution of surrendering the whole army prisoners of war. Nineteen battalions and thirty-five squadrons, composing near twenty thousand men by the Austrian account, above twelve by the Prussian confession, sixty-four pieces of cannon, many standards and colours, were taken on this occasion.

It was unquestionably the greatest blow which the Prussians had felt from the beginning of the war; considering the critical time, the numbers taken, and the loss of reputation, which arose from the manner in which they were taken. It is no wonder that such an extraordinary advantage, thus cheaply obtained, should greatly have elevated the friends of the house of Austria. They had put the change upon the Prussians, they had caught their enemy in the very trap which they had laid, as they thought, with such address for them. They had now received a full indemnification for the capture of the Saxon army, which had surrendered in much the same manner, and very near this place, in the year 1756.

The King of Prussia had no time to recover from this stroke, under which he was yet staggering, when he received another blow, and a severe one. General Durcecle was posted at the right of the Elbe, opposite to Meißen; but on the approach of a large body of Austrians, they prepared to retreat over the river into that place into which they thought their retreat secure; but having been obliged by an hard frost to withdraw their bridge of boats, a thaw supervening, when they attempted to lay a bridge of pontoons, so many great fragments of ice floated in the river, that they found it impracticable; they were therefore under the necessity of passing over their army in boats. Whilst they struggled with these difficulties, their rear guard was attacked by the Austrians with great fury, and all the men that composed it, together with the general, were killed or made prisoners. The loss of the Prussians on this occasion is said to have been three thousand killed and taken; and this second surprise brought a new discredit, as well as great detriment to the Prussian arms.

M. Daun was not so carried away with this flood of successes, as to depart in the least degree from his usual cautious management. Two advantages were now obtained, which, with a very few efforts, might be improved to the entire destruction of the King of Prussia. At least, many generals would have thought so, but M. Daun thought, that the same conduct, which, with no rigour, and with little loss, had reduced the King so low, was the most likely, if pursued, to bring on his entire ruin. He resolved to give that monarch no sort of chance to recover his fortune; Daun, after the two great victories of the Russians his allies, after the two great victories he had himself newly obtained, retired behind Dresden; and as if he had been beaten, as often as he was victorious, he took refuge in the impregnable camp at Pirna, having
having so disposed matters, that the
King of Prussia, now too weak to
fend out any great detachments,
could not prevent his communica-
tion with Bohemia.

Whilst the King of Prussia carried
on his unsuccessful campaign in
Saxony, through all the rigours of
the severest winter for many years
felt in Europe; the army of the
allies kept the field with better
fortune. It is true, things had been so
disposed by the obstinate resis-
tance of Munster, and the reinforcements
which arrived in the French army,
that Prince Ferdinand did not find
himself in a condition to force them
to a decisive action; and therefore
the situation of the two armies had
continued much the same for a con-
siderable time. At length Munster,
after a series of operations, some-
times a siege, and sometimes a
blockade, now broken off, and
now renewed, at last surren-
dered, and the garri-
son capitulated for their liberty.

Not long after this, the Heredi-
tary Prince of Brunswick, all whose
enterprises are disting- uished with a
peculiar eclat and splendor, that
mark them for his own, performed
a service that curbed the French,
even more than the losses of Munster.
Prince Charles of Bevern was also
engaged in this design.

The Duke of Wurtzburg had
renewed his treaty of subsidy with
France, and having recruited and
augmented his troops, he lay at
Fulda, a great way to the right of
the French army. The Hereditary
Prince formed a design to attack
him at that distance.

On the 28th of November, tak-
ing a small, but well-chosen corps of
horse and foot, and dilengaging
them from their baggage, he arrived
in two days at Fulda, where the
Wurtemburgers enjoyed themselves
in full security. A feu de joie had
been ordered for that day; the
troops were all in their best cloaths;
the Duke had invited all the ladies
in the town to his table, and to a ball,
which he intended to have given
that very day; but the Hereditary
Prince disconcerted their measures,
both of war and diversion. A
large party of the Wurtzburg
troops were posted in a plain before
the town. The Hereditary Prince
fell upon them unawares in their
front and flank, and drove them
into the town, into which he close-
lies pursued them. Here they made
some appearance of maintaining
their ground for some minutes, but
they were soon drove out on the
other side, and hotly pursued by
the Prince of Brunswick; without
the town they were met by Prince
Charles of Bevern, who had made a
compass about the place, and at-
tacked them vigorously as soon as
they had got out of it. Four bat-
talions made some resistance, and
were all cut to pieces, or made pri-
soners; the rest, with the Duke
himself, covered by the resistance
of these battalions, made a shift to
escape. Above a thousand prisoners
were made on this occasion; and
the Prince returned to the camp of
the allies, after having effectually
disabled this corps from performing
any thing considerable; and this
action was of the greatest con-
sequence, as by the disposition of
the corps at Fulda, there was an ap-
pearance as if the French meant to
form a communication with the ar-
my of the empire, for the mutual
extension and security of their win-
ter quarters.

This enterprise was only the pre-
lude to another, which promised to
be much more extensive in its con-
sequences.
sequences. The season was now grown too severe to suffer the allies to push any further the advantages they had obtained over the French; at the same time it disabled the French from attempting anything considerable against them. Besides these advantages of the season, by postiling Muniier, the allies were no longer obliged to keep to large a body of men in Well-hall. There were the considerations which suffered Prince Ferdinand to turn his eyes to the disfreted state of the King of Pruflia's affairs. After the two great blows which that Monarch had suffered; there was no hope of dislodging M. Daun with his single force; and he was utterly unable to avail himself, as hitherto, of the rigour of the season, to strike a decisive blow. Prince Ferdinand, distant as he was from his disfreted ally, and so near to an enemy superior in numbers, did not hesitate to send him succours, to enable him, if possible, to make a final effort. He detached therefore 12,000 of his best men, and placed them under the command of the Hereditary Prince, with whose vigour and diligence he was perfectly acquainted, and under whom he knew the soldiers would endure any hardship with cheerfulness. They marched from Konisdorf, and in the Oct. 11. depth of the late severe season, without losing a man by sickness or detention, in fifteen days, marched near three hundred miles, and joined the King of Prufia at Freybourg.

This junction raised for a while the spirits and hopes of the Prussian army; but, in effect, it did more honour to the abilities of the Hereditary Prince, than service to the King. The season, which fought equally against all sides, the inaccessible camp at Pirna, and the caution of M. Daun, rendered it impossible to the King, notwithstanding this reinforcement, to make any attempt. So that after several movements in hopes of bringing the Austrians to an engagement, he was obliged at length to desist, and to suffer the shattered remains of his army to repose in winter-quarters after the fruitless fatigue of so long, so laborious, and so bloody a campaign.

The King of Prufia did not derive the benefits that were expected from this detachment; the French had no sooner notice of it, than they attempted to avail themselves of the weakness it caused in the allied army. The Duke of Broglio was now at the head of the French troops; he had lately returned from Verailles, having ruined the character of M. de Contades, established his own, removed his rival, and, in spite of seniority, had acquired the marshal's staff, and the command of the army. He thought he had now an opportunity for an action of eclat to distinguish his entrance into command. He attempted to attack Prince Ferdinand; but finding him perfectly prepared, and all his posts well guarded, he thought it most prudent to retire to his former quarters; and with this abortive attempt closed the operations of the German campaign, from whence France had entertained such sanguine hopes; leaving to Prince Ferdinand the glory of taking Muniier in the presence of one of their armies, and of securing his own posts against all their efforts, after he had, from an inferior number, dispatched 12,000 men three hundred miles from his camp.

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CHAP. X.

The preparations at Vannes and Breit. The English fleet driven from their station. The attack near Belleisle. French fleet defeated. War in the East Indies in 1758. French fleet under M. d'Arbre twice beaten. M. de Lally takes Fort St. David's, and repulsed at Tavarej. Last siege to Madraps. Obliged to raise the siege. Conclusion of the annals of 1759.

The severity of the winter could not put a stop to the operations of the land armies; it had no more effect upon the operations at sea, which went on with vigour, in spite of the inclemency of the season. The invasion projected by France, which the engagement off Cape Lagos had retarded, was by no means laid aside.

The preparations for a naval equipment in the harbour of Breit, and for transporting a body of forces from Vannes, went on continually. The winter did not delay these preparations, because it was hoped that, in that season, the British fleet might be obliged to take refuge in their own harbours; and thus might afford an opportunity for the French fleet to come out unopposed, and to execute the object of their destination before the British navy could be in readiness to encounter them.

In fact, they were not wholly disappointed in their expectations. A violent storm forced Sir Edward Hawke to quit his station off Breit. He came with his whole fleet to anchor in Torbay.

The French fleet availed itself of his absence to put to sea. The whole English nation was alarmed, but it was an alarm which produced no hurry or disturbance, but vigorous, cool, and settled methods for its defence.

And now the event of the whole war was put to the issue: for upon the good or ill success of this stroke everything depended. Nov. 14. Admiral Hawke lost not a moment's time to put again to sea, and to seek the French fleet. Both squadrons put to sea on the same day; Sir Edward Hawke from Torbay, M. de Contins from Breit. There was a difference of but one ship of the line in their forces.

It is impossible here to pass over the gallant behaviour of one of our admirals, as it helps to mark the genius and spirit of this happy time, and as this is one of the finest instances of it. Admiral Saunders came into port from his Quebec expedition immediately after Hawke had failed. After such a long voyage and so severe a campaign, unbroken by fatigue, and still intrepid with glory, he determined immediately to set sail again, and partake the honour and danger of the coming engagement. For this purpose no time was to be lost, and he had no orders. But he thought the exigence of his country sufficient orders; and he knew that at this time the letter of military discipline would never be fet against its spirit. He therefore set sail, without waiting for orders, with ten ships; but fortune did not favour the generosity of his intentions, and he did not join the British fleet time enough for the engagement.

As Sir Edward Hawke concluded that the first rendezvous of the enemy's fleet would be at Quiberon,
he directed his course with all diligence for that bay. But here again, fortune for a while seemed to declare for the French; for a strong wind blown in an easterly point, drove the English fleet a great way to the westward; but at length it became more favourable, and bore them in directly to the shore. About eight o'clock the headmost ships discovered the enemy bearing to the northward, between the island of Belleisle and the main land of France.

Hawke saw at last what he had so long, and so ardently wished for, (though hitherto in vain) the enemy in his reach. But yet there were such difficulties in his way, as would have checked a very cautious commander, or perhaps any commander in circumstances less critical to the public safety. On the flightless inspection of the chart it will appear, that all this sea is town thick with sands and shoals, and shallows and rocks; our pilots were by no means well acquainted with it; and the wind blew little less than a violent storm, and the waves ran mountain high. In these circumstances they were to attack a very strong squadron of the enemy on their own coast, with which they were perfectly acquainted. All these difficulties only animated the English admiral. In one of the finest ships in the world, commanding the flower of the British navy, and seconded by some of the most tried and brave officers in the service; and above all, not dubious of himself. He ordered the ships nearest the enemy immediately to chase, and, by engaging them, to give time for the rest of the fleet to come up.

M. de Conflans had two choices, to attempt to fly, or to land and fight it out. But he followed neither perfectly; for some time he appeared as if he meant to fight; but after giving the British ships time to come near him, when it was too late, he crowded all the sail he could carry; at the same time he showed an attention to keep all his squadron together.

At half an hour after two, the action began with great fury. In two hours the enemy had lost three ships of the line; one struck, two were sunk outright. Hawke ordered his ship to reserve her fire, to pass by all the others, and to be laid along side of the Soleil Royal, the best ship in the French navy, and commanded by M. de Conflans; the matter remonstrated on the almost inevitable danger of the coast. Hawke answered, "You have done your duty in this remonstrance; now obey my orders, and lay me alongside the French admiral." A French ship of 70 guns generously put himself between them; Hawke was obliged to belowe here the fire he had reserved for a greater occasion, and at one broadside sunk her to the bottom. The headmost of the English ships fired on the enemy as they came up to them, and then passed on to others, leaving those behind to improve their success, and destroy or take them; and by this method they had got up quite to the van of the enemy, and would have totally destroyed their fleet, had not night interposed to save them. Before night came on, the enemy's fleet was much dispersed; but in the cagernets of the pursuit, two of the English ships unfortunately ran up on a land, called the Four, and were lost. The enemy fled in to their own coast. Seven ships of the line threw over board all their guns, and escaped into the river Vilaine; about
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about as many more got out to sea, and made for other ports.

Nothing could be conceived more dreadful than the night which succeeded this action. A violent storm blew all night long. It was a pitchy darkness; a dangerous coast surrounded them on almost all sides. A continual ringing of different guns was heard, without knowing whether they came from friend or enemy; and on account of the badness of the coast, and the darkness of the night, our people were equally unable to venture to their assistance.

When morning came on, they found the French admiral had run his ship, and another called the Hero, on shore; the first was set on fire by the enemy, the other by our seamen. Thus concluded this remarkable action, in which the French had four capital ships destroyed, one taken, and the whole of their formidable navy, in which consisted the last hope of their marine, shattered, disarmed, and dispersed. The long threatened invasion, which was to repair their losses in every part of the world, was dissipated, and the credit of their arms broken along with their forces. The behaviour of the English captains and seamen, on the contrary, added as much to the glory of the British arms, as the safety of their country. Perhaps there never was a naval engagement of such extent, in which no captain was accused, nor even in any degree suspected of misbehaviour or cowardice; in which those who engaged, and those who did not, gave proofs that they were equally ardent in the service of their country.

Those who think such matters deserving of their notice, have observed, that this decisive naval en-
gagement, the surrender of the Prussian troops at Maxen, and the taking of Muntier, happened on the same day, the 20th of November.

This was the conclusion of the French affairs in Europe. The issue of the campaign in America had not been more favourable to them. Although the events in the East-Indies belong properly to the last year, yet, as the accounts did not arrive until this, and that the actions there were of great importance, and equally fortunate on our side, it is proper that we should take some notice of them here.

The English had by no means that superiority over the French in the East-Indies, which they had in America. It was here the French seemed to have made those efforts, by which they hoped in some degree to balance their losses in other parts. They had a very strong squadron under Mons. de Ache in those seas. M. de Lally, an officer of credit, and of greater rank than had usually been sent on that service, commanded a body of 2000 Europeans, a great army, in a country where the name of an European is itself a strength. In the beginning, their successes seemed proportionate to their forces; they took the fort and city of St. David's. But in a very short time the ill star of France, which in no part of the world favours well on their affairs, began to influence them here. M. d'Ache in two naval engagements was worsted, and prevented from co-operating with the land forces for the rest of the campaign. And had the spirit and conduct of admiral Pococke been as well seconded by some of his captains as it was by others, there is great reason to believe, that the French naval power had been as effectually destroyed in
in those seas, as it had been in those of Europe.

Notwithstanding these checks, it was necessary that M. Lally should act. But it was not only the disgrace of the French fleet, but an extreme want of money which delayed his operation. A Prince of the country, the King of Tanjouer, appeared the only resource which was open. To this Prince he applied for a considerable sum of money, which being reluctantly refused, he carried the war into his dominions, and laid siege to his capital city. But after lying several days before it, and after having even made a practicable breach, the skill of some English gunners, the want of provisions and ammunition, and the disorders which reigned in his army, obliged him to return without the money, and with the mortification of being beaten from a place, only fortified after the Indian manner.

This failure in their pecuniary expectations, and their repulse from an Indian town, were bad encouragement to the undertaking of an enterprise against an European enemy, and a fortification in some degree regular. But having seized upon a Dutch vessel, as it is thought much with its own consent, which contained a large treasure, they set out at length to besiege Madras. But here their success was no better than at Tanjouer, though their strength was greater, and their efforts much more obstinate.

Colonel Draper and Major Breerton defended the place with the utmost skill and bravery. Mr. Pigot likewise, with equal generosity and prudence, seconded their endeavours by the supplies of stores and ammunition, which were admirably distributed, and co-operated with the military with a firmness and intrepidity, by which he obtained an honour equal to any in the defence of the place. Whilst the town was defended with great spirit within; parties were continually sent out, which so infested the roads through which the enemy's convoys were to pass, that their army in the trenches was infinitely weakened by the detachments which they were obliged to send out. After a siege of more than two months, they were obliged to abandon their enterprise, and by that means renounce for ever all those sanguine hopes, which they had entertained from the forces in this part of the world. The English, on the contrary, went on from success to success. Whilst they defeated the French on the Eastern coast of the great peninsula of India, on the Weatern they took the great and opulent city of Surat from the powers of the country, with very little loss.

General Lally left Madras in the utmost transports of rage and despair, which a man of honour and ability in his profession can feel, who is ill seconded by his troops, neglected by those who ought to support him, and cheated by the villainy of contractors, and of all those who turn war into a low traffick. His letter is a strong and very striking picture of these agitations; and certainly it is worthy of remark, that every where there should appear something more unaccountably wrong and weak in the management of the French, than has been in the conduct of that of almost any other nation at any time. It seems to argue an essential and radical fault in some superior part of their government, more easily indeed visible in its consequences, than discoverable in its cause.

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In Europe they received offers of peace from the Kings of Great-Britain and Prussia. But as they did not expect, from their situation, very advantageous or honourable terms, they resolved to act, in one instance, the Roman part, and still hold out, determined to hazard the last extremities; perhaps, hoping something favourable from the fortune of their allies, since their own had deferred them; and resolving to contract their plan, and to make one strong effort in one part, rather than unprofitably to waste their strength upon several inferior objects. This effort could be made with any prospect of success only in Germany. But the supplies necessary for this great charge, were difficult to a nation, whose trade was wholly destroyed. On this occasion they did not scruple to break in upon the public faith, and to find supplies for one year in an expeditious, that fruck at the sources of all future credit. They stopped the payment on many public bills and funds*. The King threw in his own plate into the public fick as an example, and a request that others should contribute in the same manner from their private fortune, to the necessities of the state; tho' several of the nobility, and many churches and convents sent in their plate, there was yet a general backwardness to give into this method of supply, and to trust the public with the most considerable a part of their substance at the infant when they saw it so notoriously break its faith in other particulars.

However, these resources, such as they are, will enable them to keep the war on foot. They turn their whole attention to Germany, where they have very greatly augmented their army, and placed it under a general, from whom they have some hopes, after their repeated disappointments and the frequent changes they have made. They propose also another army under the Prince de Soisile: if they can compass this latter project, as it is believed they may, the system of Germany is full in very imminent danger. To or notwithstanding the tried goodness of our troops, and the admirable commander at the head of them, it is certain, even with any reinforcements we may be able to send, we shall find it very difficult to contend with two armies, supposing that we shall have no other than French armies to contend with, and that the King of Prussia should be able, as he has hitherto been, to find employment for the many, the powerful, and the implacable enemies that surround him.

It is certain, he is much reduced; and that this resources are nearly exhausted. These are facts which cannot be concealed; and yet some glimmering of hopes may be still preserved, when we consider the

* The French court have float payment of the following public debts, viz. 1. The three kinds of rents created on the polls. 2. Those constituted upon the chaf of redemptions. 3. The coupons of bills on the same chaf. 4. One of the two royal lotteries. 5. The reimbursement of bills drawn to bear on the same chaf. 6. The bills of the two royal lotteries. 7. The rents created on the two fols per pound of the tenth penny. 8. The reimbursement of the capital of rents. 9. The payments of bills dischargeable in nine years, known under the name of annuities. 10. Those of the new actions on the benefit of the army. 11. All the bills drawn by the colonies upon the government, amounting to 1,333,000 l.
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admirable talents for war and government, which that monarch possessed; and when we consider even the events of the last (to him) unfortunate campaign; where, after having suffered four capital defeats, and having obtained no one considerable advantage, he has yet continued in some sort superior in the field; the enemy has not been able to make the least impression upon his dominions; and he has, at last, more than divided Saxony with them; the city of Dresden is all that they possess in that country, and the acquisition of which has been the only fruit of four campaigns, and four victories in one campaign, and the efforts of the united forces of Austria, Russia, and the Empire, to say nothing of France and Sweden.

As for Great Britain, she has only to fear from her connections. In no one year since she was a nation, has she been favoured with so many successes, both by sea and land, and in every quarter of the globe; nor have her officers both by sea and land, ever done more honour to their country, by their skill and bravery. And with regard to the internal administration, it suffices to say, that whilst France became bankrupt, without delay or murmuring there has been more than six millions borrowed in England at a very easy rate; and that the interest on this immense sum has been made good by a single tax upon malt, which will scarce be felt by the people. By this the resources of England may be imagined; especially if we consider, that, highly as we are taxed for the necessary charges of the war, we have not been prevented from great and expensive voluntary exertions of public spirit and benevolence. The cities of London and Westminster, and after their example other towns, made a large subscription for enlisting soldiers. Subscriptions were also carried on to a great amount, for cloathing the enemy's prisoners, abandoned thro' the neglect or poverty of their sovereign; and for administering to the relief of the families of those who had fallen in the battles of Quebec and Minden. Thus actuated by the warmest patriotism, which, far from extinguishing, seemed to kindle a benevolence towards our enemies in their distress.

The condition of Europe, which all people thought would have been decided in this campaign, is nearly as dubious as ever; and the difficulties which oppose themselves to a peace are rather augmented than diminished. Here then we close the scene, and conclude the events of the present year; in the next we hope, notwithstanding appearances, after so many scenes of horror, to have the more pleasing task of relating the steps taken to a general peace, on terms as particularly advantageous to our own country, as the mixed interests of Europe, and the various fortunes of the powers embarked in the same cause, will admit.
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J A N U A R Y.

18. T H E society for promoting arts and manufactures, in the Strand, presented his Grace the Duke of Beaufort with a gold medal, for fowing the greatest quantity of acorns. Philip Carteret Webb, Esq; with a silver medal, for fowing the next quantity. And John Berney, Esq; with a silver medal, for the third quantity.

A silver medal was also presented to Lady Louisa Greville, for the shell drawing.

Several houses were consumed by fire at Limehouse.

Extract of a letter from St. Jago de la Vega, in Jamaica, dated October 7.

On Monday last was published in council, his majesty's repeal of the act passed in this island, in the year 1754, for removing the several records, books, papers, &c. belonging to the several offices, from the town of St. Jago de la Vega to the town of Kingstown. In consequence of which, thirty wains laden with the records, and escorted by a party of foot soldiers, left Kingstown, at one o'clock on Wednesday morning, and being met in the King's road by a detachment of the troops of this town, were by them conducted here, where they arrived a little after nine, amidst the acclamations of a multitude of people.

On this occasion a grand entertainment was given, an ox was routed for the populace, and at night a general illumination, and sundry fire-works. The following places, viz. Kingstown, Savanna la Mar, Montego Bay, and Port Antonio, are ordained legal ports of entry and clearance for ships for the island of Jamaica.

Extract of a letter from the same place, dated October 21.

This week the governor, council, and assembly, passed an act for dividing the island of Jamaica into three counties, and for appointing justices of assize and oyer and terminer, in two of the aforesaid counties.

Letter from New Jersey, dated October 28.

This day his excellency our governor returned from the treaty at Ealken, where he had been attending with the governor of Pennsylvania near three weeks. There were present at the treaty 500 Indians, about 200 of whom were chief warriors, and of thirteen different nations. There were also present two Indian messengers from the Indians settled on the Ohio, who brought a message in writing signed by fifteen chiefs of the Ohio Indians, expressing their desire to have peace with the English, and their intention to accede to this treaty.

The conferences were carried on with great harmony. The Indians solemnly
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felemly promised to return all the English prisoners. A message was sent to the Ohio Indians, accompanied by two English officers, a chief of the confederates, and several other Indians, informing them what had been done at this treaty, and inviting them to accede to it. And peace was solemnly ratified by a large piece of belt, which was delivered by the two governors to the confederate chiefs, and by them handed round to all the Indians present.

In the course of this treaty, his excellency our governor satisfied all Indians that had, or pretended to have, any claim of land in the provinces of New Jersey, except English or private rights; and releases thereof were executed and acknowledged in presence of several of the chiefs of the confederate nations, who attested the same, and were afterwards published in open council; and his excellency governor Bernard gave a large belt to the confederate chiefs, to be a perpetual memorial, that the province of New Jersey was now wholly discharged from all Indian claims.

Commodore Keppel sailed from Kinfale in Ireland, November 12, with the following forces, viz.

Fougeux man of war, Captain Knight, of 74 guns; Nassau, Capt. Seyler, of 70; Dunkirk, Capt. Digby, of 60; Litchfield, Capt. Barton, of 50; Prince Edward, Capt. Portefeu, of 40; Roman Emperor, Capt. Newton, of 20; Saltath fleec, Capt. Sterling; Fire Drake bomb, Capt. Orrock; Furnace bomb, Capt. Falkner; Cambridge and Lydia tenders, and transports having on board Forbes's and another regiment.

Extract of a letter from New York, dated November 20.

A proclamation is issued by the governor of Halifax, importing, that as the enemy have been compelled to retire from St. John's river in the bay of Fundy; a favourable opportunity is thereby given for the peopling and cultivating, as well the lands vacated by the French, as every other part of that valuable province. He therefore declares, that he will be ready to receive any proposals that may be hereafter made to him, for effectually settling the vacated, or other lands in that province; 100,000 acres of which produce wheat, rye, barley, oats, hemp, flax, &c. which never need manufacturing, as no part has failed of crops these hundred years. Another 100,000 acres are cleared, and stocked with English grafs, planted with orchards, gardens, &c. The timber on the whole is beech, birch, ash, oak, pine, fir, &c. The lands are so intermixed, that every single farmer may have a proportionable quantity of arable land, grafs land, and wood land, and they are all situated about the bay of Fundy, upon rivers navigable for ships of burthen.

We hear from Dublin, that the remarkable meteor mentioned from so many distant parts, was seen at Island-Bridge, near that city, on Sunday the 26th of November, at fifteen minutes past eight at night, almost at due east; it seemed like a pale moon, moved from south to north with a prodigious velocity, and dispersed or broke into many flary sparkles; its duration was not above three seconds.

A Dutch ship was lately brought into Stangate Creek, that refuted to bring
bring to, and engaged the Maidstone privateer a long time, and killed three of her people; her firing as a neutral ship makes her a good prize.—Had not the Volunteer privateer been at hand, of much superior force, she had destroyed the other privateer entirely.

Late at night, died greatly lamented, her Royal Highness, Ann, Princess Royal of England, Princess Dowager of Orange and Nassau, and governante of the United Provinces in the minority of the present Stadtholder.

Her Royal Highness was in her fiftieth year. She was married March 25, 1758, to the late Prince of Orange, by whom the hath issue, Prince William, Hereditary Stadtholder of the United Provinces, born March 8, 1748, and Princess Caroline, born February 28, 1743. By her will, the King her father, and the Princess Dowager of Orange, her mother-in-law, are appointed honorary tutor and tutorefs to her children, and Prince Lewis of Brunswick acting tutor.

The morning after her Royal Highness's decease, the States General and the States of Holland were extraordinarily assembled, and, upon the notification of this event being made to them, they proceeded to confirm the regulations that had been made for the minority of the Stadtholder; and his Highness Prince Lewis of Brunswick was invited to assist in the assembly of Holland, where he was received and seated with all the respect possible, and took the oaths, as representing the Captain-General of the Union. After which, his Highness communicated to the assembly, the act of her Royal Highness, by which he was appointed guardian of her children; and that in consequence of it, he had taken care of their persons, and would provide for everything belonging to them. This ceremony being over, Prince Lewis was likewise invited to the assembly of the States General. A resolution was prepared and taken by their High Mightinesses, whereby they acknowledge and agree to the resolution of Holland, relative to Prince Lewis's representing the Captain-General. Everything passed with great order and tranquility, and to the satisfaction of the people.

In the evening, the different colleges of the government made formal deputations to the Prince of Orange and Princess Caroline, who were assisted by Prince Lewis as their guardian and representative, and who answered in their presence for them both.

Just before her Royal Highness died, she gave a key to one of her court, desiring him to bring her a paper, which he would find in a place she named; which being brought accordingly, she signed it. This was her daughter's contract of marriage with the Prince of Nassau Weilbourg. She afterwards caused another paper to be brought to her, which she also signed; and desired that it might be delivered according to its address as soon as she should leave the world. This second paper was a letter to the States General, in which she intreated all the confederates to consent to the marriage of her daughter, and not to make any change in the regulations she had made, with regard to the tutelage of the young Prince and his education.

This letter also mentioned, that as the Prince of Nassau Weilbourg was not of the established religion, [that is, a Lutheran, not a Calvinist] it
it was stipulated in the contract of marriage, that all the children born of the marriage, should be baptized and educated in the established religion of Holland.

These two papers being signed and sealed, the rent for her children, exhibited them to make a proper improvement of the education she had caused to be given them, and to live in good harmony, then embracing them with the utmost tenderness, she gave them her blessing. After this, she conversed with the greatest solemnity with her principal counsellors for a few hours, and soon after retired.

The day before the Princess Royal died, the Assembly of the States of Holland passed a formal resolution to fit out 25 men of war, instead of 15, and orders were immediately dispatched to the officers of the admiralty to get them ready as fast as possible.

Mrs. Barret, of Hunting- ford, in Hertfordshire, was brought to bed of three sons.

A vessel in the service of the ordnance, laden with stores for the ordnance office, lying at anchor a little below Chatham, took fire, and notwithstanding all possible assistance was sent from the dock-yard at Chatham, the fire was burnt to the water's edge, and all the stores, &c. chiefly ordnance, consumed, to the value of 30,000l.

Two English officers, in quality of commissaries, arrived at Odense, in order to treat with the governor of Denmark concerning a general exchange of French and English prisoners.

Six prisoners from Suffolk were brought under a strong guard of soldiers, and confined in the Marshallic prison, upon the oaths of their accomplices, having piratically plundered a Danish ship, some time since, which had on board the Marquis Pignatelli, ambassador extraordinary from his Catholic Majesty to the court of Denmark. The lords of the admiralty had prof- fered a reward of 500l. for the discovery of any of the persons concerned in this fact.

John Watkins, known by the name of Black John, died at Bristol, aged 78, who not being prevented from poaching an estate in Gloucestershire, to which he is said to have been heir, made a vow never to be shaved, which he kept to his death, and a little before his exit, declared he might not be shaven. He was a beggar for about fifty years past, and often lodged in a glaft-house, though he had a room in the city, in which two hundred weight of silver and halfpence, and a considerable quantity of gold was found, all acquired by begging.

An order from the secretary's office at Whitehall, was sent down to all the sea ports in England, to examine all passengers that may arrive in any ship which comes from Portugal, on account of the late affair at Lisbon. All the Jesuites colleges in that city are invited by troops, in order to cut off from those fathers, all manner of access and communication with one another.

The Count d'Affry presented his credentials to the States General, as ambassador from the court of France.

Mr. Secretary Pitt, by his Majesty's command, presented to the House of Commons the copy of a convention between his Majesty and the King of Prussia, concluded and signed at London, January 17, 1753; and
and also the copy of a convention between his Majesty and the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, signed the same day. — By this convention, 15,000 of the troops of Hesse are to be taken into the pay of Great-Britain, instead of 12,000, the number lately employed in the British service; and the Landgrave is to receive, besides the ordinary pay of these troops, the sum of 60,000 l. in consideration of his immense losses in support of the common cause.

Died lately Samuel Cox, of Han- slope, in Bucks, aged 65: his relief is 99. They had been married 70 years, and their children, grand-children, and great grand children, amount to 153.

Admiralty Office, Whitehall.

Extract of a letter from Captain Tyrrell, of his Majesty's ship Buckingham, dated in the Old Road, St. Christopher's, the 9th of November 1759, to John Moore, Esq. commander in chief, &c. at the Leeward Islands.

"Agreeable to your orders, I sailed on Thursday night from St. John's Road; the next morning I got between Guadalupe and Montserrat, and gave chase to a fleet we espied in the N. W. which proved to be his Majesty's fleet the Wexzle; and upon enquiry, having found that she had not met his Majesty's ship Bristol, I ordered Captain Beales to come on board, for directions for his further proceedings.

While his orders were writing out, we discovered a fleet of nineteen sail, W. S. W. standing to S. S. W. upon which we immediately gave chase, with all the sail we could possibly crowd. About two o'clock we discovered that they were convoyed by a French man of war of 74 guns, and two large frigates. About half an hour after two, the Wexzle got to clove, as to receive a whole broadside from the 74 gun ship, which did her little or no damage. I then made the signal to call the Wexzle on, and gave her lieutenant orders not to go near the 74 gun ship, or the frigates, as the lead of the latter was vastly superior to him in force. By following which advice, he could not come to fire a shot during the whole action, neither indeed could it be of any service.

While I made all the fall I could, they were jugging on under their fore-tops and top-sails; and when we came up within half a gun's shot, they made a running fight, in firing their stern chafe, and the frigates sometimes raking fore and aft, annoyed me pretty much, but retarded their way so much, that I got up with my bowspirt almost over the Florissant's stern. Finding I could not bring him to a general action, I gave the Buckingham a yaw under his lee, and gave him a noble shot of great guns and small arms, at about the distance of half a muleth shot, which he soon after returned, and damaged my rigging, masts, and falls, pretty much. The largest frigate being very troublesome, I gave him a few of my lower deck pils, and sent him a scooting like a lully fellow, and he never returned to the action again. The Florissant likewise bore away, by which means we got under my lee, and exchanged three or four broadsides, (he endeavoring to keep at a distance from me,) which killed and wounded some of my men; and I presume we did them as much danger, as our men were very cool, took good aim, were under very good discipline, and fought with a true English spirit."
An unlucky broadside from the French made some slaughter on my quarter-deck, in which I got wounded, losing three fingers of my right hand, and a small wound over my right eye, which, by the effusion of blood, blinded me for a little while. I at the same time got several contusions over my body by splinters; but I recovered immediately, and would not go off the deck till the loss of blood began to weaken me. The master and lieutenant of the marines got dangerously wounded at the same time.

I called to my people to stand by and do their duty, which they promised with the greatest cheerfulness. I just ran down, and got the blood stopped, and ran upon deck again; but finding the training made my wounds bleed afresh, I sent for my first lieutenant, and told him to take the command of the deck for a while. He answered, that he would, and run alongside the Florizant, yard-arm and yard-arm, and fought to the last gap; upon which I made a speech to the men, exhorting them to do their utmost, which they cheerfully promised, and gave three cheers.

I went down a second time much more easily than before. Poor Mr. Marshal was as good as his word, he got board and board with the Florizant, and received a broadside from her, which killed him as he was encouraging the men; and thus he died, an honour to his country, and the service: the second lieutenant then came upon deck, and fought the ship bravely, yard-arm and yard-arm. We silenced the Florizant for some time, upon which she hauled down her colours, and after that, fired about eleven of her lower tier, and gave us a volley of small arms, which our people returned with great fury, giving her three broadsides, she not returning even a single gun. Capt. Troye, at the same time, at the head of his marines, performed the service of a brave and gallant officer, cleared her poop and quarter-deck, and drove her men like sheep down the main deck; our top-men were not idle, they playing their hand grenades and twelves to excellent purpose. It is impossible to describe the uproar and contusion the French were in.

It being now dark, and we having every bit of rigging in the ship cut away, the seeing our condition, took the opportunity, let her fore-sail and top-gallant-sails, and ran away. We endeavoured to pursue her with what rags of sails we had left, but to no purpose. Thus we lost one of the finest two-deck ships my eyes ever beheld.

I cannot give too great encomiums on the people and officers' behaviour, and I hope you will recommend my officers to the Lords of the Admiralty, as they richly deserve their favour. Notwithstanding the great fatigue the ship's company had had all day, they cheerfully flaid all night, knotting and splicing the rigging, and bending the sails.

I flatter myself, when you reflect, that one of the ships of your squadron, with no more than 65 guns, (as you know some of our guns were disabled last January, and not supplied) and but 472 well men at quarters, should beat three French men of war, one of 74 guns, and 700 men; another of 35 guns, and 350 men; and one of 28 guns, and 250 men. If we had had the good luck to join the Brifol, it would have crowned all.

Capt.
Capt. Boles being on board the Buckingham, I gave him directions to go down and superintend the lower deck, which he performed with great alacrity.

As we have been so greatly damaged in our masts, yards, sails, and rigging, particularly our masts, I thought proper to send the carpenter of the Buckingham, as he can better give you an account, by word of mouth, of what fihes we shall want, than many words of my writing.

Before I conclude, I cannot help representing to you the inhuman, ungenerous and barbarous behaviour of the French during the action. No rafecally picaroon, or pirate, could have fired worse stuff into us than they did, such as square bits of iron, old rusty nails, and, in short, every thing that could tend to the destruction of men; a specimen of which, please God, I shall produce to you upon my arrival."

I fend you inclosed a list of the slain and wounded.

Killed, 1 officer, 5 seamen, 1 marine. Much wounded, 3 officers, 9 seamen, 3 marines. Slightly wounded, 2 midshipmen, 26 seamen, 3 marines. Died of their wounds, 1 midshipman, 1 seaman.

N. B. The officer killed was Mr. George Marshall, first lieutenant; and the officers wounded were, Capt. Tyrrell; Mr. Matthew Winterborne, master; and Mr. Harris, lieutenant of the marines.

Admiral Bocewau laid before the parliament, (parlament to order) an account of the number of men prent into his Majesty's service from Christmas 1753, to Christmas 1757; also an account of the number of men and boys pro-
tefled during that time. This was done with a view to the framing a bill now depending for the more effectual manning the royal navy.

The news from Holland, by the mail of this day, is, 26th, that a formal declaration hath been made, That if either the province of Holland, or the trading towns in it, should, without the consent of the States General, fit out and send to sea, 18 or 25 ships of war, to protect their trade, as they may pretend, (which they are not impowered to do by the act of Union) such ships of war will be treated as pirates: and that, if the States General should send a fleet to sea, for the same pretended purpose, it will be considered as a declaration of war.

The following letter was received from the Honourable Commodore Keppel by the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt. SIR,

I arrived here with the squadron under my command the 28th of December past in the evening; and the next morning, agreeable to his Majesty's instructions, I attacked with the ships the fort and batteries on the Island of Goree, which were soon reduced to desire to capitulate; and the governor's demands, were, to be allowed to march the French troops out of the garrison with the honours of war. His terms I absolutely rejected, and began a fresh attack; it was, however, but of very short duration, when the island, forts, garriton, &c. surrendered at discretion to his Majesty's squadron.

Lieutenant Colonel Worge had his troops embarked in the flat-bottomed boats, in good order and readiness,
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Two days after the surrender of the island, I ordered it to be delivered up with the cannon, artillery stores and provisions, &c. found in it, to the officer, and troops, Lieutenant Colonel Werge; thought fit to garrison the place with; and the Colonel is taking all imaginable pains to settle and regulate the garrison in the best manner, and as fast as things will admit of.

The inclosed, Sir, is the rate of the island, with the artillery, ammunition, and provisions found in the place at its surrender.

French, made prisoners of war, 300.

Black in arms, a great number; but I am not well enough informed as yet to say precisely.

The loss the enemy sustained, as to men, is so very differently stated to me, by those that have been asked, that I must defer laying the number till another opportunity.

Iron ordinance, of different bores, 93: one brass 12 pounder; iron fiiyels mounted on carriages, 11; brass mortars mounted on beds, two of 13 inches; ditto, one of 10 inches; iron, one of 10 inches. In the magazine, powder, 1,000 barrels.

Provisions of all species for 400 men for four months.

[The isle of Geese is about 200 English miles in compass. It lies N. W. and S. S. E. within cannon shot of the continent. It is almost inaccessible, being surrounded with rocks, or included with a ridge of black and round pebbles and stones, except a small bay to the E. N. E. The anchorage is good round the isle, especially in this little bay. The soil is a red sandy mould, and unfit for pasture.]

Letter from Capt. Barton, of the Litchfield man of war, stranded on the coast of Barbary, at a place called Vendere, about nine leagues to the northward of Saffy, dated December 4.

I am sorry to inform you, that on the 29th of November his Majesty's ship Litchfield, of 50 guns, and 350 men, was cast away here. We have lost the first lieutenant, captain of the marines, and his lieutenant, with several officers and seamen, amounting to the number of 150. There is of us on board two of my lieutenants, and other officers and seamen, amounting to 220. It blew so hard when we came on shore, that the ship soon went to pieces, and we could not save provisions or any other necessaries. For these two days past we have been on shore, and have subsisted on drowned sheep and hogs, and water and flour hardened on the fire. A great number of men are lamed by the bruises received against the rocks by the violence of the surf. The poor sufferers were extremely ill used by the natives when they got ashore. The Somerset, a transport with troops, and a bomb ketch, which were in company with the Litchfield, are said to have shared the same fate.

Letter from Samuel White, Esq.; the British confidant at Vigo, dated December 17.

Four days ago came in here a French privateer called la Favorite, Capt. Saurel, who, on the 27th past, fell in with an English brig, pink herring, about 100 tons burthen, boarded her, and found only two Genoese. Seeing the vessel all bloody on the deck, and that all the papers
papers had been thrown overboard, he suspected they had murdered the captain and crew; and taxing them with the fact, they confessed that they had killed the captain, his son, and every soul, being seven in all. The cruel way they perpetrated this massacre was as follows: Each of these villains was in different watches, one in the master's, the other in the mate's. He that was in the mate's watch went down with them to sleep, and waited till he found them all fast, then cut all their throats, stabbed them, and left them all dead. The captain, being on the deck, knew nothing of this. This fellow then came upon the deck, and told his comrade what he had done below; upon which, they both at once fell on the captain, and cleaved him down with a hatchet; being not quite dead, they finihed him with a musket; and the man at the helm they cut in two; and so made an end of them all but the captain's son, who was left three days crying for his father. The third day they said, that, as he squalled like a cat, they would dispatch him likewise; so they cut the child in two. The vessel is sent to Bayeaux in France, with these two villains in her. She was, they say, the Peggy, Capt. Forman; was coming from Carolina to Lisbon; and had got within sixty leagues of the rock of Lisbon, when this horrid barbarity was perpetrated.

His Majesty's ships Royal 29th. George and Namur, sailed from Spithead, in order to come into harbour; but just as they got abreast of the platform, the wind took them short, and the Namur ran aground; the lighters and boats in the harbour came instantly to her assistance; the upper deck guns were got out, the water and beer aboard flowed, and the ship made as light as possible, and shored; but as the water left her, it being ebbing tide, she took a little to the harbor side, and lay in that manner till eleven at night, when they warpt her into the channel without much damage.

At Mr. Bray's, a founder in Hofer-Lane, near Wall-Smithfield, a Spanish shell, by lying too near the forge, as they were melting copper, burst with an explosion so extraordinary, that five men who were at work, tho' they were no otherwise hurt, did not recover their hearing for some minutes. The whole neighbourhood were alarmed by the report, and the glasses in some windows were much shattered. When the pieces were collected, they weighed 3½ lbs. less than when the shell burst.

The latest accounts from Spain say, that ever since the death of the Queen, the King hath kept himself immured at Villa Viciosa, where he shuts himself up in a chamber, abandoning himself to grief and melancholy, in a manner, of which there are few examples. He will not hear of any business. He often pinest thirty, sometimes sixty hours, without taking any food, or even the least rest, but by intervals; laying himself down across chairs. His constitution, naturally good, is daily impaired by this kind of life. He is much waited; and a slow fever, which sometimes increases much, wears him insensibly. He hath never suffered himself to be shaved, nor put on clean linen since the fifth of September. He remains unmoved by the most respectful, and the most vehement representations. The care and skill of

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the ablest physicians have produced no effect. The nation, naturally devout, hath recourse to saints and relics. Amidst these melancholy circumstances, he hath, however, been prevailed with to make his will. The count of Valdeparaíso performed the office of notary on that occasion, and the Duke of Bejar, high chancellor, signed it for the King. The infant Don Lewis Rives constantly at the palace of Villa Viciosa; but he doth not see the King, who will see nobody. His Royal Highness amuses himself, from time to time, with hunting, to avoid, perhaps, falling into his dillyder.

The mountain, called General's Berge-Sund, near Stockholm, in Sweden, lately tumbled down with a dreadful concussion; it overwhelmed two loaded waggons, with their drivers, and the enormous pieces that fell from it rolled to the distance of many hundred paces.

There was sold lately in Smithfield market, a calf, only nineteen weeks old, for five pounds seven shillings and sixpence, and weighed 3161b. This calf was bred by Mr. Sutton, of Downham, near Billericay, in Essex.

His Majesty hath been pleased to order, that a form of thanksgiving for the ceasing of the dillemper amongst the cattle, be composed, and sent throughout the kingdom, to be used in all churches and chapels on Sunday the 8th of February next.

As a singular instance of the exceeding great luxury in vegetation of some plants this last wet summer, the following account of a radish now in the possession of Roger North, Esq; of Rougham, in Norfolk, may justly merit the attention of the public. The diameter of the spread of the leaves across the tuft or top, measured three feet eleven inches; the length of the root is two feet six inches and a half; the girt, near the top of the root, twenty inches and a half; at the bottom ten inches; and the whole plant, when fresh, weighed sixteen pounds four ounces. This grew in the garden of Mr. William Davy, of Ingelthorpe, in Norfolk.

A gentleman in the county of Galway, in Ireland, hath kept, at his own expence, for above thirty years past, eighteen poor children, whom he compleatly cloaths, and gives them their education, in reading, writing, and arithmetic, at the expence of only twelve pounds a year, which is a less colt than a small pack of hounds.

As the importation of Irish provisions is continued by act of parliament, it may be useful to many poor families to know the method of making the salt butter palatable, by taking from it any rankinels or disagreeable taint, it may acquire by long keeping. The quantity propos'd to be made ufe of, either for toasts or melting, must be put into a bowl filled with boiling water, and when the butter is melted, skim it quite off; by this method it is so separated from any gross particles, that it may require a small addition of salt, which may be put into the cold water, that is made ufe of in melting butter for sauce; and though the butter is oiled by hot water, it becomes a fine cream in the boiling for sauce.

Letters from Lisbon of the 30th ult. advise, that a most dangerous and wicked conspiracy against the life of his most faithful Majesty, having been happily discovered, a number of persons had been arrested by
by the King's order, of whom the following are the principal, viz.

Duke de Aveiro, marquis of Tavora, father; marquis of Tavora, son; Joseph Maria, son of the said marquis; Joseph Maria, brother to the said marquis; the Count de Almougaia, Manuel de Tavora, marquis de Alloria, Don Manuel de Souza, Nuno de Tavora, John de Tavora, with all their families.

A placard has been published, in which the King makes known his most providential escape on the third of September last, when he was attacked, at eleven o'clock at night, near the palace, by three of the conspirators, armed with three blunderbusses, loaded with large shot; one of the blunderbusses miffed fire, but the others made two large holes in the back of the carriage the King was in, and wounded him in the arm, of which his Majesty is now happily recovered, without the least hurt remaining.

The fame placard promised certain honours and rewards for the discovery of any of the criminals, with a pardon to any of the accomplices, except the principals.

His most faithful Majesty has resumed the government of the kingdom.

And the following persons have, we hear, been since taken up, viz. the Count de Harlogie, the Marquis de l'Orne, Don Emanuel de Souza Caljary, and Don Antonio de Coflar, grand justiciary of the kingdom; together with some of the chief Jesuits.

In the proclamation which the King published, to inform his subjects of the conspiracy, it is said, amongst other things, 'That the authors of this horrible plot had spread a report beforehand, that the King would not live long, and 'even fixed the time of his death to the month of September 1758.'

The write from Franckfort, that on the second instant, at ten in the morning, the regiment of Nassau presenting themselves as if they only wanted to pass through the city, a detachment of the garrison went to meet them, by way of ceremony, as is usual, and conducted them as far as Saxenhausen-gate; but, instead of proceeding further, the said regiment took post there, seized the grand guard, and likewise mastered the gunners guard. Soon after, the regiments of Beauvoisine, Rohan, Pochfort, Bentheim, and Roy Deux Ponts, came and occupied the principal places; and thus, while the inhabitants feaut suspected it, the French troops made that imperial city the head quarters of the Prince of Souhile.

This treacherous incroachment upon the privileges of a free imperial city, is highly resisted throughout Germany: and even the court of Vienna seems displeased at it, the Emprefs having wrote in very strong terms upon the subject, to the court of Verfaailles; but as this city has always appeared favourable towards the King of Prufia, her imperial Majesty's sincerity may be suspected, especially if the French should hold the petition they have thus taken.

There died lately the following remarkable persons.

Mr. Vivian, professor of civil history in the university of St. Andrew's, aged 50.

William Barcon, at Brodie-houfe, Scotland, aged 109; he had been a servant in the Brodie family ever since 1631.

Katherine Mackenzie, at Foxlet-Castle, in Ross-shire, aged 118, on December 14.
The number of burials last year in Paris, was 21,120; christenings 19,369; marriages 4059; foundlings 4969.

Letter from Whitby, dated Jan. 23, 1759.

Yesterday a very extraordinary fish was brought in here by our fishermen, which broke into three pieces as they were hauling it into the coble. It was eleven feet four inches long, exclusive of the tail; had a head like a turbot or bratt; was about a foot broad near its head, but not above four or five inches near the tail, and not any where more than three inches thick. The thickeft part was its belly, and it gradually diminished away towards the back, which was sharp, and had all along it one continued fin, from the head to the tail. It was covered with an infinite number of white scales, which stuck to, and dyed every thing that it touched; and might be said in some fort to resemble the quicksilvered back of a looking-glass. It appeared, when laid on the land, like a long oak plank; and was such a fish as nobody here ever saw before, which caused a vast concourse of people round it during the whole day.

LIONEL CHARLTON.

FEBRUARY.

At fix this evening George Guest of Birmingham, who had laid a considerable wager that he walked a thousand miles in twenty-eight days, finished his journey with great ease. It should seem that he had lain by for bets; for in the two last days he had 106 miles to walk, but walked them with so little fatigue to himself, that, to shew his agility,
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agility, he walked the last six miles within the hour, though he had six hours good to do it in.

The following odd accident happened on new-year's day last: several gentlemen being out a fox-hunting, unkindelled a fox near a place called Wellington, in Shropshire, and pursued him as far as the Cleethorpe, near Ludlow; upon which hill are a number of coal-pits, so that travellers are obliged to use much caution on some parts of the hill, for fear of falling in. Upon the top of this hill the hounds had the fox in view, almost tired, and close at his heels, when in the fight of numbers of sportsmen (who were obliged to keep off for fear of the pits) the fox threw himself into one of them, and the dogs being quite loft on the scent, no less than six couple of the foremost threw themselves after him; five of them were killed on the spot, and the rest much hurt. Several workmen were in the pit (which was near sixty yards deep) who were very much frightened at so unusual an affair.

Eight desperate fellows, part 2d. of a gang of fourteen, living in and near Thaxted in Essex, were committed to Chelmsford gaol; one of whom has fincular evidence. These villains, besides robbing on the highway, have been the terror of the country round, by breaking into houses in the dead of the night, using the frighted people cruelly, and taking from them plate, linen, jewels, and money. It is computed that this gang has railed by plunder upwards of 10,000l.

Extract from this day's London Gazette.

Lisbon, Jan. 29. On the first instant, the count de Obiros, and the count de Riberia-grande, were sent to the castle of St. Julian, and guards placed at the doors of their respective dwelling-houses; but in general, it is thought that these two gentlemen are not implicated in the conspiracy, but rather that they may have been too free of speech. On Thursday the 4th instant, the duchess of Aveiro, the countess of Atouguia, and the Marchioness of Alorna, and their children, were sent to different nunneries. On Friday, the 12th instant, eight Jesuits were taken into custody. A council was appointed by the King, for the trial of the prisoners, composed of the three secretaries of state, the person acting as chief justice in the room of the duke of Albuquerque, who is still indisposed, and five other judges, the factor of the crown being present. The whole process was closed on Tuesday the 9th instant. The marchioness of Tavora, wife to the general of horse, was brought on Wednesday the 12th, from the convent das Grilas, to the place where the other criminals were confined; this lady was one of the chief instruments in this conspiracy.

Saturday the 14th instant, being the day appointed for the execution, a scaffold had been built in the square, opposite to the house where the prisoners were confined, and eight wheels fixed upon it. On one corner of the scaffold was placed Antonio Alvarez Ferreira, and on the other corner the effigy of Joseph Policarpio de Azevedo, who is still milling; these being the two persons that fired at the back of the King's equipage. About half an hour after eight in the morning, the execution began. The criminals were brought out one by one, each under a strong guard. The
marchioness of Tavora was the firft
that was brought upon the scaffold,
where she was beheaded at one
stroke. Her body was afterwards
placed upon the floor of the scaffold-
ing, and covered with a linen cloth.
Young Joseph Maria of Tavora, the
young marquis of Tavora, the count
of Ataúguia, and three servants of
the duke of Aveiro, were firft stran-
gled at a lake, and afterwards their
limbs broken with an iron instru-
mant; the marquis of Tavora, gen-
eral of horse, and the duke of
Aveiro, had their limbs broken
alive. The duke, for greater ig-
norancy, was brought bare-headed
to the place of execution. The bod-
y and limbs of each of the crimi-
nals, after they were executed, were
thrown upon a wheel, and covered
with a linen cloth. But when An-
tonio Alvarez Ferreira was brought
to the lake, whose sentence was to
be burnt alive, the other bodies were
exposed to his view; the combusti-
able matter, which had been laid un-
der the scaffolding, was set on fire,
and the whole machine, with the
bodies, were consumed to ashes,
and thrown into the sea.
A reward of 10,000 crowns is
offered to whoever shall apprehend
the person of Joseph Policarpio de
Aveiro.
The embargo was taken off the
shipping the 16th instant; the three
English men of war, the merchant
ships under their convoy, and the
Hanover packet, which failed the
3rd of December, are the only ships
that have given out of this port from
the 10th of December to the day
the embargo was taken off.
The King and the royal family
affixed on Monday the 15th instant,
at The Deum fung at the chapel of
Nossa Senhora do Livramento, in
thanksgiving for his majesty's happy recovery. As this
was the firft time that his majesty had
appeared abroad, great demonstra-
tions of joy were shewn by the peo-
ple, to whom the King was pleased
to give the satisfaction of waving
his handkerchief, firft in one hand,
then in the other, to shew that he
had the use of both. Te Deum,
for the King's recovery, has also
been sung in all the churches and
chapels throughout the kingdom.
We are likewise informed by
private letters from Lisbon, that on
the 6th ult. all the estates and ef-
fects of the Jesuits in the kingdom
of Portugal were sequestrated, since
which they have begun to make an
inventory of all the estates, move-
able and immovable, money, jew-
els, &c. of the society, each of
whom is allowed but ten sols a day
for his subsistence: and they have
even already begun to sell some of
their effects by auction, and to let
some of their land estates to farm,
though none of these proceedings
have as yet been authorized by any
bull from Rome.
The same letters add, that the
duke d'Aveiro confessed, when put
to the torture, and perjured in it till
the last, that he was drawn into the
conspiracy against the king by the
three Jesuits (one an Italian, the
others Portuguese) who had been
distilled from being confessors to
the royal family. These three are
confined in separate prisons, and
have no mercy to expect; but the
government will punish none of the
members of this society, till they
know the whole number concerned
in the plot, one of whom is, it seems,
the father rector of the Jesuits col-
lege of St. Patrick; for, after a
long examination by the secretary
of state, he had been committed to
prison.

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Hague, Feb. 6. The first of this month there came here a fresh deputation from the merchants of Amsterdam; who, on receiving advice that the cargoes of the Dutch West-India ships detained by the English, which took in their cargoes in the manner called overschippen, would be declared lawful prizes, as being French property, and that the admiralty had given them only till the 26th instant to produce proofs to the contrary, have petitioned the States General to use their intercession, representing to them the impossibility of their furnishing the proofs required in a short time, and that as St. Eufapiahas but one road where the ships have no other way to take in their cargo but that of overschippen, this is, to take the goods out of the French boats to put them on board the Dutch vessels, such a sentence of the admiralty would give the coup de grace to the trade of that colony.

At the court of King's Bench, the case was debated in relation to the affair of Mr. Beardmore, under sheriff for the county of Middlesex; when he was found guilty of a contempt of court, in not discharging the duty of his office, by causing the sentence of Dr. Shebeare to be duly executed. — The fact was, Dr. Shebeare, by the sentence of the court of King's Bench pronounced upon him, was to have stood in and upon the pillory; but it was proved that he stood upon the pillory only.

Died Geo. Cha Emilius, posthumous son of the late prince of Prussia, at Berlin.

A court martial, General 17th. Noal president, was held for the trial of two officers of distinction, who contested the honour of heading the troops that were left at St. Cas, after the death of General Dury. The officers are the colonels Cary and Lambert.

Notice was this day given from the war office, that, for the future, whoever intends to purchase a commission in the army, should first inform himself, whether the commission, for which he is in treaty, may be sold with the King's leave: and, in all instances, where it shall be found that any money, or other consideration, has been given for a commission not openly sold with the leave of his majesty, the person obtaining such commission will be superseded.

The stationers company have given 50l. and the stationers company 100l. to the marine society, their second subscription. Each company gave 100l. before.

The Ruby, a transport ship from St. John's, with 400 French prisoners, was left off the westward islands. Only seventy of the people were saved.

By the new treaty with the King of Prussia, his Prussian majesty is to receive the same subsidy as last year, which was 670,000l.

And by the treaty with the Landgrave of Hesse, that prince, in consideration of the immense losses he hath sustained by his steady adherence to the common cause, is to receive a subsidy of 60,000l.

Amongst the variety of the uncommon vegetable productions in the last year, the following seems not the least extraordinary, viz. a turnip which was pulled up at or near Tudenham, in Norfolk, weighing upwards of 29lb.

A gentleman who lately came from Chester informs, that one Tho. F 4 Siddal,
Siddal, a gardener in the suburbs of that city, has now in his possession a potatoe, which he lately dug out of his own garden, that weighs seventeen pounds four ounces avoirdupois, measures in circumference thirty-eight inches, and in length forty seven inches and an half.

Reading, Feb. 10. Among the many remarkable instances of the forwardness of the present spring, we are well assured, that in the parish of Caverham near this town, there is now a nest with young thrushes nearly fledged. At sunny-side and Bishop Wearmouth, near Sunderland, they have gooseberries as large as peas, upon the bushes, which seem to stand and be in a thriving condition.

Birmingham, Feb. 10. On Monday evening a mare of Mr. Stokes of Kinfare, in Staffordshire, died; she fell ill the day before, and, on being opened by Mr. Clewes, a farrier of the same place, who had the care of her, had in the rumen, or gut nearest the fundament, a stone which weighed a pound and ten ounces, being larger than the prestige would receive, and in the colon or large gut was found another stone, which weighed one pound fourteen ounces and an half, and measured twelve inches round. They are like Brazil bowls, and, when struck together, sound like pebble stones.

Letters from France give an account that the count de St. Florentine was hanged on the 8th inst. at his audience in the Louvre, by a young girl of nine years and a half, living on his estate at Chateauneuf, who was born deaf and dumb, and who had been by that minister committed to the care of the Sieur Perche, remarkable for his talent of learning the dumb to speak.

In the evening between seven and eight o'clock, Mrs. Walker, wife of the late Mr. Leonard Walker, timber-merchant, of Rotherhith, was barbarously murdered at her own house, by Mary Edmonson, her niece, about twenty years of age. The particulars are as follows: Mrs. Walker sent into Yorkshire the beginning of the winter, for this niece, to come and live with her as a companion; but her behaviour not answering her aunt's expectation, her aunt told her she should go to some good service as soon as the spring came on. A fortnight before the murder, the niece, at night, went into the yard, and made a noise by throwing down the washing-tubs, and then run in and told her aunt, that four men broke into the yard; but upon alarming the neighbours none could be found. This fatal evening the niece went backwards and made the same noise as before, and the deceased missing her niece some time, and hearing a noise, went backward to call assistance; upon which her niece, who had hid herself, seized her aunt, and with a cake-knife immediately cut her throat, and the died in a few minutes; her niece then dragged her out of the wash-house into the parlour, took her aunt's watch from her side, some silver spoons, and the bloody knife, and hid them under the water-tub; her apron, being soaked with blood, she put under the copper, and put on a clean one; and then, to hide her guilt, cut her own wrist across, and went out and cry'd, her aunt was murdered by four men, who gag'd her, and in endeavouring to save her aunt, they cut.
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cut her across her writ. But the gentlemen in the neighbourhood having a strong suspicion of her being the person, they secured her, and, upon examination, she confessed the fact. The coroner's inquest brought in their verdict wilful murder against her; upon which she was committed to the new gaol in Southwark.

24th. Came on at doctors common, before Sir Thomas Salisbury, Knt. judge of the high court of admiralty, the trials of a number of Dutch ships taken by men of war and privateers; when the cargoes of upwards of 50 of them were condemned as legal prizes. Appeals were lodged against the sentence by the owners of most of them.

Died Mr. Bedal, late an ironmonger in Old-street, aged 70.

At ten at night was felt, at Liskeard in Cornwall, a slight shock of an earthquake, which extended north and south six miles, and about four leagues east and west; it was a vibratory motion, and continued about two or three seconds. George Thomson, esq; apprehensive of what it was, went out to observe the air, and saw multitudes of blood-red rays converging from all parts of the heavens to one dark point, but no luminous body. The phenomenon disappeared in fifteen minutes.

28th. The treaty between England and Denmark, which had for some time been negotiating is broke off; his Danish majesty being determined to adhere to his neutrality.

The Pope has issued a decree, allowing the bible to be translated into the language of all the catholic countries.

They write from Madrid of the 6th of February, that the news they had received five or six days before from Villa Viciosa, where the King resides, had thrown the whole city into the greatest con terration, by representing the King at the very point of death; but that this crisis had been followed with a calm which had dissipated their fears; that the King had been for a whole day in as favourable a way as could be desired, and that the letters on the 6th instant had brought an account that his majesty had slept very well.

One Susanna Hannekes, an elderly woman of Wingrove near Ayicbury, was accused by a neighbour for bewitching her spinning wheel, so that she could not make it go round, and offered to make oath of it before a magistrate; on which the husband, in order to justify his wife, insinued upon her being tried by the church bible, and that the accuser should be present; accordingly she was conducted to the parish church, where she was stript of all her cloaths to her shift and under-coat, and weighed against the bible; when, to the no small mortification of her accuser, she out-weighed it, and was honourably acquitted of the charge.

A very tragical affair happened some time ago at St. Eulalia: A Negro, who was at work on a ship in the harbour, having had some words with a white person, in his passion stabbed him; upon which another Negro told him, that he would certainly be put to death; and that, if he had killed twenty, they could do no more to him; whereupon the fellow, in a fit of despairation, immediately jumped over-board.
board, and swam to shore, with a
knife in his hand; and the first per-
son he met with happened to be an
English sailer, whom the villain in-
stantly cut across the belly, so that
his bowels appeared: this done, he
in a moment ran into a wolle-

draper's shop, and stabbed a young
fellow fitting behind the counter;
he then ran into the street, and
wounded desperately one or two
others. By this time the people
were greatly alarmed; but the fel-
low being desperate, every body
shunned him: the governor offered
a reward to any one who would
take him alive, and a sailer un-
derstoole it, armed with a musket; but
if he found it impracticable, he was
to shoot him.—The Negroe, who
was then at the wharf side alone,
saw him coming, and met him with
great resolution; he made an effay
to stab the sailer, by giving a sud-
den leap upon him; but the tar
avoided it, and struck at him with
the butt end of his musket, and
broke his arm: upon which, with
great intrepidity, he got his knife
into the other hand, and made an-
other puth at the sailer, but with as
little succes as the former; and by
another blow he was, with the affil-
ance of some other persons who had
gathered, secured alive. He was in-
mediately brought to trial, and con-
demned; and next day hung upon
a gibbet, in irons, alive, where he
continued in the greatest agonies,
and shrieking in the most terrible
manner, for near three days. His
greatest cry was, water, water, wa-
ter; it being extreme hot weather,
and the sun full upon him.

The city of Petersburg has suffer-
ed prodigiously from the milduries
of the winter; the flidges that usu-
ally supplied the inhabitants with
all the necessaries of life from im-
mense distances, have been rendered
useless for want of frost and snow to
level the roads; provisions have
therefore risen to the most extrava-
gant prices, and the poor citizens
have felt all the calamities of a fa-
mine, notwithstanding the abun-
dance with which the people in the
country are every where supplied.

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The Hon. Commodore Kep-
pel, with the Torbay of 74, 1st,
Nassau of 64, Fougeaux of 64, and
Dunkirk of 60, arrived at Port-
smouth. They sailed from the island
of Goree about the 27th of January,
and left all quiet.

Died the Rev. Mr. Tate, rector of
Burnham, near Windor, aged 98.

Advice was received at the
Admiralty from Capt. Hood, 3d
of the Tetta of 32 guns, and 220
men, that on the 21st of February
he fell in with the Bellona a French
frigate of the same force from Mar-
tinico, with dispatches from the
governor for the French court; and
that, after a desperate engagement
of four hours, he had taken her and
brought her to Spithead. The Veita's
lieutenant found more than 30 dead
upon the deck, when he took pos-
session of the Bellona, and the
French acknowledged they threw
10 or 12 overboard. When the
struck she had only her foremost
standing, without either yard or
top-mast; and when Capt. Hood
brought to, all his own top-mast fell
over the side; the lowermost mast
would likewise have gone, had not
the weather proved very fine. The
Veita
Vefal had five killed and twenty-two wounded. When Capt. Hood first gave chase, the Trent was about four miles to leeward, and gave chase at the same time; when the engagement began the Trent was out of sight; when the Bellona struck the Trent was about the same distance off as at first setting out. The Bellona left Martinico the 16th of January, in company with the Florissant, and a frigate of her own force. They were all chased by a part of Commodore Moore's squadron, from whom the Bellona got clear by a superiority of sailing; but did not know how it fared with her companions. The English troops landed on the very day that the fact fell.

General Abercrombie arrived at Portmouth, in the Kenfington man of war, from North-America.

Advice was received from Harwich, that the Dutch mail of the 23d ult. was unluckily thrown over-board by a mistake. The vessel that brought it was Dutch, and being boarded by a privateer, hastily concluded it must be an enemy; but, upon enquiry, found it to be an English cruiser, Capt. Gilby of London.

A native of Norway has proposed a scheme for catching cod in the open seas, and for curing them in such quantities as to load four ships in as many days.

M. Boreel, M. Vander Poll, and M. Meerman, the ministers from the States General of the United Provinces, arrived in town from Holland. Their secret instructions are, 1. That those gentlemen are to insist on the speedy release of the Dutch vessels. 2. That they are not to recede from a point of the draught of the declaration of Jan. 25.

Gum Senegal, with which the Dutch have for a long time supplied the English at an extravagant price, is now purchased by them to supply the French; and this day no less than 276 cwt. was entered at the custom-house on their account.

Sandfort corn-mills, near Hurst, in Berks, were consumed by fire; damage 1500l.

At the sessions of admiralty, at the Old-Bailey, Nicholas Wingfield and Adams Hyde were capitally convicted; Thomas Kent, Thomas Wingfield, Thomas Lewis, and John Ayre, acquitted. Dr. Hay, one of the commissioners of the admiralty, and his Majesty's advocate-general, sat as judge of the court, in the room of Sir Thomas Salusbury, whose lady is dead; Mr. Justice Wilmer, and Mr. Justice Noel, and several doctors of the civil law, were upon the bench. These proceedings were carried on at the expense of the crown, in order to vindicate the honour of the nation; and the council in support of the indictments were the attorney and solicitor general, Mr. Gould, Dr. Betterworth, Mr. Haffey, and Mr. Nafli. Mr. Stowe, and two other gentlemen, were for the prisoners. It appeared upon the trials, that Nicholas Wingfield and Adams Hyde, the masters of two privateer cutters, had feloniously and piratically boarded the ship De Reifende Jacob, assaulted Jurgan Muller, the master thereof, and robbed him of twenty
twenty casks of butter, value 20l. on Aug. 11, 1758. Thomas Wingfield and Thomas Kent were acquitted, because no evidence appeared against them that could affect them, in relation to the fact. Thomas Lewis and John Ayre were indicted for piratically and feloniously boarding and robbing the ship Two Brothers, commanded by Klaas Hendriksz Swart, of five farts of indigo, value 100l. on November 17, 1758. But as there was the strongest and most corroborating proof that they were not at sea on that day, nor could possibly be guilty of the fact, they were acquitted.

A fire broke out in his Majesty's rope-yard at Woolwich in the open day, which instantly gained in such a manner upon the workmen, that had it not been for immediate help from the docks, the whole yard must have been consumed, to the almost irreparable damage of this nation. It broke out by the boiling over of a tar kettle.

Joseph Halfey was tried for the murder of Daniel Davidson on the high seas, about 100 leagues from Cape Finisterre, found guilty, and immediately sentenced to the usual punishment of such crimes. The court afterwards passed sentence on the aforementioned convicts, and then adjourned.

The ship which Halfey (who was but twenty-three years of age) commanded, during the illness and after the death of Capt. Gallop, sailed from Jamaica in July last, in company with a large fleet, under command of two men of war, one of which was the Sphinx. Soon after they left Jamaica, the ship proving leaky, they were obliged to keep one hand at work constantly at the pump. Davidson being sickly, and not able to clear the ship during his half hour, Halfey not only compelled him to pump till he had cleared it, but pump his [Halfey's] half hour besides. Soon after, Halfey put the ship's crew to short allowance of water and bread, giving three quarts to the hands that were well, and five pounds of bread each, and but one quart to the sick, and five pounds of bread between two. He was continually beating Davidson, who desired to be sent on board one of the men of war, in exchange for one of their hands, which Halfey refused, saying, he would torment him a little further before he should have any relief, and that he had no cloaths fit to go on board the man of war, to make the request, and refused the offer made by two masters of vessels, that had come on board, to lend him cloaths. Some time after, Davidson, tired with being so much beat, and wanting necessaries, threw himself overboard; which Halfey seeing, went over after him, and brought him on board again, saying, he should not think to get off so, and he would have a little more tormenting of him yet. And the day before he died tied him up to the throats for an hour, and beat him unmercifully; and afterwards struck him on the breast with a pitch-mop, and beat him off the quarter-deck; after which he was helped down below, and was found dead the next day. Another bill of indictment was found against him for the murder of John Edwards, by striking him with an handspike on his breast, belly, &c. of which he languished and died; but, being convicted of the other murder, he was not tried for that fact.
At the same sessions Capt. William Lugen was tried for the murder of a black infant; he had fallen upon the slaving trade from Bristol, and had taken in about 200 blacks, on the coast of Africa, and was carrying them to Carolina, among whom was a woman with a young child. The woman, in the voyage, happened to die of a flux, and the child being very ill of that distemper, the crew belonging to the ship very naturally committed the care of the poor infant to the people of its own colour; but they, like true savages, handed it upon deck, and refused to admit it amongst them; their reason was, because they believed the distemper to be infectious, and dreaded it as we do a plague. The infant, then, in a very miserable condition, lying exposed to the broiling heat of the sun, and in the agonies of death, (for the surgeon declared it could not live the day out) the captain ordered it to be thrown overboard. The captain appeared to be a man of great humanity in other respects, though, in this instance, he seems to have forgot the tenderness of his nature, and, as the court very justly observed, took upon himself to determine upon a case of life, which Providence alone could only decide. He was however acquitted, as there could be no premeditated malice in the case.

An additional duty of 5 per cent. is laid upon all dry goods, including all East India goods, tobacco, sugar, grocery and brandy; foreign spirits, foreign linens, and foreign paper; also 1/2 a pound of coffee, and 94 on chocolate: all which duties are to be applied towards paying the interest of the sums raised, and to be raised for the current service of the year.

A violent storm did incredible damage to the shipping, as well as to the houses and churches all along the western coast, more particularly at Falmouth, where many vessels drove from their anchors, and suffered considerably. Some lost their masts, others went upon the sand, and one or two filled with water. In this storm nineteen persons in a passage-boat from Pool to Wareham, were forced upon the beach, thirteen of whom perished in endeavouring to recover the shore. Nothing could be more dismal than to see the poor souls half buried in the mud, with the sea beating over them; without being able to afford them any relief; and their piercing cries were terrible.

The Dorsetshire man of war was paid at Spithead, when many of the sailors, by means of the late act in their favour, were enabled to remit their money to their families or friends. It is said, that no less than 16,000L. have been remitted in this manner, in little more than three months, by the few ships crews that have been paid in that time, which sums used mostly to be squandered in riot and debauchery. Diff'd be the good man that promoted this benevolent act

About eighty Highlanders, wounded at the battle 13th. at Ticonderoga in America, for our from Portsmouth in wagons, in order to be sent, some to hospital, for cure, others to Chelsea hospital, and the rest to return to their own country. Some of them were lacerated by the flags and broken nails which the enemy fired, that they are deemed incurable.

The two gold medals, 14th., given annually by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, chancellor of
of the university of Cambridge, were adjudged to Mr. Hawes of Jefus, and Mr. Cowper of Corpus Christi College, bachelors.

Joseph Halifey, who had been reprieved till then, was carried from Newgate to Execution-Dock, where he was executed about ten o'clock, pursuant to his sentence. He behaved, whilst under condemnation, with great intrepidity and resolution, always perfifting in his innocence; which he did to the last; and therefore could not be persuaded to think of death; but when the warrant came down, he gave up all hope, and with great resignation submitted to his fate, though very deftrious of life. His body was afterwards brought to Surgeon's-hall.

One John Halifey, who had been tried at Reading assizes, and found guilty of an assault upon his own daughter, with an intent to commit a rape, was sentenced to stand on the pillory, and suffer a year's imprisonment.

A fine brass statue of General Blakeney, done by the celebrated Van Noft, was set up in Dublin, on a marble pedestal in the center of the Mall.

The price of wheat, which had risen considerably the week before, on account of the act for taking off the prohibition on exportation, fell 3s. a quarter.

Nothing can yet be said with certainty, with respect to the fate of the Jefuits, though it is reported, on the one hand, that the Pope has requested that they may not suffer in the habit of their order; and on the other, that the King of Portugal has requested the Pope to take upon himself the chastiffing of the clergy under arrefl, that are concerned in the late conspiracy against his per-

fon, but nothing, it seems, has been determined as yet on this subject.

Mr. Haynes, a carpenter in St. John's Street, being seiz'd with a giddines, while his wife was employed in rubbing the part afflicted, his hair came off from his head and eye-brows.—The same accident happened some years ago to Mr. Stanley, of St. Andrew's, Holborn.

Mrs. Mofs, of Broad-street-buildings, was brought to bed of three sons.

The following acts were signed by commiffion, An act for taking off the prohibition of corn, malt, meal, flour, bread, bicaft, and flarch—for punishing mutiny and defertion—for regulating his Majesty's marine forces, while on shore—for indemnifying persons who have omitted to qualify themselves for employments—for explaining an act of the 22d of his present majesty, for the more easy recovery of small debts in the borough of Southwark—to seven road bills, and seventeen private acts.

Fifteen waggons with small arms went from the Tower, for the use of the militia in the west of England.

The society of merchants and insurers of ships, having received information that several neutral ships have been plundered by their enemies by pretended English privateers, have renewed their reward of 100l. for detecting and convicting all fuch pirates, over and above the reward offered by the Lords of the Admiralty.

Died, Mr. John Britte, of Griesdale, Cumberland, aged 101; he was the survivor of seven children, whose ages amount to 599.
For the Y E A R 1 7 5 9 .

From the London Gazette, March 31.

We hear from Copenhagen, that letters, received there from Tranquebar, on the coast of Coromandel, dated June 25, 1758, say, That a fleet of eleven French men of war came on that coast the 25th of April: That the next day the English fleet, under Admiral Pocock, palled by that port, on sight of which the French squadron weighed anchor and put to sea: That the English pursued them, and in the afternoon a very brisk engagement began; in which, it was said, the French has lost 900 men, and the English two ships, and a great many men; and that after the action, a French ship of 74 guns ran aground: That the French, and all their militia, under the command of Lieut. tenant General Lally, marched to Fort St. David's, and Goudelour. That the latter was taken by capitulation, and Fort St. David's was likewise obliged to surrender, after a severe bombardment; and that thereupon the French were making all necessary preparations for attacking Madras, after they had made themselves masters of Tanjour, or that their demands there should have been complied with. Subsequent letters, dated likewise from Tranquebar, of August 27, farther say, that the French marched the 25th of June to Tanjour, where they arrived the beginning of August, and made an attempt upon that place, in which, to their great surprize, they were not able to succeed, those in Tanjour having carried on a negotiation with them for some time, and taken their measures so well, that the French found themselves in great distress for want of

Nicholas Wingfield and Adam Hyde, condemned at the late sessions of the high court of admiralty, held at the Old Bailey, were executed at Execution-Dock, where they behaved with a becoming decency.

August 17, 1758, the cause relating to the capture of the Dutch ship called the Maria Thereza, came on to be heard before our court of admiralty, when the following sentence or decree was pronounced by that court, viz.

"That the goods ought to be " presumed to belong to enemies, " or to be otherwise confiscable, " and condemned the same as law " ful prize;" but pronounced the ship to belong to the claimant, and decreed the same to be restored with freight.

From the first part of this sentence or decree there was an appeal brought, which came on to be heard before the following lords, viz. Lord Sandys, Earl of Chelmondeley, Lord Mansfield, Earl of Thomond, Earl Cornwallis, Viscount Falmouth, Mr. Vice Chamberlain, Lord President, Lord Lyttelton, Earl of Hardwicke, Earl of Holderness, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Geo. Grenville, Esq; and Duke of Argyle; Who pronounced, that such part of the sentence be reversed, as is complained of by the appellant; the ship being restored with the acquiescence of the captor, and the cargo not being proved to be the enemy's property, and appearing to belong to the subjects of the United Provinces; with costs against the captor, but no damages, as the appeal was brought to late before the lords.

The embargo on ships, laden with provisions in Ireland, was ordered to be taken off.
of subsistence, and were attacked furiously on all sides: and though they had made a breach sufficient for fifteen men to enter abreast, yet they were obliged, for want of provisions and ammunition, to decamp and abandon Tanjore the 18th of August, leaving behind them five large pieces of cannon. Their loss in men, however, was not very considerable. That during the siege of Tanjore, both the French and English fleets were cruising off the coast of Coromandel, and were alternately in the road of Carical, till the 3d of August, when they came to an engagement which lasted two hours, and was very brisk. That the loss of the French therein was very great, and they found themselves obliged to retire to Pondicherry, where they remained. That the English were come to Carical, where they had taken two or three French barks, which were going by. And that, on the 20th of August, General Lally returned with his army to Carical, and on the 23d marched by Tranquebar, in his way to Pondicherry.

A court martial was held on board the Torrington, at Sheerness, to enquire into the conduct of the Captain of the Dolphin, in her late action with the Marthial Belleisle privateer, on the coast of Scotland; when it was fully proved, by the officers of the Solebay, that he had done his duty as a good officer, and he was honourably acquitted of the whole and every part of the charge exhibited against him.

Letters from the honourable Edward Hay, his majesty's envoy extraordinary at the court of Portugal, to the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated Lisbon, March 11, men-

tion, that all was quiet there at that time.

Warrants were issued out during the course of the month, for press-ing feamen, and able-bodied land-men; these warrants set forth, that it is absolutely necessary, in the present critical situation of affairs, when attempts may be made to invade these kingdoms, that no time should be lost in the immediate equipping of his majesty's fleet. Several hundreds of the ablest penioners of Greenwich hospital have been draughted out upon the present emergency, to serve on board the guardships; by which a number of able sailors will be gained to the navy.

There is advice from Lisbon, that one of the judges who passed sentence upon the conspirators against the life of his Portuguese majesty, was massacred in his own house with three of his servants; that an attempt had been made upon the life of M. Carvalho, secretary of state, which had failed, though the doors of three of his apartments had been broke open by the assassins, who had entered the house at the windows; and that papers had been dispersed through the city, threatening the life of the King.

The Portuguese minister at Rome had cau'd the sentence against the conspirators to be printed in Italian in his own palace, and distributed copies of it to all the foreign ministers, and to the best friends of the Jesuits, to convince them of the guilt of the latter, who, in return, indi-ciously report, that the King of Portugal had fled his kingdom, to avoid being torn in pieces by his subjects, who are all up in arms.

The secretary of the admiralty in Holland, gave notice the beginning of
of the month, that a Dutch man of war would be stationed at Helvetis-fluys by the 20th, to take all ships under convoy, bound for the coast of Normandy, &c. Two men of war were, at the same time, appointed convoy of the Well India fleet.

As the Pope has granted the Empress Queen of Hungary, a bull for raising ten per cent. upon the revenues of all ecclesiastics within her dominions, in order to enable her to carry on the present war, the King of Prussia has most jutly resolved to impose the same tax upon all the popish ecclesiastics within his dominions.

To the influences already given of the forwardness of the spring, may be added the following. In the yard belonging to Mr. Moore, cooper, in Newport-street, Worces-ter, there is an apricot-tree, the greatest part of which is in full flower; and on the other trees are several apricots, some larger than filberds, and others full as large as common nuts.

An entertainment given by the master of the Talbot-Inn, at Ripley, in Surry, on Shrove Tuesday last, to twelve of the neighbours, inhabitants of the said parish, the age of the whole amounted to one thousand and eighteen years: what is still more remarkable, one of the company is the mother of twelve children, the youngest of whom is sixty; she has within this fortnight walked to Guildford and back again, which is twelve miles, in one day: another has worked as a journeyman with his master (a shoe-maker, who dined with him) forty-nine years: they all enjoyed their senfes, and not one made use of a crutch.

Several persons of distinction at

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Bath having lately received anonymous letters, threatening their lives in case they did not deposit sums of money in particular parts of that city; his majesty has been pleased to promise his most gracious pardon to any one concerned therein, who shall discover his accomplices; and the corporation of Bath promise a reward of one hundred pounds to any person making such discovery.

A man, who was lately driving a waggon over Sheepcombb-field, near Cirencester, in Gloucestershire, perceiving one of the hinder wheels to sink very deep in the ground, examined the piece, and found the wheel broke a large stone urn, in which was a large quantity of old Roman copper coin; and upon digging farther, two more urns were discovered near the same part, full of coins of the same metal. The word GALLIEVS appears in legible characters upon several of the pieces.

Thirteen persons were drowned on February 23, by the overturning of a wherry on its passage from Southampton to Heath. Thirteen persons soon after also perished, as they were going from Poole to Ower, in Dorsetshire, in the passage-boat.

Letter from Leghorn, dated February 17.

We learn that the malecontents in Corica, having seized the Lieu-tenant Mancino, a famous partisan of the republic of Genon, who had cut them out a great deal of work, they hanged him up within sight of Battia, with an inscription upon his breast, denoting him to be an enemy to the country. The commif- sary of the republic, by way of re- prifal, would have hanged one of the malecontents that was prisone.
at Balia; but Pauli, their general, found means to save his life, by offering the commissary, that if he carried things to that extremity, two Genevese pieces, which he had in his custody, should undergo the same fate.

To the AUTHOR of the LONDON MAGAZINE.

SIR,

I send the following account of an affair, which, in my opinion, is as strange as was ever noticed.

As I had heard frequent complaints from the neighbours about a strange dog which had done much damage, I had the curiosity to go out in pursuit of him. I accordingly set out Monday morning, and went out with my gun to some woods about four miles and a half from Pomfret, and having walked about for near two hours, I saw a black and white dog come up to me, about as big as a common fox hound. I waited for him, and layed till he had snelt all round me, and walked off from me a little way to a cart, which was returning from Pomfret market, loaded with butcher's meat. I then followed him, when I saw him with great ferocity leap into the cart, and return with a leg of mutton, which he laid down, and then leapt up again and brought a leg of pork towards me, and defended his place, which only appeared like common ground, being covered with furze. He then returned to look for the mutton, which when he miffed, he foamed at the mouth, and all appearance seemed very angry, but returned to his cavern, where he layed for about ten minutes, all which time I was attentively watching his coming up, with the muzzle of my gun close to the hole where he defended, and as I heard him coming up, I discharged my piece, which struck him in the breast, and killed him.

When I and some more friends went the next day in search of this place, we found it about six feet long, and two high, where we found several carcases of dead sheep, and other things, which this surprising animal had lived on some time; there are several farmers of substance will assert this fact, having suffered great damages from this dog, and who are as glad of its death, as, Sir,

Your humble servant,

AMICUS.

APRIL.

Mary Edmonston was this day executed for the murder of her aunt; of the perpetration of which crime we have already given an account. It appeared from the testimony of her brother-in-law, that this young woman had never behaved amiss, that she was soon to have been married to one Mr. King, a clergyman, at Calverly, in Yorkshire, and that she was sent to London with her aunt, to learn a little experience before she became his wife. The proofs against her were circumstantial, and not positive, but very strong ones; therefore our account of the murder, given before, must be read with proper allowances, as only what was then furnished. It is said there she confessed the fact; but, on the contrary, she denied it to the last moment. About nine o'clock, she was brought hand-cuffed, in a poft-chaise, with Mr. Hammond the keeper, from the Stockhouse prison at Kinglon, to the Peacock in Kensington lane, where the hangman hal-
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hindered her; she was directly put into a cart, and carried to Kennington-common, and executed 12 minutes before ten o'clock. She denied the murder, and died very unconcerned, never shedding a tear in her way from Kingston, nor at the gallows. But after some time spent in prayer, spoke to the following effect: It is now too late with God and you to trifle; and I assure you, I am innocent of the crime laid to my charge. I am very easy in my mind, and suffer with as much pleasure as if I was going to sleep. I freely forgive my persecutors, and earnestly beg your prayers for my departing soul, &c."

After the execution, her body was carried to St. Thomas's Hospital, and delivered to Mr. Benjamin Cowel, surgeon, parliant to an order from the high sheriff.

The bank of England hath given notice, they will, for the future, illue out bank notes and paid bills, for ten pounds and fifteen pounds each.

We hear from Gloucester, that one Haines, who had married the daughter of farmer Ewer, a man of 801. a year estate, which he intended to divide among his seven children, had formed a design of getting the whole by poisoning all but his wife. He made use of his own father as an instrument in this villainy, who having procured him a quantity of arsenic, he first administered it to three of the children, who were immediately seized with the symptoms of a fever and sore throat, and were treated accordingly, the eldest of whom (a young man but of age) died. Some time after this, he purchased three apple cakes at the market, and putting arsenic in them, gave them to the other three children, who being instantly taken ill, cauised a suspicion, and Haines was apprehended and examined, when the whole scene of villainy was discovered. He has since, however, made his escape; but his father is now in gaol, and ordered to remain in prison till next assizes, to take his trial as an accessory.

Admiralty-office. His majesty's ship Southampton and Melampe, commanded by the Captains Gilchrist and Hotham, on the 28th past, came up with the French frigate of war the Danae, of 40 guns and 330 men, which after a brisk engagement, was taken, having between 30 and 40 men killed, and a great number wounded. The Southampton had one man killed and eight wounded; among the latter was Capt. Gilchrist; who being shot through the right shoulder with a pound ball, has been put ashore at Yarmouth. The Melampe had 3 men killed and 20 wounded.

His majesty's ship the Albus, Capt. Elliot, on the 15th of March came up with and took La Mignone, a French frigate of 20 guns and 145 men, commanded by the Chevalier de Tranfautville. Her captain and 70 men were killed, the second captain's thigh shot off, and about 25 wounded. On board the Albus were two wounded.

Two gentlemen passengers from Holland, landed at Margate. They affirm they were in the evening boarded in sight of the North Foreland by an English privateer cutter, whose crew in disguise, connived the captain and crew of their vessel in the cabin, and then plundered it of goods to the value of 2000l. demanded the captain's money, and took what the passengers had.

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Died Mrs. Savory, of Old Palace Yard, aged 84.

4th. Thomas Thornehill, Esq; paid to the marine society £21. which he received for a third part of a fine inflicted on a pofter for laying dirt on the public roads, whereby a lady’s coach was overturned, by persons of which she received a curtain on her head, which was the occasion of her death.

The following bills were signed by commission this day.

A bill for granting to his majesty a subsidy of poundage on certain dry goods imported, and an additional inland duty on coffee and chocolate; and for raising a certain sum by annuities and a lottery.

[Five per cent. additional on all dry goods imported, and 1s. per pound on coffee and chocolate.]

—For the free importation of live cattle from Ireland for a limited time.

[For five years; to commence from the first of May 1756.]

—For the free importation of Irish tallow.

[For the same time, but an entry to be made thereof at the customs-house, and to be landed in the presence of an officer, under penalty of paying the duty.]

—For more easy collecting sheriffs’ pett fines.

—For making the river Stroudwater, in Gloucestershire, navigable.

And to several road and private bills.

At the sale of the late Earl of Arran’s curiosities in Covent-Garden, the gloves given by King Henry the eighth to Sir Anthony Denny, were sold for £81. 17s. the gloves given by K. James I. to Edward Denny, Esq; (son of Sir Anthony) for 221. 1s. the mitten given by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Edward Denny’s lady, for 21l. 4s. and the scarf given by King Charles the first, for 10l. 10s. 1d. which were bought for Sir Thomas Denny, of Ireland, who is lineally descended from the said Sir Anthony Denny, one of the executors of King Henry VIII.

The fleerple of Great Billing church in Northamptonshire was demolished by lighting, and some stones of a very large fire driven to a great distance with aloniflin force. The pews in the church were likewise very much thivered.

Died, Geo Fred. Handel, Esq; a great musician. He was born in Germany in 1685; and had been in England 50 years.

The hon. house of commons ad-journed till Monday next night.—The house before it broke up granted 25,152l. for the better fortifying the town and dock of Plymouth; 10,000l. for fortifying the harbour of Milford; 6357l. for better fortifying the town and dock of Portsmouth; and 708l. for securing Chatham dock.

The right hon. the lords of appeal hear council on the ship America, Lewis Perret, taken by his majesty’s ship the Squirrel, Hyde Parker, esq; commander; when their lordships pronounced, that the ship America, in question in this cause, having been freighted on French account, and employed in a voyage to St. Domingo, a French settlement in the West Indies, and having delivered her outward bound cargo with permission of the French governor there, and her homeward bound cargo having been put on board after a survey, and subject to the payment of the several duties, customs,
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customs, and penalties, agreeable to the laws of France, and the matter having destroyed the bill of loading, and many other of the ship's papers, and the cargo found on board being admitted to be the property of French subjects, declared, that the said ship ought by law, to be condemned in this case as a French ship; and therefore affirmed the sentence, condemning the ship and cargo as a prize.

A most cruel murder was committed on the body of John Walker, at one Darby's, near Hales-Owen, by Birmingham, where the deceased, and one Nathaniel Gower, as bailiffs, were in possession of the said Darby's goods, on a distress for rent. About nine that evening, the said Darby's two sons came into the house, and with a broom hook, and bludgeon, fell upon the said bailiffs, and Gower escaping, they cut and beat the deceased till he was almost killed; then stripping him naked, thrust him out of the house, and with a waggan whip cut him almost to pieces. Gower made the best of his way to Hales-Owen, from whence some persons went to the deceased's relief, who found him in a clofe near the said house, wethering in his blood, and with great difficulty carried him to Hales-Owen, where he immediately expired. Upon searching Darby's house, early next morning, he, his wife, and two sons, were secured, but not without great danger to the apprehenders, one of whom narrowly escaped being killed with an ax, with which the old man struck at him. They were all four, on Saturday, committed by the Rev. Mr. Durant, to Shrewsbury gaol, upon proof of the fact, and of old Darby's standing by, and all the time encouraging his sons in perpetrating this scene of villainy. The deceased's coat and waistcoat, and breeches, were, at the time of taking the murderers, found in the house all bloody.

Admiral Boscawen with his fleet, and Rear-Admiral Cornith, with his fleet, and the East-India ships, sailed from St. Helens, for their respective stations.

Two large tea merchant's vessels were seen in the river Ribble at Preston; Lancashire, on which some men went out in boats, with pitchforks, and killed one of them, which weighed between 6 and 700 weight, and had teats, which they squeezed milk out of; and they said it was the sweeter milk they ever tasted.

Copy of a letter from the Hon. Capt. Harrington, of his Majesty's ship Achilles, of 60 guns, to Mr. Cleveland, dated at Plymouth, April 16, 1759. "I have the pleasure to acquaint you of my arrival here, with the Count de Florentin, of 60 guns, and 40 men, from Cape Francois, bound for Rochfort, commanded by the Sieur de Montay, whom I took on the 4th instant, in lat. 45. 15. sixty leagues to the westward of Cape Finisterre, after a close engagement of two hours, in which it was to fortunate as only to have two men killed, and 23 wounded, with my men, and falls, and rigging, much cut and damaged.

The loss on the enemy's side was very considerable, having all his masts shot away, with 126 men killed and wounded, among them, he latter, the captain with a muskett-ball through his body, of which he died two days after.

I must beg you will accept of these their lord.
lordship of the very gallant behaviour of my officers and people upon this occasion.

P.S. Three of my wounded are since dead, as likewise a great number of the enemy's.""

This day Mr. Boll, 17th. Vanderpel, and Meerman, deputies from the State General of the United Provinces, had a private audience of his majesty.

The remains of the late 20th. Mr. Handel were deposited at the foot of the Duke of Argyll's monument in Westminster-Abbey; the bishops, prebends, and the whole choir attended, to pay the last honours due to his memory; and it is computed there were not fewer than 300 persons present on the occasion.

A woman wrote a letter to a gentleman, to offer up her daughter as a prostitute, being about fourteen years of age. The gentleman neglecting to take notice of the first letter, received a second; he then from curiously appointed an interview. The child was brought by another woman, and the gentleman charging rather to protect than ruin innocence, caused them both to be committed to Bridewell. Dreadful as this crime is, it is to be feared, that it is oftener practised than detected.

Some fishermen at Chertsey caught a burgoor, which was seven feet and a half long, and weighed upwards of 200 wt. It has been fet by the lord mayor as a protest to his majesty.

A transaction happened 25th. this day at Yarmouth, occasioned by some distant parts of France being in a state of war, where the merchants of the town, and deputies technical, got they detained in hand, in which many men and horses were desperately wounded.

At the anniversary meeting of the governors of the London hospital, the collection at church and feast amounted to 1766l. 2s.

Towards 280l. was collected for the Middlesex hospital.

Were executed at Exeter, 25th. Charles Darras, Lewis Bourdeau, Fleurant Termeau, Pierre Pitroll, and Pierre Lagnal, five Frenchmen, for the murder of Jean Manaux, their countryman and fellow prisoner, on board the Royal Oak man of war. The provocation Manaux gave them, was his discovering to the acent their forgery of paifes, to facilitate their escape to France. On the 25th of January last, when they were ordered down to their lodging place, Darras, with a beatam's whistle, calling the other French prisoners, dragged Manaux to a part of the ship distant from the contry, and after stripping him, tied him to a ring bolt with small cord, then gagged him, and with the others gave him about sixty strokes with an iron thimble, about as big as a man's wrist, tied to the end of a rope. Manaux, by struggling, got loose, and fell on his back; upon which Lagnal got upon his body, and jumped on it several times, till he broke his chest. Pitroll keeping his feet on his neck. When they found he was dead, they conveyed his body by piece-meal thro' the necessary into the water, because the throwing it overboard would have alarmed the contry. Next day twenty-seven of the French prisoners being brought on shore, one of them gave information of the murder. The five remain were sentenced to be executed on the 20 of April, but were
were respited till the 23rd, and in the mean time a Romanish priest was permitted to visit them.

The collection for the 26th. Magdalen charity amounted to £371 1s.

The trial of James Stephenfon, for the murder of Mr. Bleck an attorney, who attempted to break into his room to seize him after being arrested, came on at Chester, when the jury brought in his verdict special, because of the supposed illegality of the arrest; the sheriff, having as is commonly practised, signed his warrant for apprehending Stephenfon, with a blank for the names of special bailiffs, which were afterwards inserted by Mr. Bleck, one of whom did arrest the prisoner; but whether this was, or was not, a legal arrest, is a point of law to be decided by the judges.

On Wednesday the 14th of March, the birth of a royal Prince was made known to the people of Constantinople, and the following evening public rejoicings began, on account of this happy event. The illuminations, which exceeded all that were ever remembered in that city, continued for a week, and were followed by fireworks, which were played off three nights together on the canal before the seraglio. All possible care was taken to prevent accidents or disorders during these rejoicings; and, for this purpose, all the taverns, which are very numerous, were shut up upon pain of death.

Admiralty-office. On the 27th, Capt. Faulkner, of his Majesty's ship Windor of 60 guns, discovered four large ships to leeward, who, on being chafed, drew up in a line of battle; Capt. Faulkner engaged the foremost, on which the rest made sail and run, and then the ship that was engaged struck. She proved the Duke of Chartrres, pierced for 60 guns, had 24 twelve pounders mounted, and 102 men, twenty-eight of whom were killed, and eighteen wounded; the Windor had one killed, and six wounded. The lading consists of sixty tons of gun-powder, 150 tons of cordage, flour, sail-cloth, wines, &c. The other three ships were of 70, 24, and 24 guns, armed as the former, and all bound to Pondicherry, on account of the French East-India company.

Died Mary Hall, sexton of Bilton-hill, York city, aged 103; she walked about and retained her senses till within three days of her death.

The prohibition of exporting gun powder, salt-petre, arms, ammunition, &c. was ordered to be continued from the 29th instant, for the space of six months.

We hear that Mademoiselle La Conde (nearly related to the Prince of Conde) renounced the errors of the church of Rome, and embraced the protestant religion, in St. Patrick's church, Dublin; and was, with a great number of others, confirmed at St. Peter's church by the Bishop of Clogher the next day.

Letters from Pennsylvania advise, that at a treaty held at Easton, in October last, peace was concluded and ratified between the lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, and the governor of New Jersey, on the behalf of their respective provinces, and the rest of his Majesty's subjects in America, of the one part; and the eight confederate Indian nations, and the Indians called the Delawares, the Unanimes, the Minquas, the Wapangs, and the Mohockons, of the other part; which peace hath since, by the intervention of Brigadier General Forbes, been acceded to,

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Letters from Stockholm advise, that on the 27th ult., in the evening, about seven o'clock, a fun, about four feet in diameter, appeared to the west, which lasted two minutes, and ran as clear a light, as if it had been noon day; and about half an hour before the rising of the moon, there appeared two rainbows.

We have an account from Providence in America, that no less than 1,588 squirrels had been lately shot in that country within ten days, and that at producing the heads, 1,500 hogs were at the tavern. The heads of the said squirrels measured twenty-nine bushels and a half.

Friday morning the second of February last, a pretty smart shock of an earthquake was felt at Bolton in New-England, and in the neighbouring towns. And a shock of an earthquake was also felt, about the same time, preceded by the usual rumbling noise, at Portsmouth in France.

MAY.

Mr. Arnold, under-sheriff of the county of Tyrone in Ireland, was fined 10s. and sentenced two years imprisonment, for beating William Barret, who was ordered for execution for a capital offence, to escape with life; this Barret hung the usual time, till the sheriff thought he was dead, but by means of a collar, he saved himself, and got clear off.

A terrible accident happened to a ship from Holland. Capt. Mayer was at the paddle as he was ruling the bow of a ship, in entering that harbour, which blew up the ship, and all in it except the mate and one boy that escaped, without knowing by what miraculous providence.

The following are the messages lately sent to the house of commons.

GEORGE R.

"His Majesty being desirous that a proper strength may be employed in the settlements of the United Company of merchants of England, trading to the East Indies, recommends to this house, to enable his Majesty to affiul the said company in destroying the enemies of his Majesty's just rights and possessions, recommends it to this house to take the same into consideration, and to enable his Majesty to give them a proper compensation for the expenses incurred by the respective provinces in the levying, clothing, and pay of the troops raised for the same, according to the active vigour and strenuous efforts of the respective provinces, shall justly appear to merit." G. R.

Four hundred and fifty-seven pounds seven shillings 3d. was collected for the support of the Small-pox hospital.

A young man in the shameful disguise of a conjurer, with a large wig and hat of an extraordinary figure, and an old night gown, was committed to Bridewell, being charged with having used libellous and deceitful means to deceive and impose upon his Majesty's subjects.
Elizabeth Cartwright, who 9th had been tapped twenty-nine times for a dropy, and had 19:9 pints of water taken from her, was discharged from the Westminster hospital.

This evening a young African Prince appeared publicly at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane. This youth was committed some time since to the care of an English captain, to be brought over for education, but the captain, instead of performing his promise, sold him to a gentleman in London. The father of the Prince being lately dead, and the captain being upon the coast, was at that time desired by his subjects to bring the young Prince home; but he giving no satisfactory answer, was seized, imprisoned, and ironed, and then confessed the truth; upon which an order was sent to a merchant in that trade, to procure the Prince's enlargement, which was done by purchasing him of the gentleman who bought him; and he is soon to return to his native country.

There was collected at church, and the feast of the sons of the clergy, 70l. 9s. 9d. which, with what was collected at the rehearsal 33l. made the whole collection 103l. 9s. 9d. exclusive of a draught of 100l. given by Sampson Gideon, esq.; for the corporation.

About thirty impressed men on board a tender at Sunderland, forcibly made their escape. The bravery of the leader is remarkable, who being hoisted upon deck by his followers, wrested the halter from the centinel on duty, and with one hand defended himself, while with the other he let down a ladder into the hold for the rest to come up, which they did, and overpowered the crew.

The spire on the top of Salisbury, erected in 1673, being decayed, was blown down. It measured three feet six inches in length, and two feet three inches in breadth, made of oak an inch thick.

The decree of the admiralty court in Scotland, releasing the Dutch ship the Stravore Lythann of Rotterdam, Tarriile Hilbrandes, master, taken by the Bofcaven privateer of London, Captain Harden, is suspended, and a rehearsing granted before the court of sessions. This ship was taken by the Bofcaven on the 18th of June last, in the north seas, and was brought into Leith. Her cargo consisted of sugar, cotton, and indigo, apparently the produce of the West India islands; and from many circumstances there was room to believe, that the whole was the property of the subjects of the French king.

Five hundred pounds were collected for the support of the city of London lying-in hospital.

The King has been pleased to grant to Sampson Gideon, jun. esq. and the heirs male of his body, lawfully begotten, the dignity of a baronet of this kingdom.

The following message, from his Majesty, was presented to the house by Mr. Secretary Pitt.

George R.

"His Majesty relying on the experienced zeal and affection of his faithful commons, and considering that, in this critical conjuncture, emergencies may arise, which may be of the utmost importance, and be attended with the most perilous consequences, it proper means should not immediately be applied to prevent or defeat them, is desir-
ous that this house will enable him to defray any extraordinary expenses of the war, incurred, or to be incurred, for the service of the year 1759, and to take all measures as may be necessary to obviate or defeat any enterprises or designs of his enemies, and as the exigency of affairs may require."

In consequence of the above message, a vote of credit for £2,500,000l. will be granted.

The following answer from 22d. Major General Amherst, to the Right Hon. the Speaker of the House of Commons, who in obedience to the command of that house, had transmitted to the major general their thanks for the services he had done to his King and country in North America, was read by the Speaker.

New-York, April 16, 1759.

SIR,

"I had the favour of receiving your obliging letter of the 6th of December, including a resolution the House of Commons came to that day, in a packet from Mr. Wood, on the third of April.

It is with the deepest sense of gratitude I received that highest mark of honour, the thanks of the House; and I hope my future conduct in the service of my country will bear testimony to it, and render me more deserving of so great an honour.

I must beg leave to return you, Sir, my most sincere thanks for the gracious manner in which you have been pleased to dignify me the reflution of the house.

I am, with the utmost respect, Sir, your humble, and most obedient servant,

J. R. Amherst.

A bill to charge debts arising under a certain sum, after continuing a limited time, in execution, to deliver upon oath their estates for the benefit of their creditors, passed the house of peers.

This day came on before the Lords commissioners of appeal for prizes, at the Cockpit, Whitehall, the merits of a appeal from the court of Admiralty in Doctors-Commons, concerning the right of property in the Dutch ship the Novum Araratrum, and her cargo, taken by the Blenheim privy, James Merryfield, commander; when their lordships were pleased to restore the ship, and that part of the cargo proved to be Dutch property, and ordered a specification of the other part of the cargo in one month, which, it is imagined, will turn out to be the goods of our enemies the French. This specification is what the Dutch have constantly refused to make; but now, if they do not comply, the goods will all be forfeited to the captors.

The Worcesters stage-wagon took fire, occasioned by the burning of a bottle of aqua fortis, by which the valuable loading was totally consumed; damage 5000l.

£2,500,000l. was granted by parliament out of the sinking fund towards the supplies of the present year, alto 185,761l. out of the same for the quarter ending April 5, 1759; 75,089l. overplus of 1758; 100,000l. granted formerly for Russia, but not used; and the remainder of the sum granted for clothing the militia, &c. in 1757.

Admiralty-Office. Capt. Lockhart of his Majesty's ship Champlain of 20 guns. Captain Calby of the Thames of 10 guns, and Capt. Harrison of the Venus of 5 guns, on the 15th in the morning, in Mediterranean bay, saw a French frigate, and after two hours chase, the
she carried her top-mast away. Soon after the Thames came up, and gave her close and brisk fire; but she did not strike till the Venus raked her, and gave her some broad-sides. She proves to be the Arethusa frigate, commanded by the Marquis Vandreul, 32 guns mounted, and 270 men, from Rochefort for Breit; and is esteemed the best sailing frigate in France. She had 60 men killed and wounded. Capt. Colby had four men killed and 11 wounded. Capt. Harrison had five men wounded.

The expected comet has appeared many clear evenings till ten or eleven o'clock, to the west of the south, under the constellation of Hydra, and near that of Crater. It is a luminous appearance, very evident to the naked eye (notwithstanding the light of the moon), yet rather dim than splendid; large, but ill defined. A telescope, at the same time it magnifies, seems to render it more obscure.

Places in the heavens where it hath been for seven evenings, as observed and traced on a twenty-eight inch celestial globe, and the universal sphere, at Mr. Dunn's academy, Paradise-row, Chelsea.


A proclamation has been issued, promising a bounty of five pounds for every able seaman, and thirty shillings for every ordinary seaman not above fifty, nor under twenty years of age, who shall voluntarily enter themselves on or before the third day of July next, to serve in the royal navy. Also a bounty of thirty shillings to every able-bodied landman not above 35, nor under 20 years of age, who shall voluntarily enter within the same time to serve on board the navy; and also a reward of two pounds for the discovery of able, and twenty shillings for every ordinary seaman, that shall have deserted themselves. And as a further encouragement his Majesty promises his most gracious pardon to all seamen that have defected from their ships, provided they return to the service by the said third of July; in which case they shall not be prosecuted for their defection; but on the contrary, those who do not return before that time on board some of his Majesty's ships of war, or who shall hereafter absent themselves without leave, shall be tried by a court martial; and being found guilty of deserting at this time, when their country so much wants their service, shall be deem'd unfit objects of the royal mercy, and suffer death according to law.

Six carpets made by Mr. Whitty, of Axminster in Devonshire, and two others made by Mr. Jeffreys, of Froome, in Somersetshire, all on the principle of Turkey carpets, have been produced to the society for the encouragement of arts, manufactures, and commerce, in consequence of the premiums proposed by the said society for making such carpets, and proper judges being appointed to examine the same, gave it as their opinion, that all the carpets produced were made in the manner of Turkey carpets, but much superior to them in beauty and goodness: That Mr. Whitty's carpets were superior to Mr. Jeffrey's.
Jefter's in price, pattern, and workmanship; therefore it was ordered, that the first premium offered for this article, being 5l. should be paid to Mr. Whitty, and the other premium, being 2cl. to Mr. Jeffrey.

The largest of the carpers produced by Mr. Whitty is twenty-six feet six inches, by seventeen feet six inches; and the largest produced by Mr. Jeffrey is sixteen feet six inches, by twelve feet nine inches.

The said society have also bestowed the sum of 10l. 15s. 11d. for raising and producing cocoons in the province of Georgia.

The society have also bestowed a premium of 50l. on Mr. Sifflerth, for making crucibles from British materials.

On the 7th instant, the house of Rannas, in the Angle, North Britain, was consumed by fire.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, dated April 17. Within these two years past 174 persons have read their recantation from the church of Rome.

We hear from the said place, that the middle of this month seventeen fishing-boats sailed from Rath and Skerries to the north-west of Ireland, to be joined by some others in the Lough of Derry from the Isle of Man, encouraged thereunto by a company of merchants of the said island, who have further had a large capital to carry on this business in the most extensive manner; and advanced a considerable sum to forward its execution. This design opens a new mine of wealth to this kingdom, and may in its progress be the source of employment to the vagrant, of benefit to the industrious, and the accession of an unalterable and permanent trade. In any respect, the present defective methods of fishing in that country will be rectified; and the means shown where by they may proceed for the future upon a more regular plan.

The following massage 30th from his majesty was delivered by the Earl of Holderness to the house of peers.

GEORGE R.

"The King has received advices that the French court is making preparations with a design to invade this kingdom; and though his majesty is persuaded, that, by the united zeal and affection of his people, any such attempt must, under the blessing of God, end in the destruction of those who shall be engaged therein; yet his majesty apprehends that he should not act sufficiently with that paternal care, and concern, which he has always shewn for the safety and preservation of his people, if he omitted any means in his power, which may be necessary for his defence. Therefore, in pursuance of the late act of parliament, his majesty acquaints the house of lords, with his having received repeated intelligence of the actual preparations making in the French ports to invade this kingdom, and of the immediate danger of such invasion being attempted; to the end that his majesty may (if he shall think proper) cause the militia, or such part thereof as shall be necessary, to be drawn out, and embodied, and to march as occasion shall require."

G. R.

Which being read, Ordered by the lords (spiritual and temporal in parliament assembled,

"That an humble address be presented to his majesty, to return him the thanks of this house for his most gracious message, and for acquainting us with the intelligence he has received of the preparations making..."
making by France to invade this kingdom. To declare our utmost indignation and abhorrence of such a design; and that we will, with an united duty, zeal and affection, at the hazard of our lives and fortunes, stand by and defend his majesty against any such prepostmous and desperate attempt. To expel the jult sense we have of his majesty's goodness to his people, omitting no means in his power which may tend to their defence; and in his intention to call out and employ the militia, it it should be found necessary, for that purpose: and to give his majesty the strongest assurances, that we will, with vigour and steadiness, support his majesty in taking the most effectual measures to defeat the designs of his enemies: to preserve and secure his sacred person and government, the Protestant succession in his royal family, and the religion, laws, and liberties of these kingdoms.

Which address being presented next day by the lords with white staves, his majesty was pleased to say, "That he thanks the house of lords for the repeated assurances of their unalterable zeal, duty, and affection to his majesty on this occasion; and has the utmost confidence in their vigorous support."

The same message being carried by Mr. Secretary Pitt to the house of commons, and being read by Mr. Speaker,

Resolved, Nem. Con.

"That an humble address be presented to his majesty, to return his majesty our dutiful thanks for graciously communicating to this house, that he has received repeated intelligence of the actual preparations making in the French ports to invade this kingdom, and of the imminent danger of such invasion being attempted; and for his majesty's paternal and timely care of the safety and preservation of his people; to assure his majesty, that this house will, with their lives and fortunes, support and, and by his majesty, against all attempts whatever; and that his faithful commons, with hearts warm with affection and zeal for his majesty's sacred person and government, and animated by indignation at the daring designs of an enemy, whose elect has hitherto shunned, in part, the terror of his majesty's navy, will cheerfully exert their utmost efforts to repel all insults, and effectually enable his majesty, not only to disappoint the attempts of France, but, by the blessing of God, to turn them to their own confusion."

Resolved, "That an humble address be presented to his majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions to his lieutenants of the several counties, ridings, and places, within that part of Great Britain called England, to use their utmost diligence and attention to carry into execution the several acts of parliament, made for the better ordering the militia force of that part of Great-Britain called England."

To the address of the house of commons, his majesty was pleased to give this most gracious answer: "I return you my thanks for your dutiful and affectionate address, and for this fresh, and very particular mark of your unanimous zeal in the defence of me and my crown." You may depend on my constant endeavours for the preservation and safety of my kingdom."

St. Christopher's, March 10. A proclamation has been published in Antigua by his excellency General Thomas,
Thomas, dated the 6th inst. That the late Major General Hopeon, having proposed the raising five companies in the islands under his government, (each company to consist of one captain, three lieutenants, four serjeants, four corporals, and 100 private men;) that each officer shall receive the same pay as the officers of the King's troops, and each private man three bits a day: that all such negroes as should be killed or maimed, should be paid for by his majesty, (according to such appraisement as should be made thereof before their embarkation, by persons to be appointed by his excellency;) that transports should be provided at the expense of the crown for such negroes: and that they should, at the like expense, be victualled in their passage to Guadeloupe: his excellency therefore, in his majesty's name, signified to all persons, who should be willing to lend any of their slaves to the said island of Guadeloupe, that he had recommended to General Barrington, that his majesty should stand engaged for the payment of such slaves sent upon the expedition, as should die, desert, or not be actually returned to their respective proprietors. And as a further encouragement to engage white volunteers to go upon the present expedition against Guadeloupe, General Barrington has promised that the private men of each company shall have lands, as well as their officers.

We hear from Berlin, that on the 22d ult the commandant of this capital notified to all the officers prisoners of war, Austrians, French, Ruffians and Swedes, or of the army of the empire, who are here at present, to the number of 180, an order of the King enjoining them to retire immediately to Spandau.

N. B. The notification is in the State Papers.

Lately died Mr. James Sheill, farmer, of Knoctopher, in the county of Kilkenny, in Ireland, aged 336.

Extract of a letter from Naples, April 17.

It is generally believed that a treaty is actually concluded for preserving the peace of Italy, and that there are many circumstances that confirm it; but that a triple alliance is concluded between our court and that of Vienna and Verfaillies, is a rumour premature, if not false and without foundation. The pacification, as it is called, fettes these points; first, that our Sovereign shall resign his Italian dominions to the Prince Don Philip Antonio, his eldest son; secondly, that the King of Sardinia shall have the marquisate of Final; and thirdly, that the Milanese being annexed to the duchies of Parma, Placentia, and Guastalla, his Royal Highness the Infant Don Philip shall assume the title of King of Lombardy.

J U N E.

Two thousand workmen are employed at Havre de Grace, in building 150 flat bottomed boats, 100 feet long, 24 broad, and 100 deep, 100,000 livres are paid to them weekly. These boats are to have a deck, and to carry two pieces of cannon each, and to use their sails or oars, as occasion may require. Some will carry 300 men, with their baggage, and others 150 horses with their riders; 150 more are building at Brest, St. Maloes, Nantes,
For the Year 1759.

Nantes, Port L'Orient, Morlaix, and other parts of Brittany.

Last Wednesday a great quantity of snow fell in Surrey and Kent; in some places it laid on the ground more than four inches thick.

Authentic Advices from the East Indies.

Madras, May 22, 1758. Advices are received, that on the 22d of April M. de Lally had arrived on the coast with nine ships of the line, and two frigates. Seven of these vessels anchored in the road of Fort St. David's on the 25th. Two were stationed in the oyster, towards the north east, and two sent to Pondicherry, where they set on shore M. de Lally and some troops, the number not known. The two English 20 gun ships, Triton and Bridgewater, were in the road of St. David's, when the French fleet came there; so were obliged to run ahsore; by which means both crews and most of the fores were saved, and put into Fort St. David's. On the morning of April 29, boats from Pondicherry were bringing to land the soldiers, but fled on Admiral Pocock's appearing with his squadron, consisting of the Yarmouth, Elizabeth, Tyger, Weymouth, Salisbury, Cumberland, Queenborough, and Protector. The French weighed, and bore away to the northward, to avoid coming to action; but at two in the afternoon Admiral Pocock came up with them, and had a hot engagement for two hours, during most part of which the Zodiac of 74 guns, commanded by Mr. d'Apsche chief d'etcardre, the Bien-aime of 64, and the Comte de Provence of 74, engaged the ship in which Admiral Pocock was; but he acquitted himself so gallantly, that the Zodiac was forced to bear away, and the example was followed by the rest of the fleet. Admiral Pocock had only five ships in the action, the rest not being near enough; but with those he pursued the French till night, when they put out their lights. They also outdistanced him, as the rigging of his ships had been much damaged in the engagement. On board the Admiral's ship seven men were killed and 32 wounded; in the other four ships 22 were killed and 45 wounded. The loss of the French is judged to be much more considerable, as the ships were crowded with men, and our people aimed at the hulls. The Bien-aime was so much shattered that they were obliged to run her ahsore at Allumeras, and many of the crew were said to be drowned. The two French ships stationed in the N. E. were not in the engagement. The French fleet got into Pondicherry, having past ours in the night.

June 22. Advice was this day received at Madras, that Cudalore and Fort St. David's had both surrendered to the French. M. de Lally, it seems, has authority to act in all military affairs independent of the governor of Pondicherry; by which means the disputes and delays that have often retarded the progress of troops in India, are all avoided; so that he took the field almost as soon as he landed. Cudalore was ill fortified, and could make no resistance; but it was expected that Fort St. David's would have held out till Admiral Pocock could have repaired the damage done to his vessels, and have come to its relief, as it was well fortified, and had a strong garrison; but it surrendered in 12 days,
days, there being in it no place that was bomb-proof to shelter the men, so that great numbers were killed, and there was fresh water for two days only; so that the garrison, being obliged to drink salt water for ten days, were so afflicted with severe sickness, that few were fit for duty; it surrendered on the 2d of June. It is said that M. de Lally had then with him about 5000 Europeans.

In July some of our men that had been taken by the French made their escape, and reported that the French had left 500 men in the sea fight. It is reported that M. de Lally borrowed 40,000 liv. of the Dutch at Portanova; but they deny the truth of this. However that be, it is certain he seized a large Dutch vessel that had about four score thousand pounds in specie aboard, and gave bills for the amount on the French company, as alto for the value of the ship, which was to be converted into a man of war of 60 guns.

The King of Tanjour had, in the last war, given an obligation to the French for a considerable sum of money, but never paid any part of it. The payment of this was now demanded and refused; on which the French marched to Tanjouer, but soon left it again; and it was reported that the Tanjouins had totally defeated him and taken all his artillery. On this all the troops at Madras, to the number of about 4000 men, marched, in hopes of destroying the remnant of the French army. But they had not gone far, before they heard the French had suffered little; so it was thought requisite for our troops to return speedily to Madras.

After the engagement of April 29, Admiral Pocock endeavoured to return to Fort St. David's; but his rigging had been so much damaged, that he had the greatest difficulty in working to the windward, and was twice blown as far as lat. 4. But at last he got to Madras road, where a court martial was held on the captains of the Cumberland, Weymouth, and Newcastile, for not having done their duty in the late action. One of them was broke, and one suspended till his majesty's pleasure should be known. But Captain Breton of the Cumberland was only sentenced to lose a year's rank, as he had joined the admiral before the engagement was over.

Admiral Pocock having repaired what damage his ships had suffered, and made these examples of such as had not done their duty, sailed again to attack the French fleet, which he found, Aug. 3, off Caricel. The French engaged at first with much warmth, but fled off in about a quarter of an hour after, and made only a running fight, and got into the road of Pondicherry. We had only 30 killed and 60 wounded, among whom was Commodore Stevens, who received a musket ball in the shoulder, but was in good spirits, and likely to do well. Captain Martin was also wounded in the leg by a splinter. The loss of the French is said to be very great; and their running away seems to be an acknowledge-ment of it.

The royal assent was given 2d. by commision to the following acts:

An act for granting certain sums out of the sinking fund, and for applying monies in the exchequer for the service of 1759.
For the YEAR 1759.

For enabling his majesty to raise the sum of one million.
To amend an act of the last session for repealing the duty on silver plate.
For augmenting the salaries of the puisne judges, in the several courts in Great-Britain.
For consolidating the annuities granted in 1757, with the joint stock of three per cent. annuities ready consolidated.
To several laws relating to drawbacks upon exportation of copper bars, and other merchandizes; to the encouragement of the silk manufactures; and reducing the duties on malt, yards, bowships, tar, pitch, and tarred oil; and encouraging the growth of coffee in his majesty's plantations; to the securing the duties upon foreign-made sail cloth, and charging foreign-made sails with a duty, &c.
To amend the act for granting his majesty several duties upon offices and pensions, and upon houses, windows, or lights, so far as the same relates to the duties on offices and pensions.
To amend the act relating to stamp duties.
To amend the act for the encouragement of seamen, and the prevention of piracies by private ships of war.
For applying the money granted for the militia.
For enforcing the laws relating to the militia.
For making compensation to the proprietors of lands purchased for enlarging the docks at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, &c.
For applying a sum of money towards fortifying Milford Haven.
For preventing the importation of the woollen manufactures of France into any of the ports in the Levant, for his majesty's subjects.
For preventing the fraudulent importation of cambricks and French hats.
For regulating the power of taking samples of foreign spirituous liquors by excise officers.
For regulating forfeitures incurred by the laws of excise.
For the further punishment of persons going armed or disguised, in defiance of the laws of common, or excise, and for appropriating certain penalties mentioned in an act of last session for the due making of bread.
For the relief of debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons.
For the better regulation of laitage and bailage in the Thames, &c.
For the more easy collecting of post fines, &c.
To prevent the frauds committed in the assessment of coals in the city and liberty of Westminster.
For the preservation of turnpike roads in Scotland.
For improving the navigation of the river Clyde to the city of Glasgow, and for building a bridge there.
For completing the navigation of the river Wear.
For the better improvement of the river and port and haven of Sunderland.
For erecting a workhouse at Plymouth, letting the poor at work, and maintaining them there.
For discharging the inhabitants of Manchester from the custom of grinding their corn at the school mills.
For establishing a nightly watch at Guildford in Surrey.
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For laying a duty of two pennies Scots, upon every Scots pint of ale, porter, and brer, which shall be brewed for sale within the town of Kelso, in the shire of Roxburgh, towards finishing a bridge cross the river Tweed.

To ten road bills, and to forty private bills.

After which the lords commissioners put an end to the session by a speech in his majesty's name, and by his orders prorogued the parliament to Thursday, the 24th of July next.

The populace assaulted the house of an eminent woolen-draper in Cornhill, one of the people called Quakers; they pulled up the pavement, and split the window-shutters of his shop with large stones; the smaller pebbles were hung up as high as the third story, the windows of which are much damaged: in the second story not so much as one pane of glass has cleaped. The windows of the first story were not touched, being fenced by strong shutters on the outside. The reason of the mob's resentment was, his not illuminating his house like the rest of his neighbours.

The right honourable the lord mayor, aldermen, and commons of the city of London, made their compliments to his majesty in a very dutiful address, on occasion of the Prince of Wales coming of age; and the day following they complimented his Royal Highness, and his august mother, on the same joyful occasion.

Was a remarkable trial in the court of King's Bench at Dublin, where the right hon. the Earl of Belvidere obtained a verdict against Arthur Rochfort, Esq. his brother, for 20,000 l. damages, besides costs, for criminal conversation with his lordship's lady. This transaction happened about fifteen years since.

The custom-house officers made a seizure on board an outward bound vessel in the Thames, of a great number of new sword blades, which were artfully concealed in the hollow of five large trees, cut about 12 feet long; and the better to cover their deceit, the bark and roots were left on, and the body so neatly cemented with glue, that it was by mere accident that the discovery was made; an officer striking his stick against one of the trees, found it hollow, had it fawed, and the sword blades appeared, which were ordered to be re-landed at the custom-house, and enquiry to be made after the persons concerned.

This day Habella Brans, now in the work-house of St. Botolph Aldersgate, entered into the 15th year of her age. She was born at Aberdeen in Scotland, has the perfect use of all her limbs, never used spectacles, and can read very small print; she worked for her bread till she was upwards of 10, has none of the infirmities which are the usual attendants of old age, was in her youth a very fine woman, and has till the remains of it has a flow of spirits which perhaps none of her age ever had, and is still cheerful and hearty; nature in her seeming far from being exhausted. She has had 18 children by two husbands, has had many fits of illness, but is now in perfect health, and can walk four or five miles better than most women of sixty.

A person was taken into custody on Sunday evening by
by some gentlemen in St James's Park, and delivered to the guard, for joining with and encouraging a mob to follow and grossly insult some ladies of fashion that were walking there, by which means they were put in great danger of their lives. He was yesterday brought before John Fielding and Theodore Sydney, Esqrs. and this day the following submission appeared in the Daily Advertiser: "I, J. V——-, having left Sunday night in St. James's Park, very inconsiderately, indiscreetly, and unlawfully joined a tumultuous body of people, who, by their riotous behaviour, put several ladies into imminent danger of their lives, and insulted several gentlemen who endeavoured to remove them from the insults of the mob, do most sincerely ask pardon of those ladies, those gentlemen, and the public, for this my extreme misbehaviour; and return those gentlemen my hearty thanks for their candid treatment of me; and, hope, that what I have suffered will be an example to others, and prevent the scandalous practice for the future, of mobbing on the slightest pretence, every lady that shall be pleased to walk in the Park.

J. V——-

Insults of this kind have, notwithstanding this advertisement, been since repeated, and several other persons have been apprehended for the like offence, who, it is hoped, will be punished with the utmost severity, in order to put a stop to such outrageous behaviour, in the verge of the royal palace.

At a general court of the East-India company, a motion was made, and unanimously agreed to, for the thanks of the company to be given to Admiral P. Cock, and Commodore Stevens, for their gallant behaviour in the East Indies.

A fleet of transports arrived at Spithead, which are to be employed in a grand expedition in the coast of France.

George Errington and Paul Vailant, Esqrs. were chosen sheriffs of London and the City. The gentlemen have paid their fines this month to be excused serving that office.

A letter from the country mentions a very uncommon sort of insects, which within these few weeks have made their appearance, and done considerable damage to the grass and corn. They bear a near resemblance to the caterpillar, are of a dark colour, with white stripes from the head to the tail, and are about two inches long. They seem to attack not only the kind of the T. corn, where several farms have been in a manner totally desolated by them. They are very numerous, that they cover fields of many acres of ground, and in many places to close together, that an hundred of them have been found on little more than a square foot of ground. Most people are of opinion, that they are caused by the late excessive drought, though several old men remember much greater, without any such appearance. It has been observed, that since the late rains, many of them have been found dead, fuelled to a considerable height.

Samuel Beaufig and James Rees Rood in the pillory in Cheapside, for engaging a threatening letter, to extort a large sum of money, from Humphrey Morrice, Esq; and were severely pelted by the populace; but one of the sherif's officers hav-
Early in the morning Jen
ton Shafter, Esq; stirred 26th.
against time, to ride fifty miles in
two hours; in the course of which
he used ten horses, and did it in two
seconds under eleven minutes of the
time prescribed by the articles, to
the allotment of all present.

The lieutenant of a cutter
from Sir Edward Hawke, 27th.
arrived at the Admiralty, with ad
dvice, that when the cutter left the
squadron, the men of war in Brett
water were under weigh, and that a
great number of troops were em
barking all that day on board the
French fleet.

There is now in the gar
der of George Montgomery, 30th.
Esq; at Chippenham-hall, Cam
bridgehire, the largest American
aloe plant, now coming in flower,
that ever was seen in England. It
is 104 years old, and it is thought
it will be forty feet high.

The land forces now in Great
Britain, are two troops of horse-gren
adier guards; seven regiments of
dragoons; the three regiments of
foot guards; thirty-four regiments of
foot; and thirty-two independent
companies.

In Ireland, four regiments of
horse; six of dragoons; and twelve
of foot.

The militia of several counties
have been reviewed this month, by
their commanding officers, in the
presence of the lords lieutenants,
and great numbers of persons of dif
tinction. They all performed their
exercise amazingly well, behaved
dutifully to their superiors, soberly
in their quarters, and seemed full of
cheerfulness and alacrity, and ready
to march wherever they were order
ed, for the defence of their country.

A map has been lately published
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at Petersburg, of the country ad-joining to the north-west of California, which extends and joins to the continent of Asia, and proves the north-west passage to China, which has been so long sought, impracticable.

Prince Edward has been lately appointed commander of the Phoenix, a new man of war of 44 guns.

Died lately, Donald Cameron, of Kinnicklaber, in Rannach, North Britain, aged 130. He married a wife when he was 100.

Naples, May 29. Last week the apartment of the late father Pope, the Jesuit, for whose pulpit and confession box the people made great scrambling, from a notion of his great sanctity, was opened, in the presence of our cardinal archbishop, and one of the king's ministers. There were found in it 16,000 ounces of gold in specie; bills amounting to 50,000 ducats; 1600 lb. of wax; 10 copper vessels full of Dutch tobacco; three gold repeating watches, four snuff boxes made of rare shells; 200 silk handkerchiefs, and a capital of 300,000 ducats. Before his death he made a present to Jesus church of a piece of velvet hangings laced with gold, a large statue of the immaculate conception, of maffy silver, and a fine pyramid to be erected in the front of the church.

which would have been entirely destroyed, had not the wind suddenly shifted.

Died the rev. Mr. Mendy, 2d. rector of Plymtree, and vicar of Hartford and Venottery, Devon; who fix weeks before ordered his vault to be made, and every day visited the workmen; he also bespake his coffin.

Birmingham. By the floods occasioned by the heavy rains, great damage hath been done in the neighbourhood to the grails that was cut down, as well as to that which was standing, by its being filled with sand and gravel; and on Monday two horses at Crete bridge, in the Stratford-road, and one near Harburn, were drowned; and a man was drowned in endeavouring to cross Stone-bridge, near Meriden. [In and about London, numbers of people have been drowned, particularly young persons in bathing themselves.]

A report was this morning spread at London, and many other places, that the French were actually landed; which report took its rise from the following circumstance: "Commodore Boys, from Deal, seeing two vessels in the offing, rigged in an unusual way, and much in the same manner in which the new French boats are said to be, made a signal for his cruisers then at anchor in the Downs, to slip and chase them, and soon after went on board his own ship, to give such further orders as might appear to be necessary. A[falbalmer]icer quartered at Deal, did not much relish these difpositions, and went away in great haste to General Botetoven, who commanded in Dover-Castle, to know what he was to do with his little
Little regiment of thirty men, for that the French boats were in sight, the cruisers were in chase, and the commodore was gone on board.

The general, on receiving this seemingly positive advice, from one of his own officers then on the spot, unfortunately did not try to make any further enquiry, but instantly forwarded the letter he had received to the secretary at war by an express, who spread the alarm through every place he passed, and reached London time enough to occasion unspeakable confusion, before his news could be contradicted.

The commodore knew nothing of all this, though he was so unfortunate as to bear the blame of it; he was, as indeed he well might be, very angry when he heard of it, and directly sent off other express to contradict, and as fast as possible to remedy the inconveniences occasioned by the over-haste of the former one. The vessels proved to be two Dutch hoy's going quietly about their own business

George Martin, one of the villains concerned in the audacious attempt, lately made, to carry off a lady from her lodgings in Thrift-street, in conjunction with her husband, from whom she had been divorced, was tried at the quarter-sessions at Westminster, and sentenced to pay a fine, and suffer imprisonment for six months.

By letters from Vice-Admiral Cotes, Commander in chief of his majesty's ships at Jamaica, dated May 11, advice has been received at the Admiralty-office, that on the 29th of April, his majesty's ship the Viper brought into Port-Royal a large Dutch ship called Adrian, laden with sugar, indigo, and co-

fee; she came under convoy of two French merchant frigates, bound to Europe. And that the 4th of May, his majesty's ships Dreadnought, Seaford, Wager, Pregrine, and Port Antonio, took the two French frigates, and another large Dutch ship that was under their convoy. The frigates are the Hardy of 20 guns, and 150 men, and the Hermione of 27 guns, and 170 men, and are loaded with the most fuggars and indige, and are esteemed very rich ships.

A dreadful storm of thunder and lightning broke 9th, forth in the neighbourhood of Kirkaldy, which fell without intermission, from five in the morning till five in the afternoon; during which space two women who attended a bleaching ground, were struck dead by the lightning. One of them was sitting on a rising ground, with a child sucking at her breast; by her fall the little infant was tumbled down the hill, but received no manner of hurt.

An order of council was issued, declaring that all his majesty's faithful subjects, who shall infilt themselves in the land service from this day, shall not be sent out of Great-Britain, and shall be intitled to their discharge at the end of three years, or at the end of the war, as they shall choose; and all deserters, who shall rejoin their respective regiments, or any other corps, if their own be out of the kingdom, before the 2oth of August next, shall be pardoned.

Came on before the lords of appeal, the cause of a Spanish ship, called the St. Juan Baptista, Joseph Arteaga, master, taken in her passage from Corunna to Nantz.
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Nantz; when, after a long hearing and many learned arguments, their lordships were pleased to decree the restitution of both ship and cargo; but from an irregularity in the patents, no costs were given the claimants.

15th. A most dreadful storm of thunder and lightning began in the evening in the neighbourhood of Bristol, by which a man was struck blind in Halliford lane. The lightning was the most terrifying, and the claps that exceeded the loudest that had been heard in those parts for many years.

The chimneys of the house of Mr. Whitfield, lord of the manor of Rickmannsworth, were beaten down by the thunder and lightning, and the windows on one side broken. As a lady was combing her hair at the window, the comb in her hand was shattered to pieces, and the bed in her room split and rent in a surprising manner, yet she did not receive the least hurt. Some of the bricks of the chimneys were carried an hundred yards from the house.

The following is said to be the number of boats destroyed at Havre de Grace by Admiral Rodney: six finished, 42 half-planked, 83 ribbed; total 131. The bomb vessels threw 1920 shells, and 1150 carasses, from mortars of twelve inches.

The parliament which had prorogued to the 29th instant, was further prorogued to Thursday the 30th of August.

A court of common council held at Guildhall, it was resolved by the commissioners appointed to carry the act of parliament into execution, for building a bridge across the river Thames, from Black-friars to the opposite shore; that a sum not exceeding 114,000l. shall be forthwith contracted for, and raised within the space of eight years, by installments not exceeding 30,000l. in one year, the money to be contracted for to be paid into the chamber of London; that the persons advancing the money have an interest of 4l. per ann. to be computed from the time of the first payment in each year, upon the whole sums by them respectively advanced within the year; but shall incur a forfeiture in case of neglect to make good any of the stipulated payments; the said annuities to be paid half-yearly by the chamberlain, but to be redeemable at the expiration of the first ten years, upon six months notice: and, that the chamberlain shall affix the city's seal to such instrument as the committee shall think fit to give, pursuant to the said act, for securing the payment of the said annuities.

The Golden Lion, a Greenland ship belonging to Liverpool, in entering that port was boarded by two men of war's tenders, the commanding lieutenant declaring he would press every man of the crew, unless they would enter voluntarily. The crew stood upon their defence, and confined their officers; the king's lieutenant called out to the vengeance man of war to fire into the Golden Lion; but the crew being sixty in number, kept him and his people on deck to share the same fate with themselves. The vengeance fired away, and that within pistol-shot, and several of her nine pounders, besides raking the ship, fell in the town, and did some damage; the crew of the Golden Lion
Lion filled her sails, and got her into harbour; and gave bond, according to act of parliament, and renewed their protections; nevertheless the prize-gang pursued them to the custom-house, seized Capt. Thompson, the commander, and five of his men, and wounded a woman desperately, who was only a spectator.

Sailed from Plymouth the 28th. Her majesty of war, Captain Edgcumbe, having Prince Edward on board, in company with the Venus, Pallas, Africa, Sapphire, and Southampton frigates, to join Sir Edward Hawke's fleet. [This Royal Highness on the 2d inst. arrived in the bay, and was received with the greatest demonstrations of joy by the fleet, and complimented by all the admirals and captains, according to their seniority.]

Zara, a beautiful lioness in the Tower, lately whelped, and brought forth two.

A Sallee cruiser has taken an English vessel from Cork laden with leather, and carried her into Tangier; and it is thought she will be condemned, as well as all others they meet with.

The crew belonging to the Litchfield man of war, that was wrecked some time ago on the coast of Barbary, and some other English subjects that were made slaves, are ransomed for 170,000 hard dollars.

The Favourite ship of war, Capt. Edwards, of 16 six pounders, 4 three pounders, and 120 men, has taken the Velour of 20 one pounders, 4 twelve pounders, and the same number of men, after an obstinate engagement, and carried her into Gibraltar. She came from St. Domingo, and is a valuable prize.

A machine hath been invented by a priest at Bologna, in Italy, to remove walls from one place to another. Trial being made of it in St. Michael's church in that city, to enlarge the choir, it removed a wall thirteen inches thick, fourteen feet broad, and twenty feet high, to the distance of nine feet, in the space of seven minutes.

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Letters have been received by the American mail, giving an account of the sufferings of Capt. Parson and his crew, in the Dolphin ship, bound from the Canaries to New York; they had been from the Canaries one hundred sixty-five days, the hundred and sixteen of which they had nothing to eat. Capt. Braithwaite of the Andalusia took them up at sea, and when they came alongside the ship they were so very weak, that they were obliged to be hauled on board by ropes; there were the captain and seven others; but five poor miserable creatures were never seen; had it been a week longer, they must all have died. The captain and people declare, that they had not had any ship provisions for upwards of three months; that they had eaten their dog, their cat, and all their shoes, and, in short, every thing that was eatable on board.

Being reduced to the last extremity, they all agreed to call lots for their lives, which accordingly they did; the shortest lot was to die, the next shortest was to be the executioner. The lot fell upon Anthony Galatia, a Spanish gentleman, a passenger; they shot him through the head, which they cut off and threw over-
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overboard; then took out his bowels and eat them, and afterwards eat all the remaining part of the body, which lasted but a very little while. The captain saw they were for calling lots a second time, but it happened very luckily that he be-
thought himself of a pair of breeches that were lined with leather; he fo
found them, took out the lin-
ing, and cut off for each man’s share a piece of about an inch and a half square, for the day’s allowance; that, with the grafts which grew
upon the deck, was all the support they had for about twenty days before they were taken up; the grafts, as Capt. Bradliah writes, was, in
some places, four or five inches long

upon the deck.

The case of Capt. Cox, late of the Sarah and Molly, is no les
deplorable; about the middle of No-
vember last he sailed from Lo
tembourg with a number of soldiers for St. John’s, being thirty-six persons in all on board; and on the 25th, it being extremely cold stormy wea-
thor, they were cast ashore at Cape Selaware, on the main. While on
the rocks, seven of the people were
drowned, among whom was the
captain’s son; the rest, with a great deal of difficulty, got ashore, and
devoured to travel to Margomarsh; but after travelling three
days, twenty-two of them were
frozen to death, and all the others, excepting himself, lost some of their
limbs, they having been without
fire or provisions the whole time; after which seven Indians appeared with spears to kill them, but were prevented by a French priest, who relieved them, with much difficulty.

At a numerous committee for
building the new bridge, a motion

was made by Sir Robert Ladbroke,
and unanimously agreed to by the
committee, "That the thanks of
this committee be given to Mr.
Pateron, for his particular alli
ance in obtaining the act of parliament
for a new bridge, and his zeal and
attention to promote the means for
carrying the act into execution."

This day the trial of Eugene
Aram, for the murder of Daniel 3d.
Clark fourteen years ago, came on
at York assizes.

As some workmen were making
a new ditch in the county of Louth
in Ireland, they found a large ring
of gold 16 inches in diameter, the
gold half an inch thick; the circle
wanted about two inches of being
complete; they cut it into five
pieces; two of which weighed
9 oz.

Oxford. The right hon. the Earl of Westminster, chancellor
of this university, having received
a letter from the King of Prussia
(written with his Majesty’s own
hand) expressing his thanks for the
present lately made from hence, of
the new volume of Lord Clarendon’s
history, the same has been com-
municated to the vice-chancellor,
and on Sunday last read to the doc-
tors and masters in full conve-

nexion. And, the same day, their
cell was affixed to a letter to the King of
Naples, containing the thanks of
the university, for a present lately
received from his Neapolitan ma-
jecty, of two large volumes in folio,
being the history of the curiosities
and antiquities discovered at Por-
tici.

The annual prizes given by
the hon. Edward Finch and 7th.
Tho. Townshend, Esqrs. members
of the university of Cambridge, were
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determined in favour of Mr. Roberts of King's College, and Mr. Beeton of St. John's College, middle bachelors. The subject of the former was, Gratia pro Socrates ad Populum Atheniensem; and, for the latter, Utium in honore constituant Civitates ludum secendi admissi debant?

A quarter after ten at night, a violent shock of an earthquake was felt at Bordeaux, which lasted 15 seconds. It was preceded, for half a minute, by a loud subterraneous noise. Several bells sounded very loud. The doors and most of the windows opened and shut with great violence. Many bricks and stones were thrown from the roofs. Very little china or earthen ware was left whole in the town, and the roof of the church of Notre Dame entirely fell in.

The wife of one Edward Knight, of Warwick, was taken in labour about five o'clock in the morning; the midwife who attended her, after giving her all the assistance in her power, believed her to be dead, and then left her. About five in the afternoon the dead woman was put into a coffin, with a thread over her. The next morning the nurse going into the room where the corpse lay, she fancied she saw something move the thread up and down in the coffin, and ran away much frightened to acquaint the people of the house below, who immediately went up stairs with her to examine what it could be; when turning down the thread, to their great astonishment they saw a live child groveling in the casket, which had carried itself from the corpse as it lay in the coffin. — As soon as their surprise was over, they wrapped the child in flannel, and took all possible care to preserve it, but it died before they could dress it.

A court of common council was held at Guildhall, when the lord mayor acquainted them, that he had called that court to deliberate on a proposition of great consequence to the service of their King and country, and hoped that the result would be such as should do honour to the city, by proving the sincerity of their professions to his majesty. Whereupon the court resolved and ordered, among other considerations, that voluntary subscriptions should be received in the chamber of London, to be appropriated as bounty money to such persons as shall enter into his majesty's service, and that the city subscribe 1000l. for that purpose; and a committee of twelve aldermen and twenty-four commons was appointed to attend at Guildhall, to dispose of the said bounty-money to the persons applying for the same; and that one alderman and two commoners be a quorum sufficient to transact business; and as a further encouragement, every person so entering shall be entitled to the freedom of this city at the expiration of three years, or sooner, if the war should end; and Sir James Hodges, the town clerk, was ordered by the court to wait upon the right hon. Mr. Pitt with the said resolutions, and desire him to inform his majesty of the same. Some of the committee are to wait upon Lord Ligonier, to desire him to tend proper effects to Guildhall, to receive such persons as shall be induced. At the said court a motion was made and agreed to, that the persons who shall contract for build-
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ing the new bridge, may be allowed to employ journeymen for that purpose that are non-freemen; and the vacant ground at Blackfriars is ordered to be enclosed, for the convenience of the workmen.

The town-clerk having, according to the above order, waited upon the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, that gentleman, the next day, sent the following letter:

To the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of the city of London.

Whitehall, Aug. 15, 1759.

My Lord,

Having, in consequence of the desire of the court of common council, had the honour to lay before the King their resolutions of yesterday, for offering certain bounties and encouragements to such able bodied men as shall inlist themselves at the Guildhall of London, to serve in his majesty's land forces, upon the terms contained in his majesty's order in council; I am commanded, by the King, to acquaint your Lordship (of which you will be pleased to make the proper communication) that his Majesty thanks the city of London for this fresh testimony of their zeal and affection for his royal person and government.—I am farther commanded, by the King, to express his Majesty's most entire satisfaction, in this signal proof of the un luked resolution of the city of London, to support a just and necessary war, undertaken in defence of the rights and honour of his crown, and for the security of the colonies, the trade and navigation of Great-Britain.

I am with great truth and respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

W. Pitt.

[Mr. Pitt, Mr. Legge, the lord mayor, alderman, Beckford, and William Belcher, Esq; have each subscribed 100l. the clothworkers company 300l. the goldsmiths company 500l. and the apothecaries 100l. to carry these laudable resolutions into execution.]

About this time a mob assembled at Houfeaman's house in Knresborough (who was acquitted of the charge of being concerned in the murder of Daniel Clark, in order to be admitted evidence against Eugene Aram), and it was with great difficulty they were prevented from pulling it down: however, they carried Houfeaman about the streets in effigy, which was afterwards knocked on the head with a pick-ax, and then hanged and burnt.

Robert Saxby was executed near Guildford for the murder of his brother's wife at Wotton near Dorkin in Surry. He confessed the fact, and gave as a reason for committing it, her unkindness to his son. He was 72 years of age, and died hardened, lying, he could have lived but a few years longer if the thing had not happened, and shewed no kind of horror at the heinousness of his crime.

At a meeting of the committee for carrying into execution the act of parliament for erecting a bridge at Black-friars, it appeared, by the bills, that the sum subscribed for that purpose, amounted to 24,100l. which is 60,100l. more than was wanted for the necessary occasion.

This day a chapter of the most noble order of the garter was held at Kennington; present the Sovereign, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Newcastle, Earl of
of Granville, Earl of Lincoln, Earl of Winchelsea, Earl of Carrigean, and Earl Waldegrave, when his serene highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick was elected a knight companion of the said most noble order.

At the assizes held at Gloucester, came on the trial of Ephraim Lardner and Mary Mills, for the murder of a bawdrid child born on the body of Mills. On the trial it appeared that the child was born alive; that Lardner took it from the mother, and buried it in a badger's hole in a wood, where the child was found by his direction, and appeared to have been strangled, as well as brained on different parts of the body. Lardner said the child was dead when he received it from the mother; but could not produce any evidence to prove it. Mills's evidence in court contradicted, in a great measure, the testimony he had given before the justice who committed them; and upon summing up the evidence, the judge cautioned the jury from giving credit to any thing advanced by Mills against Lardner, since if that was admitted, women killing their bawdrid children might charge the murder on any innocent person. The jury, after some debate, returned a verdict that the child was murdered, but that they knew not on whom to charge the murder; on being again sent out, acquitted Mills, and found Lardner guilty; on being sent out a third time, begged the judge's directions; and at a fourth consultation acquitted both the prisoners.

Orders were sent to the custom-house at Liverpool, to admit sugars and other produce of the island of Gaudeloupe, to be entered as British plantation; the Sarah, Capt. Taylor, having brought to their market the first parcel of Gaudeloupe sugars imported into England since the conquest of that island.

The wife of Mr. Cam, in Woodstreet, was brought to bed of three sons, baptised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

In the Sherborne Mercury of this day's date, there is an account of a remarkable pond at Melbury-bub, in Dorsetshire, which is laid in the morning to be covered with a thick oily substance, of a scarlet colour, that dyes any thing red, but in the afternoon it changes to green.

Eleven houses were consumed by fire, in Cherry-tree alley, Bunhill-row. The regiment commanded by his Grace the Duke of Richmond, being encamped on South Fca Common, near South Sea Castle, had leave to deposit their powder and ball in the east wing of that fort. Nine barrels of cartridges being placed in a lower room, over which there was a barracks, where the women washed and dyed victuals, with a furze fire; the flooring being very old, it is supposed some sparks fell through the crevices, and in an instant all that quarter of the fort was blown up, and many people buried under the ruins. An invalid soldier was blown out of the fort above 100 yards; the centry, another invalid, was blown over the parapet wall, and had both his legs, and one arm torn off. The force of the explosion burst open the door of the great magazine, and tore a large bolt off, but reached no farther; and all the windows are broke, almost all the buildings damaged, except the grand batteries towards the sea, and the batteries round the fort.
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23d. At half an hour after four in the morning, a violent shock of an earthquake was felt at Brussels, which lasted about a minute. The motion was continual and regular; a flight trembling was felt in the strongest houses, the doors were burst open, and the bolts struck against the posts like so many hammers. Immediately after the shock the air was quite calm.

The Friendship, Thompson, arrived from Jamaica with about 300 hogheads of sugar on board, by some accident blew up at the Hope Point, by which several lives were lost. There were on board, when the misfortune happened, between 30 and 40 people, amongst whom eighteen young Creolians, that were coming here for education, and the mate's wife and two children: there escaped but four persons, viz. two Dutchmen and two Danes.

Rear-Adm. Rodney, with his fleet of frigates and bomb vessels, sailed from Portsmouth.

About the latter end of last month, the people of Berlin were put into the greatest confusion on the discovery of a conspiracy, in which six or eight hundred deceivers were concerned, most of them French, who were to set fire to the city in several places, plunder the houses, and then make their escape. The chief and 230 of the conspirators were apprehended.

About the same time a great fire broke out in Stockholm, by which they reckon that 236 houses have been reduced to ashes. The loss is computed at two millions of crowns.

There were lately tried, at Westminster, before Lord Chief Justice Willes, (by a special jury) a cause, wherein Mr. Nicklestone, of Poole, was plaintiff, and Capt. Forrest, of the Prince Edward man of war, defendant, for imprisoning the men out of the Thomas and Elizabeth, from Newfoundland to Poole, in consequence of which the said ship was lost; when a verdict was given for the plaintiff for 1000 l. and costs of suit.

As some boys were diverting themselves lately, near Elgin, in Scotland, in looking for birds' nests in the ruins of an old religious house, near that place, called, My Lady's High House, they discovered a quantity of gold coins, mostly Scots coin, some of them coined in the reign of Queen Mary during her marriage with Lord Darnley, and bear their names deciphered; these in the reign of James V. bear his effigies and his arms; and there are some of different sizes that appear to have been coined in the reign of James VI. one of these is larger than a crown piece, and has on one side this inscription, Jacobus VI. Dei gratia Rex Scotorum; and the Scots arms, with a double trefoil on the shield, resembling a ship, with a loop, mast, and sail; on the other side, Florentiscepit, pius regnans; his jovis dat numerisque; with a cross fleury, adorned with crowns, and between each branch of the crown a lion rampant crowned.

—There are also a few foreign coins; some of these have Ludovicus Dei gratia Francorum Rex, with the French arms crowned, on one side; and on the other, a crois topped with flowers de luce, metro XPS REGNAT APS VINCIT XPS IMPERAT; some, Henricus III. D. G. Franciae et Pol. Rex; and some Spanish, with Fernandez Elizabet.
Elizabet. Dei gratia.—The characters on the other side are some-what obscure.—All the letters are Roman characters.

Campbeltown, in Argylshire, June 14. 1759. This day Robert Mitchell, in Saddale, aged 88, has in life, of Children, grand-children, and great-grand-children, 200; he walks from Saddale, to Campbeltown, which is eight miles; does business, and walks home at night.

On Thursday the second instant, a farmer in Calf-hill, near Haddington in Scotland, sold new oats for 8s. 6d. per boll. The oats were neither sown nor ploughed this year, but sprung up from the making of the last crop: this has likewise happened in several fields near Edinburgh. That oats should remain in the ground all the winter, and thereafter come to full growth, and turn out a most plentiful crop, is so extraordinary, that the like has not happened in the memory of man, and can be attributed to nothing but the mildness of the season.

Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 11. Last Monday, about two o'clock in the morning, we had an uncommon florin of thunder and lightning, which produced some melancholy effects, as it has greatly damaged the Rev. Mr. Haven's meeting-house; the lightning struck the spire, and rending the spire in pieces quite down to the cupola, over the bell, descended in the north-easterly and south-westerly corner polls; the former of which it shattered into small strips from end to end; and shattered one of the main polls in the end of the house; it seems then to have moved horizontally upon the floors of the underpinning, as it has split a considerable piece

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of stone at the south-west corner of the meeting-house, and entered the ground at ten or fifteen feet distance, making two considerable holes: but it is pretty evident a part of it took its course northerly, as three cows and a hog were in the morning found dead on the north-side of the meeting-house, two of which were in a stable about sixty feet from the steeple. The glass windows in the steeple are all broke; two coflaments next the poll which was split to pieces were hose quite into the house, &c.

We have here a fresh instance of that marvellous power with which electric fire is endowed; this meeting-house seems particularly exposed to the effects, as it is situated upon a small elevation, which has on three sides of it, not far distant, large quantities of water, which is a powerful non-electric: and this is the second or third time it has been struck with lightning.

Died lately, Edward Murphy, of Durr, in the King's county in Ireland, aged 110.

We hear from Madrid, that the 10th ult. Ferdinand King of Spain, &c. died at Villa Viciosa, in his 46th year. He succeeded his father in 1746, and married the Infanta of Portugal, sister to the present King, who died about a year ago, by whom he had no issue.

His majesty, by his will, appointed his eldest brother, the King of the Two Sicilies, to succeed to the crown of Spain, and until his arrival, the Queen Dowager to be regent of the kingdom. Accordingly her majesty immediately assumed the government, and has commanded all officers to continue in their respective polls till further orders.

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SEPTEMBER.

Draughts were made from the regiments at Chatham, Canterbury, and Dover, about 45 men from each regiment, to recruit the regiments in Germany who suffered in the battle of Thonhausen. — Perhaps history does not produce an instance where so small a body sustained such a shock as our infantry did at this battle, without giving way.

A loan was opened at the exchequer for 300,000l. upon the vote of credit, upon the same terms and conditions as the former loan of 500,000l.

Her Royal Highness the 4th Princess Elizabeth Caroline, second daughter of the late Royal Highness Frederick Prince of Wales, died at Kew, in the 16th year of her age; being born on the 26th of December 1729. Her Royal Highness was of a genius and disposition equally to be admired and loved; formed to be the delight and honour of a court; possessed of an uncommon wit, tempered with judgment, and restrained by modesty; for ever cheerful, and the cause of cheerfulness; excellent in all female accomplishments, and particularly eminent for her skill and taste in music; but more than all distinguished by her goodness. Her nearest relations bore a dear and amiable companion, her royal parent an obedient daughter, and Britain a supreme blessing. Applause which follows greatness, often exceeds its subject; but here it is less than truth.

The special verdict found at the last Cheltesh assizes, on the remarkable trial of John Ste-

phenson, for the murder of Mr. Francis Bleck, attorney, was argued at Chelten, before the hon. Mr. Justice Noel, chief justice of Chelten, and Taylor White, Esq; the other justice. The court took time till the next morning for delivering their opinion; and accordingly, on Friday morning about eight o'clock, Mr. Justice Noel, in a learned and a pathetic speech, supported by adjudged cases, and the discipline of the law, declared the prisoner guilty of the crime, found by the inquest, viz. that he was accessory to murder, and his guilt could amount at most to manslaughter only. Whereupon the prisoner was burnt in the hand, and discharged from the confinement for murder.

Dr. Erasby, so long confined in Newgate, gave bail before a judge, in order to plead his pardon the ensuing term, and was discharged from his confinement.

Last month a murder during rebellion was committed at Limerick in Ireland; two men entered the custom-house there, one of whom presented a pistol to the clerk's breast, whilst the other robbed the house of about 200l. in cash, and afterwards made their escape, locking up the clerk in one of the offices, though two centinels were standing at the door.

Kensington. This day the 16th Margareta de'brew, envoy extraordinary from the court of Spain, had a private audience of his Majesty, to notify the death of the late King of Spain.

The right hon. the Lord Barrington, secretary at war, by his majesty's command, waited on Lord George Sackville, with orders for him.
him to deliver up all his places that he held under the government.

11th. Water bailiff of this city, by order of the right hon. the lord mayor, waited on her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, with a present of a fine surgeon of seven feet in length, which her Royal Highness was pleased to accept.

The remains of her late Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth Caroline were privately interred in the Royal vault in King Henry the seventh's chapel, at Weatminster.

Admiral Boscawen arrived at Spithead, with his majesty's ships the Namure, Culloden, Warpine, Intrepid, Swiftsure, America, Portland, Salamander, and Annes fire-ships, with the Temeraire and Medelle, prizes, with about 800 French prisoners.

[The Medelle is a very fine ship launched last May, carries 32 pound shot on her lower deck; her quarter deck guns are brafs; and fine brafs swivels on her poop, very little hurt. The Temeraire is a fine 74 gun ship, 42 pounds below; eight fine brafs guns abaft her main maff, and ten brafs on her quarter, very little hurt; one shot came in at her stern, went through her mizzen maff, and lodged in her main maff. Both ships have not received above 20 shot in their hulls.

Admiral Boscawen waited on his majesty, and was most graciously received.

One Hitchens who had been disorder'd in his fences for some time, going into the house of Mr. Thomas Bedworth, of King's-Wood, near Birmingham, and finding only three children all in bed, took one of them, a girl about three years old, cut off its head and arms and feet, ripped open its belly, and put some part of the body on the fire: while he was employed in this horrid barbarity, a brother who had been abroad came in, and being terrified alarmed the neighbours with his cries, who asking the wretch why he had committed such an act of cruelty, said, he had killed the child to eat it, and that he would serve all the little girls so.

This is inferred as a caution against suffering perfons disordered in their fences to wander at large without a keeper.

At a meeting of the nobility and gentry of the county of Middlesex, and liberty of Weatminster, held at the St. Alban's tavern, a voluntary subscription was agreed upon for giving bounties to able bodied landmen, who shall voluntarily enlist themselves in the service of his majesty, upon the terms and conditions proposed by the city of London, and 4726 l. immediately subscribed; and his Grace the Duke of Newcastle being requested to lay the resolutions of the noblemen and gentlemen present before his majesty, as a testimony of the duty and affection of the county, city, and liberty, to his person and government, his grace was pleased to signify his majesty's gracious approbation of their good intention, in a letter directed to Sir William Beaufort Prector, Bart. and George Cooke, Esq; representatives for the county; and to Major General Cornwallis, and Sir John Crots, Bart. representatives for the city and liberty of Weatminster; of which the following is a copy.
Newcastle-houfe, Sept. 26, 1759.

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the commands of the gentlemen of the county of Middlesex, and city and liberty of Westminster, who met on the 19th inst. to consider of the most effectual methods, to be taken, for the support of his majesty and government against the invasion now threatened, and for the security of this county, city and liberty, I have had the honour to lay before the King the dutiful and loyal resolutions, which they came to thereupon.

I have his majesty's express orders, to affure them of the grateful sense which he has of this proper and reasonable mark of their duty and affection to his person and government, of which his majesty has received such frequent proofs from his loyal county of Middlesex, and city and liberty of Westminster, and particularly upon the like occasions: and the King will forthwith direct, that such attendance and assistance shall be given as may most effectually answer the intention of those generous and voluntary offers.

The approbation of the measures which his majesty has taken for the support of the national interests of his kingdoms, is extremely agreeable to the King.

I must beg the favour of you to take the first opportunity of acquainting the gentlemen concerned, with his majesty's sense of this frith mark of their loyalty and zeal for his person and government.

It is a great honour to me to have conveyed this testimony of the duty and affection of the county of Middlesex, and city and liberty of Westminster, to the King, and to have been directed by his majesty, to declare his most gracious acceptance of it. I am, &c.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

An eminent merchant in this city rode four horses at Royton in Hertfordshire, for a wager of 1300 guineas; he was to go 42 miles in two hours, and performed it in one hour, 49 minutes. Bets to the amount of several thousand pounds were depending on this match.

Admiral Rodney arrived at Spithead, in his majesty's ship Deptford, with the His, Capt. Wheeler, from off Havre de Grace; the former to victual, and the latter to dock, victual, and return.

Rear-Admiral Rodney sailed from Portsmouth in the Deptford, to resume his station off Havre, whither the Chatham, Capt. Lockhart, and the His, Capt. Wheeler, as soon as cleaned, will repair and join him.

Capt. Smith, in the True Briton, arrived at Bristol, who sailed from Barbadoes the 25th of July, in company 320 sail of merchantmen, of whom 70 or 80 might be for America, under convoy of eight men of war of the line, and four bombards. He reports, that there are great misunderstandings between Commodore Moore and the Islanders, by which they suffer greatly in their trade, the French having taken above 40 sail in a very short time.

The society for propagating the gospel in foreign parts, have given 500l. sterling, to the infant college at New York.

At a meeting of the united vestries of St. Margaret and St John the Evangelist, Westminster,
fter, it was resolved to open a subscrip-
tion for an immediate volun-
tary contribution of the inhabitants
of these parishes, to be applied to
the same purpose, and subject to
the same directions, as the subscrip-
tion of the nobility, gentry, &c.
at the St. Alban’s tavern of the 19th
infant.

The following decision of the
congregation, appointed by the
Pope to examine the affairs of the
jeffuits in Portugal, is said to be
authentic. First, the effects of the
first institution, as well as the tenth
prelevies, shall remain in the hands
of the patriarch of Lisbon, to de-
fray the expenses of missions, and
other functions belonging to the
society. Secondly, the effects ar-
rising from the second institution,
shall serve to found a proper income
for such as quit the house of the
company. Thirdly, the effects of
the third institution, such as ships
employed in commerce, merchan-
dize, and other things of that na-
ture, shall go to the profit of the
royal treasury, to be employed in
relief of the poor. Fourthly, in
respect to such of those fathers who
are prisoners of state for the crime
of high treason, the King shall
make use of the right he has to
punish them. Fifthly, nevertheless
we beseech his majesty not to per-
mit the cruel tortures, usual in such
cases, to be employed towards the
guilty; but that, in conciliating his
clemency and his justice, he would
let them feel the effects of the sen-
timents of a good father and an
upright judge. [This last article
is said to have been added in the
Pope’s own hand.]

Christopher Irwin, Esq.; invented
a penile chair, by means of which
the heavenly bodies may be eaily
observed at sea in the most boister-
ous weather. The brave Lord
Howe acted in the kindest and
most worthy manner to that gentle-
man, as may be seen by the cer-
tificate underneath. The longitude
was observed formally, for several
times, and the errors were from
seven to fifteen miles which is
much less than the nearest the art
requires: in short, it is a thing
much easier to practise than was
expected. He went from Port-
mouth to Plymouth in the Jawn;
from thence to Lord Howe in the
Colchester; from Lord Howe when
he was satisfied, he returned in
the Minerva frigate to Plymouth,
where the Deptford being just
ready, he came in her to Deal:
the experiment was tried in every
one of these ships, and it answer-
ed in all extremely well; so that
the benefits attending this experi-
ment may be relied upon. Prince
Edward was so kind as to come
and see, and sit in the chair, and
liked it much; Dr. Blair, his
Royal Highness’s mathematical
teacher, came with him; and on
the facility he found in using the
telescope, cried out aloud, This
will do, this will do. They came
again one evening, and he took
an observation for the longitude,
when the error did not exceed se-
en or eight minutes.
A copy of Lord Howe’s last cer-
tificate.

Magnanime, off of Ushant, Aug.
11, 1759. On a further experi-
ment of the marine chair contrived
by Mr. Irwin, I am of opinion,
that an observation of an emersion
or immersion of Jupiter’s satellites
may be made in it at sea, not sub-
ject to a greater error than three
minutes of time.
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There is now one John Kennedy, who sells tapes, gathering, and laces about Tower-hill, that is now in the hundred and seventh year of his age, being born at Sterling, in Scotland, in the year 1633; but what is remarkable is, that he was in the fleet when Sir Cloudesley Shovell was cast on the rocks of Scilly and was one of the twelve that escaped from that dreadful shipwreck.

Above 500 men have infilfet at Guildhall since the public subscription has been opened.

The singular and extraordinary step, that the city of London has taken, in order to reinforce his majesty's armies, and to enable a wise and virtuous administration, to carry their public spirited designs into execution, in spite of all the efforts of their open, and all the endeavours of their secret enemies, must strike the present age with wonder, and appear a thing almost incredible in succeeding times. It is at once the highest proof of attachment, and the strongest evidence of confidence. There is no doubt, considering the time, the manner, and the extent of this assistance, that it will prove as effectual in its consequences, as in its nature it is unusual.

When one considers the large proportion of the land-tax, which the city of London and its dependencies pay, upon the multitude of the houses, and the high rents at which they are let; when one reflects on the prodigious income arising from the excise, on the almost innumerable branches of the extensive consumption of its inhabitants; and when one contemplates the mighty sums that annually flow into the royal revenue, from the duties and customs on the trade of this port; it gives one a high idea of the importance of this metropolis, and of the consummate prudence of the minister, who has so used his authority, as to acquire the good wishes of his fellow citizens.

To all this, if we add the influence of such an example, we may form an adequate notion, of the weight and consequence of the step lately taken. Reflections upon it would be needless; but there is one, so very obvious, and at the same time of such political utility, that it ought not to escape us. "A government is more than absolute, that in all its expenses, can safely rely for resources, on the affections of its subjects; and an invariable and inviolable attention to their interests, ought in policy, as well as gratitude, to be the perpetual object of that government, which for its own security, has once had recourse with success, to such resources."

The company of stationers have given 100 guineas to the Guildhall subscription; the East India company 500 l. the vintners 100 l. the ironmongers 100 l. the faltees 100 l. the cordwainers 100 l. the grocers 500 guineas, and Lord Ligonier 100 l. The grocers company also gave 100 l. to the marine society.

Newcastle, Sept. 1. This week a subscription was opened here by the right worshipful the mayor, the magistrates, and other gentlemen; from which fund they offer two guineas to every likely fellow, fit and willing to serve his majesty in the regiment of the Royal Volunteers recruiting here, or in the 66th regiment, commanded by Col. La Fauville, now quartered in this town.
town and neighbourhood, who
shall voluntarily enlist in either of
the aforesaid corps, within six
weeks from the 29th of August.

The corporation gave the sum of
300 guineas, and the two worthy
members, and several gentlemen
of the town and neighbourhood,
made very large subscriptions.

The corporation of Berwick,
have ordered three guineas to be
given to every able-bodied land-
man (not inrolled in the militia)
who shall, within six weeks, enlist
before any magistrate of that
town, to serve in the regiment of
Royal Volunteers, commanded by
Colonel John Crawford, or the re-
giment of foot commanded by Co-
lonel John La Fauvette, over and
above all bounty money, so as the
fame exceeds not 100 guineas, and
what shail exceed that sum is to be
raised by subscription.

The magistrates of Glasgow and
Dundee, have also ordered bounties
to persons who enlist in his ma-
jesty’s forces.

Died lately, Colonel Richard
James, of the island of Jamaica,
aged 103.

Dublin, Sept. 15. On Tuesday
last the grand canal leading from
Dublin to the river Shannon had
the water let into it, and a new
barge was launched, which was
built adjoining to the work near
Lyons, about 40 tons burden, in
the presence of a vast concourse of
gentlemen and ladies of distinction,
who expressed the greatest satisfac-
tion in viewing that beautiful ca-
nal, with the many curious bridges,
aqueducts, and sluices, that are al-
dradi perfect on that most useful
undertaking, which has succeeded
beyond expectation.

At Newbiggin by the sea, near
this town, on Monday last, the
fishermen drove on shore a fish
twenty-one feet long, and its cir-
cumference round the shoulders
nine feet, the head resembling that
of a grampus, but more depressed,
with a hilda in the middle, the
structure of the gills remarkable,
the foramina being three on each
side, in semicircular direction, de-
fended by three rows of a bony
lamina. The eye small for the
size of the fish, and covered with
a skin which concealed all the eye
but the iris, which was of a dark
blue, the tongue large and flat, the
mouth not armed with teeth, the
skin of the whole body rough, the
fins cartilaginous, and the tail bifid,
the stomach of a remarkable size
which, when dilated, must contain
full ten gallons, and was full of
dine sea-weed and sand. From the
anus to the extremity of the tail,
the fleshly parts of the fish, for two
inches deep, was exactly like beef,
all the rest of the body resembled
the flesh of turbot.

Extract of a letter from Aleppo,
dated July 27.

"By the last letters from Bo-
fora of the 20th, we have advice,
that the English fleet on the Indian
coast had taken Surat, after a siege
of forty days; that they had made
the Moors prisoners of war, and
sent the nabob prisoner to Bombay.

The same letters add, that the
French had made an unsuccessful
attempt on Bombay.

In December last, the French
were defeated at Golconda, had 50
men killed, and 130 Europeans
made prisoners, 20 pieces of can-
non taken, and all their baggage,"

A great number of protrants,
who have been ruined during the
war in Germany, have passed
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through Hanover, going to Denmark, his Danish majesty having promised them all the assistance in his power for their settling in his dominions.

At the last sessions at the Old Bailey, Nicholas Randall, for wilfully and maliciously levelling a gun, loaded with gunpowder and shot, and shooting at John Hampton and William Denney; whereby one of the eyes of Hampton was shot out, and Denney wounded in the leg, received sentence of death. The convict, Randall, (upwards of 78 years of age) has many years been noted for begging at the stabling places for horses, the further end of Turnham-green; who being possessed of a small garden, and the boys, Hampton and Denney, playing with other children in the fields near the garden, the old man, thinking they were in a combination to steal his apples, rashly resolved and perpetrated the fact, of which, upon the clearest evidence, he was convicted. — The jury, in consideration of his great age, recommended him to mercy.

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About eight o'clock in the evening, the recruits in the Savoy mutinied: a guard was sent for to quell them, who at first were ordered to fire only with powder; the recruits returned the compliment by throwing brickbats, which knocked several of the soldiers down; they were then ordered to fire with ball, which wounded several of the recruits, and put a stop to the fray. But unhappily one Jones, belonging to the third regiment of foot guards, getting upon the leads of the prison to see the affair, and looking down, was taken for one of the prisoners by the sentinel, who immediately shot at him, and the ball went through his head, and killed him on the spot. Nine of the men were dangerously wounded, and eighteen more of them were put in irons.

The Friendship, Capt. Bell, from Cork to Havana, was taken by a French privateer in latitude 44 deg. 22 min. N. longitude 34 deg. 22 min. W. from London, who took out the mailer and all the crew, except the mate and a boy, and put eight Frenchmen on board, with orders to proceed to Vigo; but after seven days possession, the mate watched his opportunity, seized the arms, and without putting one man to death, secured as many of them as it was prudent to do for his own safety, and by the assistance of the boy took the command of the ship, which he brought safe into Pool harbour. An action the more gallant, as no life was lost in the execution of it.

A letter from on board the Achilles man of war off Breit.

"The 28th of last month, Commodore Hervey (our ship belongs to his squadron) ordered all the barges to come on board his ship in the afternoon. At night we went in the Monmouth's barge, with four other barges. I was in our's, and having rowed till near one in the morning, we got into a bay, close to the French fleet, in order to attack a little yacht belonging to the French admiral. As soon as Commodore Hervey, who led us, got fight of the fort, under which the vessel lay, the yacht hailed the Monmouth's boat, and fired; we immediately all fired our small arms..."
and pulled on board as fast as possible. The commodore himself and his people were first on board, and carried her through all their fire. We boarded next, to follow their brave example. We found them with swords and pistols in hand; the French running under deck, begging their lives. Our people cut her cable, and our boats brought her out in the midst of incessant firing from the shore. We found ourselves in great danger, nevertheless we towed and hallowed all the way. In the morning we were met by the rest of the ships boats. We got to our ships not a little tired, nor a little pleased at a conquest that might have been more dearly bought; but nothing could have been done here so mortifying to the French. All the wounded prisoners were sent in a flag of truce. The commodore, who received no hurt, a shot only paling through his coat, has generously given up all his share of the prize and head money to the people who went in the barges with him; and we believe that: all the captains of his squadron will follow so worthy an example."

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth.

"On Friday afternoon, arrived at St. Helen's, his majesty's ship St. George, of 90 guns; Cambridge, of 80; Norfolk, of 74; Panther, of 64; and under their convoy above two hundred sail of merchant ships from the West Indies."

The foreign vessel came into Plymouth from her moorings at the Eddy lone, with all the workmen on board, the light-house there being entirely completed under the direction of that excellent mechanic Mr. Smeaton, F. R. S. without the loss of one life, or any material accident.

Arrived at Spithead, the Centaur French man of war, one the Toulon squadron, that was lately taken by Admiral Boscawen, and sent to Gibraltar.

This day Heffiam Bey, lately arrived ambassador from Tripoly, had his first audience of his majesty, to deliver his credentials; and had the honour of presenting his son to his majesty at the same time: to which he was introduced by the right hon. William Pitt, esq. one of his majesty's principal secretaries of state, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, esq. assistant-master of the ceremonies. He brought with him fix fine Barbary horses, richly caparisoned, as a present to his majesty.

The Arethusa man of war came through the Needles 12th. to Portsmouth, at the rate of fourteen knots an hour, in a violent gale of wind that had carried away her main-mast, and her fore and mizen-top-masts off Plymouth. In this form Admiral Hawke's squadron were driven from before Breft, and the next day, the Ramilies, Union, Royal George, Foudroyant, Duke, Mars, Dorsetshire, Essex, Kingston, Montague, Nottingham, and Temple, arrived in Plymouth Sound.

His Royal Highness Prince Edward went on shore in the evening, in good health, and set out for Salttram, the seat of John Parker, esq.

Monf. Thurot, who had been blocked up in Dunkirk read for some months by Commodore Boys, found means to get out with a small squadron.
squadron of armed vessels, on board of which it is said he has 1,800 men, designed for a private expedition on the coast of Scotland or Ireland. Commodore Boys immediately set out to pursue him, and it is hoped he will have the good fortune to overtake him.

One of the East India ship's long-boats, rigged, of twelve tons, with only six hands and a mate on board, arrived express from the Brazils, with an account of the arrival there of the Fox and Boscawen China men, they have been long missing, and were thought to have fallen into the hands of the French, from whom they had a very narrow escape. The Fox and Boscawen arrived at the Brazils the 16th of June, and the three French men of war that cruised for them off St. Helena, came in three days after.

Kensington. This day the right hon. the lord mayor, aldermen, and commons of the city of London, in common council assembled, waited on his majesty, and being introduced by the right hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, congratulated his majesty in a most dutiful and loyal address on the taking of Quebec, and the other late successes of his majesty's arms.

The streets were closed at the 26th. Old Baily, when John Aylliff, esq. for forgery, James and William Piddington, for horse stealing, received sentence of death, twenty-two were sentenced to be transported for seven years, two to be branded, and four to be whipped.

An express arrived from Edinburgh with advice, that Commodore Boys, with eight men of war, was victualing in Leith road, with all expedition, in order to go in quest of Mons. Thurot's squadron, who is supposed to be in the north sea.

A very beautiful and uncommon animal, lately arrived from the East Indies, presented by Jaffer Ally Kawn, nabob of Bengal, to General Clive, who sent it to the right hon. William Pitt, esq. and of which that gentleman had the honour to obtain his majesty's acceptance, is lodged in the Tower. It is called in the Indostan language, a Shah Goelt, and is even in that country esteemed an extraordinary rarity, there having been never known more than five in those parts, all which were procured for the said nabob from the confines of Tartary. It is now in the Tower, attended by a domestic of the nabob's, who was charged with the care of it to England.

Two houses were consumed by fire, near Exeter-Exchange, in the Strand.

A proclamation was issued for a public thanksgiving, to be observed on Thursday the 24th of November next, throughout England and Wales; the preamble of which is as follows: 'We do most devoutly and thankfully acknowledge the great goodness and mercy of Almighty God, who hath afforded us protection and assistance in the just war, in which, for the common safety of our realms, and for disarming the boundless ambition of France, we are now engaged; and hath given such signal successes to our arms both by sea and land; particularly by the defeat of the French army in Canada, and the taking of Quebec; and who hath most reasonably granted us at this time, an
uncommon plentiful harvest: and therefore duly considering that such great and public blessings, do call for public and solemn acknowledgments, We have thought fit, &c.

At the session of admiral ty, held at the Old Bailey, William Lawrence, master of the Pluto privateer, and Samuel Dring, William Goff, and Kendrick Muller, volunteers, were tried for robbing a Dutch vessel, named the Eenigheidt, on the high seas, near the North Foreland in Kent, of six guineas, twenty deal boxes, and three bales of cambric, value 700l. Lawrence, Dring, and Muller, were found guilty. Goff acquitted. At 6 o'clock they fired a gun at the Eenigheidt to bring her to, and then went on board with their faces blacked, and demanded two guineas shot-money, which the Dutch captain gave them: they then inflicted upon four guineas more, which was likewise given them; but not contented with that, they confined the master and crew, and fell to rummaging the ship, from which they took the goods mentioned in the indictment. The case was plain, and the jury found them guilty. Some other English seamen were indicted for robbing a Dutch hoy, often hogheads of wine, value 100l. but were all acquitted.

The encouragement to seamen and able-bodied landmen, is continued to the 6th of November.

The company of fishermen have given 500l. and the dean and chapter of St. Paul’s 100l. to the Guildhall subscription. The number of men that have been indicted thereon, now amounts to 810. and the committee yesterday enlarged the time, which will expire on the 16th instant, to the 16th of November.

The number of French prisoners in this kingdom, is now computed to be 23,100, officers included.

Extract of a letter from Capt. Porter, commander of his majesty’s ship the Hercules, of 74 guns, to Mr. Cleveland, dated in Plymouth Sound, Oct. 26.

“On the 10th instant, at eight in the morning, being in the latitude of about 46 deg. 40 min. steering S. E. with the wind at S. W. we saw a sail to windward, which we chased, and soon after discovered her top gallant flying false set, and that she came down laking upon us. About noon the chace hoisted a blue flag at her main top gallant mast head, which we answered by hoisting an English ensign at the mizen-top mast head, (a signal which is sometimes made between two French ships of war, upon meeting, after parting company) she neared us very fast, and we plainly discovered her to be a large ship of war. At two in the afternoon, a Dutch galliot passing near us, we hoisted a French jack, and fired a shot at her; upon which the chace hoisted a French jack at her ensign staff, and fired a gun to leeward. At half past five, being about one mile to windward of us, and abaft our beam, coming down as before seemingly with an intention of coming to action, as her guns were run out below, she hauled her jack down, and hoisted her ensign and pendant: we shortened sail, hauled down the French jack, hoisted our colours, hauled our ports up (which were until this time down) and run our weather guns out; upon which she
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The immediately hailed her wind, and set her main-sail and starboard; we then discovered her to be a 74 gun-ship, having fourteen ports below, made sail and stretched a head of her, and tacked, paffing her to leeward. At six tacked again, and stood after her; and we kept her away large; we bore after her, keeping her a little upon the lee-bow, to prevent her choice of the engaging distance. About three quarters after nine, being pretty near up with her, though not near enough to engage, she put her helm hard a-starboard, and gave us her starboard broadside, and then kept on as before, and gave us her starboard broadside. We then immediately starboarded our helm, and ran right down upon her, whilst she was loading her guns, and getting close to her, poured our helm, and began to engage as the guns bore upon her.

At half past ten we were so unlucky as to have our main-top mast shot away, which took the advantage of, and made all the sail she could from us; we did the same after her, and continued to chase until eight the next morning, when we saw the north end of Oleron, about five leagues distance. The chase was about four or five miles from us; finding it impossible to come up with her in so short a run, and engaging ourselves to the lee-shore, with our fore-yard shot thro' in two places, our fore-top-sail yard so badly wounded, that when we came afterwards to reer the sail, it broke, and having all our sails and rigging very much shattered, (at which the enemy only aimed) we left off chase, and wore ship, having one man killed and two wounded, including myself, being wounded in my head by a grape-shot, and have lost the use of my right leg. The officers and men behaved with the greatest spirits and alacrity, without the least confusion.

Dispatches were sent to the several commanding officers of the troops in Scotland, with orders to put Fort Augustus, and the rest of the forts along the coast, in the best posture of defence, and to hold every thing in readiness to repel the enemy; in consequence of which beacon posts have been set up for early intelligence, places of rendezvous for the regulars and militia appointed, and strict orders given that no officer absent himself from his duty, on any pretence whatever.

The Catholic king, Charles III., was proclaimed on Tuesday the 11th of September at Madrid, with the usual ceremonies, by the Conde de Altenira accompanied by all the other Grandees on horseback; the cavalcade was splendid, and the people showed the utmost satisfaction by their repeated acclamations; that night there were fire works; the two succeeding days there were bull feasts; mourning was laid aside for three days, and during those nights, there were illuminations in that capital.

In consequence of the decision of the congregation appointed by the Pope, to examine into the affairs of the Jefuits in Portugal, the court of Lisbon has already begun to proceed against their fathers, one hundred and seventeen of whom are condemned to spend their lives in the fortrefs of Magazan, or in the forts
of the island of Tercera. In pursuance of this determination, in the night of the 15th of September, they were shipped off in a Ragusian vessel, which failed the next day under convoy of a man of war. By all appearances a second embarkation of those fathers will soon be made, excepting three of the most culpable, who are supposed to be reserved for execution. The Fathers Portugal, Camera d'Acumba and Barruneho, of St. Anthony's college, have not been embarked with those that are taken out of that college, but are conducted to Fort Junqueira; what their ultimate lot may be, is not yet known. It is given out that the lay-brothers of the society, and those who have not yet made the last vow, will be enlarged, upon condition that they quit the habit of the order: otherwise they are to be confined for life in the prisons of Azeytad.

Extrait of a letter from Philadelphia, dated August 16.

By a letter from Niagara, of the 21st ult. we learn, that by the affidavit and influence of Sir William Johnson, there were upwards of 1100 Indians convened there, who, by their good behaviour, have justly gained the esteem of the whole army: that Sir William being informed the enemy had buried a quantity of goods on an island, about twenty miles from the fort, sent a number of Indians to search for them, who found to the value of $1000, and were in hopes of finding more. And that a French vessel entirely laden with beaver, had foundered on the lake, when her crew, consisting of forty-one men, were all lost.

The French have ninety privateers belonging to Martinico; and the West India trade have suffered more since the taking of Guadaloupe, than it has done during the whole war. They have taken 200 vessels, which amount to upwards of 600,000l.

The Noftra Signora, from Bahia, is arrived at Lisbon in one hundred and four days. She is an advice-boat, and has brought an account of the arrival of the Tavistalk, Jenkins; Prince Henry, Belf; Officer, Vincent; and the Hawke, Drake; all from China, at the Brazils, after having had an engagement with two French frigates off the Island of St. Helena. A convoy is appointed to bring them home.

The following story, which may be depended on as authentick, seems worthy to be transmitted to posterity.

In the first unsuccessful attack on the enemy's entrenchments near Quebec, July 31, Capt. Ochterlony, and Ensign Peyton, both of the Royal Americans, were left wounded, at a little distance from each other, on the field of battle; the captain mortally, but the ensign having only his knee pan shattered. Soon after an Indian came running down, in order to scalp the former, which, the latter perceiving, made shift to crawl to a musket, which lay near him, and which not having been discharged, he took aim with it, and shot the savage. The like danger then threatened him by the approach of another Indian; him he wounded with the bayonet, but, as he still persisted, he was forced, in a manner to pin him on the ground. At last a grenadier came back to the captain, in order to carry him off the field; which, however, he refused in these words: “Thou art a brave fellow; but your kindnefs will be
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"be lost on me. I am mortally " wounded, and the bayonet, or " the scalping knife would be now " a mercy: but go yonder to En- " sign Peyton and carry him off; he " may live." The soldier obeyed, took up the ensign, and brought him off, through a severe fire, by which they were both slightly wounded.

His Serene Highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick was invested the 6th instant with the most noble order of the garter.

NOVEMBER.

Extract of a letter from Liverpool, dated October 26. On Monday last Mr. James Wrigley, master of the Golden Lion in this town, was going into the cellar, he met an odd accident: a large Norway rat being curious to taste an oyster that opened as usual at tide time, having put in his fore foot to catch the fish, the oyster immediately closed, and held the rat fast. Mr. Wrigley brought them up into the kitchen, where several hundred persons went to see them whilst they were alive.

Two of his majesty's maf- fengers brought to town a person they took up at Newing Green, near Hyth, who is supposed to have held a correspondence with his majesty's enemies. There were several papers found in his custody, with the foundings of the sea coasts. He was betrayed by a Dutchman carrying some letters to him. After he was taken, and had been two hours in custody, he was released by some people who cut the cords off his hands, and carried him off on horseback; but three days after-wards he was retaken, and he is now in the custody of a messenger. 'Tis said 1000 guineas were found in his chest.

Extract of a letter from Coventry, dated October 29. " One Wright, a brickmaker at Hinckley, with his servant, having been employed to sink a well there, had proceeded to the depth of about seven yards, at which time Wright himself only being in, (with a rope fixed to him in the usual manner) and wanting more help, ordered his servant to come down also; who thinking it too dangerous, at first refused it; but the master persisting in his command, the young fellow at length com- plied: just as he had reached the bottom, the earth fell in upon them, and smothered Wright; the young fellow was only covered up to his arms; assistance being at hand, it was proposed to fix a rope to him, and wind him up by the windlass; but this he rejected, telling them he stuck so fast, that an attempt of that kind would pull him limb from limb, and begged them to endeav'our to give him relief by digging the earth away with spades; when, at the instant, another fall of earth happened, which put an end to his life.

The same day, at Longford, near this city, a boy, and girl, about six years old each, playing in a sand-hole, the earth fell in and smothered them both."

The news of Thurso, with his small squadron having slip’d away from Dunkirk, has caused a great alarm on the coasts of Scotland and Ireland, and several small squadrons have been sent in pursu'it of him. The magistrates of Liverpool assembled on the occasion, and entered in an association for the de-
fence of that opulent town. It was proposed to raise 20 companies of 100 men each, to be armed and paid by the inhabitants; and to erect batteries to mount 50 pieces of cannon.

The French prisoners to 5th. the number of 1250, who have been confined at Kinfale, began to be removed into the interior parts of the country.

A man and four lads being 7th. in a coal pit at Kilmerdon, near Coleford, a vapour took fire; which the man perceiving, called for help from above, upon which a bucket was let down, but before he was half up, being affected by the vapour, he fell out of it, and died directly; the bucket was then let down again, when two of the lads got into it, and were drawn up alive, but so much hurt that their lives are despaired of. The other two, when the vapour was extinguished, were found arm in arm. It is remarkable, that no less than seventeen persons have lost their lives there in this manner, within these few years.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, dated the 11th instant. On Monday the 29th ult. the two houses of parliament received the following message from his grace the lord lieutenant:

"BEDFORD.

"Mr. Secretary Pitt having by his majesty's express command, acquainted me, by his letter, which I received on Friday the 19th instant, that it appears, by repeated most authentick intelligences, that France, far from detesting from her plan of invasion on account of the disaster that happened to her Toulon squadron, is rather more and more confirmed therein; and even instigated by despair itself, to attempt, at all hazards, the only resource he seems to think left her, for breaking by such a diversion given us at home, the measures of England abroad, in prosecuting of a war, which hitherto, by the blessing of God on his majesty's arms, opens, in all parts of the world, so unfavourable a prospect to the view of France. And Mr. Secretary Pitt having added, on this subject, that there is a strong probability, in case the body of troops, consisting of 18000 men, under the command of the Duke d'Aiguillon, assembled at Vannes, where more than sufficient transports for that number are actually prepared, and ready to receive them on board, should, as the season of the year is growing less favourable for cruising, be able to elude his majesty's squadrons, Ireland will not fail to be one of their objects.

I think it incumbent on me, in a matter of such high importance to the welfare of Ireland, to lay this intelligence before you. His majesty will not make any doubt, but that the zeal of his faithful protent subjects in this kingdom will have been already sufficiently quickened by the repeated accounts, which have been received, of the dangerous designs of the enemy, and of their actual preparations in consequence, made at a vast expense, in order to invade the several parts of his majesty's dominions. And I have his majesty's commands to use my utmost endeavours, to animate and excite his loyal people of Ireland to exert their well-known zeal and spirit in support of his majesty's government, and in defence of all that is dear to him, by a timely preparation to refoit and frustrate any
any attempts of the enemy to disturb the quiet, and shake the security of this kingdom.

I do therefore, in the strongest manner, commend it to you, to manifest, upon this occasion, that zeal for the present happy establishment, and that affection for his majesty's person and government, by which this parliament, and this nation have been so often distinguished."

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The day after this message was sent to the parliament of Ireland, the honourable house of commons unanimously resolved, "That an humble address be presented to his grace the lord lieutenant, to return his grace the thanks of this house, for the care and concern he has shewn for the safety of this nation, in having been pleased to communicate to us intelligence of so great importance; and to desire his grace to make the use of such means as shall appear to him to be most effectual, for the security and the defence of this kingdom; and to assure his grace that this house will make good whatever expense shall be necessarily incurred thereby."

To which message his grace was pleased to return the following answer:

"I thank the house of commons for this great mark of the confidence which they have placed in me, with so much unanimity. They may be assured that I shall do every thing in my power for the defence and security of this kingdom, at this critical juncture; and that the measures to be taken shall be conducted with all possible economy."

Several of the bankers at Dublin, about this time, stopped payment, owing to an inconsiderate hurry and run upon them, from an apprehension that some of the French troops would be landed on their coasts: but an association being entered into and signed by his grace the Duke of Bedford, the lords spiritual and temporal, the speaker of the house of commons, the members thereof, the lord mayor, aldermen, merchants, and principal traders of Dublin, to support public credit, and take all bankers notes in payment, credit was soon restored, and all things quieted.

We hear from Galway in Ireland, that they have lately had the greatest take of fish, particularly of hake and turbot, that has been known in the memory of the oldest man living in that town. The largest hake were fold at 7 d. the dozen, while turbot, such as hath been often bought at a crown a-piece, were fold from 8 d. to 1 s. per fish, and smaller in proportion.

Dr. Henley pleaded his majesty's pardon, at the bar of the court of King's bench.

This day a new convention was signed at Welminister between his majesty and the King of Prussia. By this convention, all former treaties between the two crowns are renewed and confirmed; his majesty grants the King of Prussia an immediate supply of £70,000, to be employed in keeping up and augmenting his forces for their reciprocal defence and mutual security; and both parties oblige themselves not to enter into any kind of convention with the powers, who have taken part in the present war, but in concert, and by mutual consent, and expressly comprehending each other therein.

About five o'clock in the 12th morning, a dreadful fire broke out at Hamilton's coffee house,
in Sweeting's ally, near the royal exchange, which consumed that
and the New-York coffee house ad-
joining to it; also Mr. Vaughan's,
a fan maker; Mr. Withy's, a print-
feller; Mr. Fleatham's, a wool-
len-draiper; Mr. Hunt's, a linen-
draiper; Mr. Leggs, a wollen-
draiper; Mr. Bakewell's, a print-
feller; all in the front of Cornhill.
The Virginia coffee house; Mr. 
Worlidge's, an attorney; Mr. Mat-
thias's, secretary of the Scots equi-
valent company; Mefirs. Walton
and Voyce's, wholesale linen-dra-
pers; Mr. Park's a barber, and Mr.
Sedgwick's a broker, all in Free-
man's court. Mr. Bakewell's house
in Cornhill is standing, but all the
other thirteen are in ruins. Two
little shops at the corner of the pas-
sage to the New-York coffee house
were also burnt, one belonging to
Mr. Mazarine, a shoe-maker, and
the other to Mr. Fith, a watch-maker.
Several other houses were very
much damaged, among which are
the Red-lion and Sun ale-house, and
Mr. Box's house, a music shop, in
Sweeting's alley; Mr. Watmore's, a
barber, in Spread Eagle court, and
the Swan and Rummer in Finch-
lane. It is thought the fire began
in a room belonging to a man who
played music upon glasses, and
lodged at Hamlin's coffee house, and
it is reported that he perished in the
flames. The next day, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the fire
broke out again at the Red Lion
and Sun ale house in Sweeting's
alley; it was soon got under; but
the house is so much damaged, that
it is believed it must be entirely
culled down. By the fall of the
houses in Cornhill, Mr. Hurford,
clerk to Mefirs Martin and com-
pany, bankers, in Lombard street,
was killed; and it is believed that
several persons were buried under
the ruins.

Weltminster. This day the lords being met, a me-
 fase was sent to the honourable
house of commons, defiring their at-
tendance in the house of peers; and
the commons being come thither
accordingly, the lord keeper, one of
the lords commisioners appoint-
ed by his majesty for that purpose,
opened the session by a speech to
both houses.

This day likewise his Royal High-
ness the Prince of Wales took his seat
in the house of peers.

A letter from Portsmouth takes notice, that the Ter-
rible man of war, of 74 guns, had
been lost in the river St. Laurence,
but for an expendient of a warrant
officer on board, who, when the
ship drove from her anchor by the
rapidity of the tide, contrived an
anchor that held her fast: this an-
chor was made by securing one of
the ship's guns to two small anchors,
as had been formerly done by Com-
modore Anfon in the Centurion, on
a like occasion.

This day the remains of General Wolfe were landed
at Portsmouth, from on board the
Royal William man of war; dur-
ing the solemnity minute guns were
fired from the ships at Spithed, and
all the honours that could be paid
to the memory of a gallant officer
were paid on this occasion.

John Ayliffe, Esq; was carried in a cart from New-
gate, and about twenty minutes af-
ter 11, executed at Tyburn. He
was about 36 years of age, born
near Blandford, in Dorsethshire, of
a very good family. He has left a
widow, and one son, about eleven
years old. He behaved at the gal-
lows with great composure and de-
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cency, and desired, just before he was turned off, to be indulged with a few minutes for his private devotions, which was granted him. After the execution, his body was carried off in a hearse by the undertakers, to be interred in the country.

Three expresses arrived with advice, that M. Conflans, with the grand armament of France, was failed from Breff, to take the transports from Vannes, with the land forces under his protection, and then to fail on his intended expedition. His whole force, consisting of twenty ships of the line, and four frigates; and the transports are to carry 18,000 men.

Much about the same time, a certain account was received, that M. Thurot, with his squadron, was put into Gottenburg in Sweden. Alfo M. Bompart's squadron had got safe into Breff in the abfence of Admiral Hawke, who had been driven off his station, as mentioned already. This squadron is said to have been richly laden with private property from Guadaloupe and Martinico.

The hon. house of commons resolved, that an humble address be prefented to his majesty, most humbly to defire his majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions, that a monument be erected in the collegiate church of St. Peter Weilminifter, to the memory of the ever lamented late commander in chief of his majesty's land forces, on an expedition to Quebec, Major General James Wolfe, who furmounting by ability and valour, all obftacles of art and nature, was slain in the moment of victory, at the head of his conquering troops, in the arduous and decifive battle againft the French army, near Quebec, fighting for their capital of Canada, in the year 1759; and to affure his majesty, this house will make good the expence of erecting the faid monument.—At the fame time it was resolved, that the thanks of the house be given to the admirals and generals employed in this glorious and successful expedition againft Quebec.

There is advice that Capt. Greyflock's ship being alongside of a Dutch man of war, in the harbour of Rotterdam, words arose while the captain was on shore, between his crew and the crew of the man of war, on which the Dutch captain fent and demanded one of Greyflock's men, who was delivered to him; but Captain Greyflock being prefently informed of the whole transaction, went himself on board the ship of war, and re-demanded his man; the Dutch captain fell into a rage, and, instead of making satisfaction for the insult, struck Greyflock, faying, that was the treatment which every Englishman deferved from a Dutchman. On which Captain Greyflock went to the Hague, and prefented a memorial to General Yorke, which was by him laid before the States, and they ordered the Dutch captain immediately to return the man, and make Captain Greyflock every fhew of submission he required, except kneeling.

Seventy thousand feamen were voted for the sea service, including 18,300 marines.

Ten bay of building, &c. were consumed by fire, at Northampton.

Some of the ships from Quebec being arrived at Plymouth,
mouth, and some at Spithead; the lords of the Admiralty began to be in pain for Admiral Saunders, when they received a letter of excuse from him, dated in the chops of the channel, acquainting them, that as he had heard the Brest squadron were failed, he hoped he should be pardoned for going to join Admiral Hawke without orders. In this noble enterprize he is joined by General Townshend.

The land tax of 4 s. in the pound was ordered to be continued; and also the malt bill; but a farther duty of 3 d. per bushel is talked of, for raising the supplies for the ensuing year, which will be a fund sufficient without any other tax whatever, and the brewers will be no losers if the distillery be discontinued.

An express arrived from Commodore Duff, with advice of his getting off safe from his station before Quiberon Bay, where he was blocking up the transports designed to join the Brest fleet. Commodore Duff came off from Quiberon Bay the 16th, and the next day saw the French fleet standing with their heads to the shore about 7 or 8 leagues S. W. of Belleisle. — The commodore, after detaching what large ships he had to join Admiral Hawke, returned to his station again with the frigates, in order to accommodate the transports as much as possible, M. Condians’s squadron lying wind-bound off Belleisle.

Four conflables convicted in May term for the abuse of their office, in wantonly feizing and dragging Mrs. Williams, a gentlewoman of character, to prison, and confining her a whole night, were brought from the King’s Bench pri-

on to Westminster-hall, to receive sentence; when in consideration of their extreme poverty, the court thought proper to remit all pecuniary punishment, and ordered them to two months farther imprisonment.

This day an express arrived at the Admiralty with certain intelligence, that M. Thurot’s fleet was seen upon the coast of Scotland, and that Commodore Boys was within sight of it. Aber-deen is thought the place of its destination.

A fire broke out in the veltery-room of the Romish chapel in Duke-street, Lincoln’s Inn fields, which burnt the chapel with all its ornaments, to the ground, and communicated itself to the house of his excellency Count Viri, the Sardinian ambassadour, who being indisposed, was immediately carried to Newcastle-house, whether the valuable part of his furniture was also removed. It destroyed two houses adjoining.

On the 17th ult. Don Carlos, formerly King of the Two Sicilies, now King of Spain, landed at Barcelona, with his queen and royal family, except Don Ferdinand his third son, whom he declared King of the Two Sicilies, before he left Naples.

The Dutch have lately shewn a remarkable piece of partiality towards the French, who had brought a great number of cannon, cannon balls, and other warlike stores from the Baltic, and landed them at Amsterdam, intending to carry them by the canals of Holland and Flanders. This our minister opposed, as being contrary to their neutrality, and a passage was for some time refused; but upon a memorial
rial from the French minister, the States General having granted them a passport; and notwithstanding the strongest remonstrances made by our minister, they have been carried through Holland, by inland water carriage to Flanders. A new method by which our enemies may be furnished with all sorts of naval and warlike stores, without its being possible for us to intercept them.

The Pope has ordered the Jesuits that were sent from Portugal, and arrived at Civita Vecchia, to be lodged part of them in the Dominican and Capuchin convents of that city, and the rest in private houses, till the houses getting ready for them at Tivoli and Frosinone made fit for their reception. His holiness seems sensibly touched with the disgrace of these fathers; and a great number of persons interest themselves in their favour, notwithstanding the hatred of those who endeavour at Rome, as well as elsewhere, to blacken the society.

By the death of Mrs. Anne Malling, at Nantwich, Cheshire, her fortune, computed at 6000l. devolved to her grand-daughter, who carried a basket several years in the markets of this city.

A labourer's wife, at Fahlun, in Sweden, aged forty-four, was lately brought to bed of four children.

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At the court of King's Bench in Westminster-Hall, a prosecution was brought against a woman for receiving a petition as an officer's widow ten years, although she had never been married to him; when she was found guilty of perjury.

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Two persons belonging to the workhouse of St. Andrew's Holborn, tried some time ago, and convicted of taking, from its mother, then in the said workhouse, a child of two months old, and carrying it to the Foundling Hospital against her consent, where it died, were brought to Guildhall, and received sentence, viz. to pay a fine of 40s. each, and to suffer one month's imprisonment in the Poultry-Comptroller.

Numbers of persons in Ireland, having taken it into their heads, that an union was intended between England and Ireland, that they were to have no more parliaments, were to be subject to the same taxes, &c. a mob of some thousands assembled in Dublin, broke into the house of lords, insulted them, would have burnt the journals if they could have found them, and feared an old woman on the throne. Not content with this, they obliged all the members of both houses that they met in the streets, to take an oath, that they would never consent to such an union, or give any vote contrary to the true interest of Ireland. Many coaches of obnoxious persons were cut or broke, their horses killed, &c. One gentleman, in particular, narrowly escaped being hanged, a gallows being erected for that purpose. The horne and foot were drawn out on this occasion, but could not dispere them till night; and the day after, addresses to the lord lieutenant were agreed to, and a committee of enquiry appointed.

This day's London Gazette gives us the translation of a declaration, which his Serene Highness Duke Lewis of Brunswick has delivered to the ministers of the

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belligerent powers, residing at the Hague, in the name of his majesty, and the king of Brussia, expressing their majesty's desire of seeing an end put to the war, and their readiness to appoint plenipotentiaries for that purpose.

8th. The great caufe brought by Lady Mansell, relief of Sir Edward Mansell, against the heir at law of that gentleman, for a satisfaction for her jointure, of which she had been evicted, was argued in the court of Chancery before the lord keeper, who made a decree in her favour, and ordered her claims to be made good out of the great estate in Carmarthenshire, called the Vaughan estate, which are very considerable.

Admiralty office, Dec. 8. The King has been pleased to appoint the right hon. Edward Boscawen, Esq; admiral of the blue, to be general of the marine forces. And also to appoint Charles Saunders, Esq; vice admiral of the blue, to be lieutenant general of the said forces.

The following remarkable article appeared in the Brussels Gazette. "The animosity of the English against the French decreases. They are now suffered to hate only the French that are in arms. A subscription is opened in the several towns and counties for cloathing the French prisoners detained in England, and the example has been followed in the capital."—The English feel for their captives as men, and cannot but pity enemies in distress, who are not in a capacity to hurt them.

It was resolved by the commons in the parliament of Ireland, that the exportation of live cattle from that kingdom, would be prejudicial to the trade and manufactures thereof.

Admiral Saunders, who landed at Cork, in Ireland, 15th. in a boat, not being able to carry in his great ships because of the weather, set out from that port, and arrived this day at Dublin. At night, being at the play, he was saluted by the audience with the highest demonstrations of applause.

A loan of eight millions was agreed to by the parliament, for which an interest of 4 per cent. and a lottery ticket, value 3l. is to be given as a gratuity for every 100l. so borrowed. The subscription for this sum was full before the resolution agreed to in parliament was known. An additional duty of 3d. per bushel on malt is laid to pay the interest of this vast sum.

Was executed at Nottingham, 18th. where he received sentence of death at the assizes held for that town, on the 10th of August last, the execution of which was resorted from time to time, William Andrew Horne, of Butterley-hall, in Derbyshire, Esq; aged 74, for the murder of a child only three days old, 35 years ago. His brother, who was the only person privy to this long concealed murder, was at last induced to discover it, partly from an uneasiness of mind he was under on that account, and partly from the cruel treatment he received from Mr. Horne.

The Adventure transport, Captain Walker, arrived at Plymouth from the Bay, and brings advice that the ships in Vilaine harbour are not destroyed; that he himself was employed in weighing up the guns of the Soleil; but that he was fired upon from the land,
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land, and obliged to defect; that Admiral Hawke had bombarded the town of Croisiel, and let it on fire, because the magistrates had refused to permit any boats to pass up the Vilaine, to destroy the men of war that had taken shelter there.

Captain William Lawrence, commander of the Pluto privateer, convicted some time ago for robbing a Dutch ship on the high seas, was carried to execution-dock, and there executed, pursuant to his sentence. The two seamen who assisted, and who were likewise condemned, as they acted under his command, were respited.

The following acts were 25th. signed by commission.—An act to continue and amend an act for the importation of Irish salted beef, pork, and butter.—An act to prohibit for a limited time, the distilling of spirits or low wines from all grain.—An act to punish mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the army. And one naturalization act.—After which the house of peers adjourned till Tuesday the 15th of January, and the house of commons to Monday the 14th.

At night the trial of a pretended Dutch ship, called the Ship, taken by the Lyon privateer, Capt Creil, came on before the lords of appeal, at the Cock-pit, Whitehall, when it plainly appeared to their lordships, that the real bill of lading, &c. were artfully concealed in a cask or bag of coffee, and that the counterfeit papers were encouraged by the Dutch governor of St. Eutalia, who was deeply concerned in the lading; their lordships were unanimously pleased to confirm the judge's sentence, by pronouncing the ship and cargo (which is worth 800l.) to be French property.

The contract made this day by the commissioners of the victualling office for beef was no more than 21s. 5d. per hundred; and 27s. 11d. for pork.

About four in the morning, a fire broke out at a cabinet-maker's in King street, Covent garden, which entirely consumed that house, and two more in front; a large work-shop backwards took fire, and having no water for some time, the flames soon reached several houses in Hart-friers, which were burnt down; as are likewise all the houses on the right hand side of the way in Koife-street, through to Long-acre. It is computed, that in the whole about fifty houses are consumed, and several more greatly damaged. One fireman and a brewer's servant lost their lives by the fall of a house, and several others had their legs and arms broke; and were otherwise much hurt. The loss is computed at more than 70,000l.

His majesty has settled 1500l. per annum upon Sir Edward Hawke, for his own life and that of his son.

Lord George Sackville having made application to be tried by a court-martial for his supposed misconduct on the 1st of August last, a doubt has been raised whether he is amenable before such a court, as he does not at present hold any military employment whatsoever. This point is referred to the judges, who are to give their opinion thereon next term.

During the present war, there have been taken or destroyed 27 French ships of the line, and 31
frigates; and two ships of the line and four frigates left; making in the whole 35 taken or destroyed, and 30 lost. We have lost seven men of war and five frigates.

A subscription lately let on foot for the relief and reward of the soldiers, who triumphed at Minden and Quebec, meets with great encouragement; and another for clothing and comforting the French prisoners, during the present rigorous season, has already the function of many great and illustrious names; whilst they, unhappy, brave fellows! are totally neglected and abandoned by their own country.

This morning arrived at 27th. Portsmouth, Captain Geary, with several ships from Sir Edward Hawke's fleet; as did Lord Howe in his majesty's ship Magnanime. Some of these ships are in a shattered condition, having had very bad weather for some time. Admiral Rodney is also arrived here with the ships under his command from off Havre-de-Grace.

This morning Admiral Saunders arrived in town from Dublin.

Dr. Ward sent this day a benefaction of 50l. to the subscription opened at Slaughter's coffee-house for the relief of the distressed sufferers by the late fire in Covent-garden.

Died lately Mr. David Lacy, of Limerick, in Ireland, aged 112.

A few days since, as Hugh Belthel, Esq; of Rite, was hunting the flag between Scarborough and Burlington, the creature being very hard pressed, took down a cliff of an immense height; and ten couple and a half of the leading hounds followed; by which accident they were every one killed upon the spot, and the flag had three of his legs broke. One of the whippers-in, a young lad, being just at their heads, and seeing his danger, threw himself from his horse; and the horse upon coming near the precipice luckily stopped, by which means they were both preferred.


"Since my last, nothing particular has happened to the detachment, until February, when I was ordered by the governor and council to take the command of an expedition against the city and castle of Surat, my command consisting of 870 artillery and infantry, with 1500 sepoys.

I embarked my troops on board the company's armed vessels, and in eight days landed them all safe at a place called Dentilowry, distant from Surat about nine miles, where we encamped for the refreshment of the troops three or four days. In our first day's march from the above encampment, Capt. John Northall died of an apoplectic fit, and was succeeded in our company by Capt. Joseph Winter. The first attack that I made, was against the French garden, where the enemies (Seydies) had lodged a number of men; them I drove out, after a very smart firing on both sides, for about four hours; our number lost consisting of about twenty men killed, and as many wounded. After we had got possession of the French garden, I thought it necessary to order the engineer to pitch upon a proper place to erect a battery, which he did, and completed it in two days.

On this battery were mounted two 24 pounders, and a 13 inch mortar, which
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which I ordered to fire against the wall, &c. as brisk as possible: this I continued to do for three days. Having thought of a more expeditious method of getting into the outer town, than by a breach in the wall, I called a council of war, composed of military and marine; formed a plan of a general attack, which I laid before them, and they as readily agreed to, and this to be put into execution at half past four the next morning. The plan was, that the company's grab and bomb-ketches should warp up the river in the night, and anchor in a line of battle opposite the Seydees Bundar, one of the strongest fortified places they had got: this they did, and a general attack began from the vessels and battery at the appointed time. My intentions in this were, to drive the enemy from their batteries, and to facilitate the landing of the infantry at the Bundar, whom I had embarked on board of boats for their transportation. We made a continual fire until half past eight, when a signal was made for the boats to put off, and go under the cover of the vessels. This proved very successful, for the men were landed with the loss of one man only; getting possession of the Seydees Bundar, and putting the men to flight, with the loss of Captain Robert Inglis mortally wounded, and Lieutenant Pepperel wounded in the shoulder, our loss of men not very considerable.

Having gained this point, and getting possession of the outer town, with its fortifications, the next thing to be done, was to attack the inner town and castle.

I ordered the 13 and 2 ten inch mortars to be planted on the Seydees Bundar, and to begin firing into the castle and town as soon as possible; distance from the castle about 700 yards, inner town 500.

About six in the evening the mortars began to play very briskly, and continued to do so until half past two the next morning. This continued firing of our mortars put the castle and town into such a confusion, that they never returned one gun. The enemy finding it impossible to support themselves, sent to acquaint me they would open the gates for my troops to march into the town; which I did, with drums beating, and colours flying. After I was in the town, the governor sent to acquaint me, that he would give me up the castle, on promise, that I would allow him and his people to march out of the castle with their effects, which I agreed to, taking possession without any further molestation.

Royal artillery, killed 2, wounded 4.

In the company's infantry, Captains killed 2. Subalterns 1. Killed in all 150. Wounded about 60.

Our expedition commenced the 9th of February, and we arrived at Bombay the 15th of April.


"—— Cayenquiliqua and Rat-tle-snake Sam, two Mohawk Indians, came here yesterday. They were about fourteen days ago at Oiwegatchie, in Canada, on a visit to some relations who have been many years settled with the French. They say they endeavoured to persuade their relations, and the other Mohawks at Oiwegatchie, to leave the French in good time, and return to their own country; telling them, "That the English, formerly women, were now all turned into men, and were as thick all over the country,
country, as the trees in the woods. That they have taken the Ohio, Niagara, Cataracqui, Ticonderoga, Louisbourg, and now lately Quebec; and they would soon eat the remainder of the French in Canada, and Indians that adhered to them." But the French Indians answered, "Brethren, you are deceived, the English cannot eat up the French; their mouth is too little, their jaws too weak; and their teeth not sharp enough. Our father Cheniion (that is, the governor of Canada) has told us, and we believe him, that the English, like a thief, have stolen Louisbourg and Quebec from the great King, whilst his back was turned, and he was looking another way; but now he has turned his face, and sees what the English have done, he is going into their country with a thousand great canoes, and all his warriors; and he will take the little English King, and pinch him till he makes him cry out, and give back what he has stolen, as he did about ten summers ago; and this year eyes will soon see." The same notions and prejudices, we find, are indulgently spread amongst the six nations: God grant nothing may happen at a peace to confirm them.

The Chieferia, from a place 20 leagues above Quebec, of near 500 tons, mounting 25 six pounders, with 100 men, and six English prisoners, is sent into Bristol by the Rippen man of war, who took her the 20th instant, seventy leagues from the Lizard. She failed from Quebec with four or five others; the forts fired as they passed the town; but did them little or no damage. It was thought impossible that they could escape.

Letters from Gibraltar advise, that Mr. Milbank, who was lately sent to Morocco with two men of war, to treat about the ransom of the crew of the Litchfield man of war, and a transport that was wrecked last year on the Barbary coast, is not able to succeed in his commission; for, besides the sum of money required, which is very large, the emperor demands a certain number of cannon with powder and ball answerable, and courage, tackle, &c. sufficient to equip four men of war.

In Paris 19,148 children were baptized, 4341 couple married, 19,202 died during this year; and 5028 foundlings were taken into their foundling hospital in the same time.

Amsterdam. The number of persons who have died in this city in 1759, amounts to 7771, and the christenings to 4317.

Extract of a letter from Bombay, dated April 7, 1759.

There have been three very extraordinary appearances here. On the 15th of December last, there was almost a total eclipse of the sun, which lasted from ten in the morning till near one o'clock. A comet has been seen these twenty days, and remains still visible about four o'clock in the morning. A very large meteor in the air was seen on the 4th of this month, at about seven o'clock at night, which appeared in the same shape, but much larger than the comet, and had the same direction. It lasted about ten seconds, and was of so great a brightness, that it was not possible for a person to look steadfastly at it. As for myself, I narrowly escaped feeling the effects of it; being then returning from a village near Bombay town, and in the open road, seeing an extraordinary light in the air, I turned
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According to our method in the last year's Register, we refer an article at the conclusion of the Chronicle, for those matters, curious, though curious and interesting, cannot be inserted in that part, agreeable to our plan.

At the end of April of this year the following advertisement appeared, and has been often repeated in some of the daily papers.

** Whereas on Wednesday the 25th of April, several persons armed with cutlasses, swords, and other offensive weapons, did forcibly enter the house of Mr. Campbell, Jeweller, in King-street, Soho, break open his parlour \* 1 door, greatly abuse him and his wife, take away a lady by force, and commit many acts of great violence and outrage: and whereas only four of the said persons have as yet been taken; whereas still more discovery, or those to be discovered and taken, the principal ringleader of this conspiracy, or rict, so that he may be brought to justice, (the lord chief justice's warrant having been granted for that purpose) would, on his commitment, receive a reward of five guineas, to be paid by me

Joe Campbell.

N.B. He is about five feet five or six inches high, raven-haired and flaxen in his person, pitted with the small-pox, of a dark complexion, broad black eye brows, grey eyes, looking a little red or sore about the lids, a longish sharp nose, wide mouth, had on a large grizzle wig, and black coat.

This extraordinary advertisement has been the subject of much speculation, and the act of violence which occasioned it, has been variously, but neither truly nor circumstantially related. It was, in
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deal, one of the most daring and flagitious breaches of the peace that ever happened in this kingdom, as will appear by the following narrative, which is drawn up from an account given in writing, by the lady herself.

Mrs. A. M. B. in the month of December, 1757, after having been married three years to Mr. B. B. was obliged, by a series of unprovoked cruelty, to favour the peace against him before a magistrate, to remove from his house in Bath-street, Soho, leaving with him their only child, a little boy, then about a year and a half old, and take shelter at Mr. Campbell's, a jeweller, in King-street, not far distant. In the next Hilary term she exhibited the articles of peace in the court of King's-Bench, and commenced a suit in the spiritual court, by which she obtained a divorce a moena et tenebris with costs and damages, on the 15th of December, 1758.

On the 15th of April, 1759, about four months after the divorce had been obtained, as Mrs. B. was sitting in the parlour at Mr. Campbell's, with Mr. Campbell and his wife, between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, she heard three loud knocks at the street door. The parlour where they were sitting is a back room, with two doors; one door opens into the passage, at the end of which is the street door, and the other opens into the shop, in which there is a glass door, that opens into the same passage close by the street door.

Being startled at the loudness of the knocking, Mr. Campbell went out at the passage door, which Mrs. Campbell immediately bolted after him, and while he was going along the passage to the street door, Mrs. B. went out at the other door into the shop, and looked through the glass door, which was always kept bolted at night, to see who was coming. As soon as Mr. Campbell opened the street door, she saw a tall elderly ill-looking man, and hearing him enquire if Mrs. B. did not lodge there, he instantly suspected some violence was intended against her, and being extremely frightened, she screamed out. The next moment she distinguished Mr. B.'s voice, and heard him say, "Come on my boys." Several ruffians then rushed into the passage, armed with short bludgeons, violently threw Mr. Campbell down, who endeavoured to stop them, and getting at length to the parlour door, B. after several efforts, burst it open, by forcing off the box of the lock. Mrs. B. was still at the glass door in the shop, B. discovering her, ran to her, and dropping his bludgeon, laid hold of her, and forcibly dragged her quite round through the parlour and passage, to the street door, not having presence of mind to unbolt the glass door, which, when he was in the shop, he might easily have done. Mrs. Campbell, endeavouring to save her, was extremely ill-treated, and had her cloaths torn from her back; and Mrs. B. in the struggle lost both her shoes, and her linen and cloaths were torn almost to rags. In this condition she was dragged into the street, where she saw a landau; while the gang were attempting to force her into it, she heard a woman's voice, who called her by her name, and said, "Don't be afraid, "Mrs. B. come in." Mrs. B. however, continued to struggle with all her strength, but was at last overpowered, and, with great violence, and
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and great indecency, forced into the coach. She immediately perceived that the woman, having done her office, had got out at one door, just as she was forced in at the other. One Aldrich came into the coach to her, and was immediately followed by B. The coach then drove away with great speed, leaving behind many persons, who stopped to gaze at the tumult, and with notwithstanding the cries, and entreaties, and struggles of the lady, patiently suffered her to be thus treated, because some of the gang had told them it was only a squabble between a man and his wife.

Mrs. B. still continued her screams, and threw her hands out of the coach, imploring assistance, which was still prevented by some of the gang, who followed the coach on foot, which drove at a great rate up Greek-street, crossed Soho square, through Hog-lane, and so to the turnpike at Tottenham-court. This turnpike, and the next, being already opened, they drove furiously through, without stopping, and, as they said, went through the back part of Illington. B. all the time being half out of the coach, cursing and swearing at the coachman to push on, and to keep the lower road. They came at length to a third turnpike, which they said led to Hackney, and this not being opened, the coach stopped to pay the toll. Mrs. B. saw that there was but one man at this gate, and though she could not hope much from his assistance, yet she would have called out to him, if B. had not forcibly held her back in the coach, and stopped her mouth with his hand. Some time after they had got through this turnpike, the coach stopped again by B.'s order; and it being now late in the evening, and the place lonely, Mrs. B. was struck with the dreadful apprehension that she was now about to be murdered; this apprehension was increased by a motion, which B. made to get out, under pretence of enquiring the way: she thought he could not either perpetrate her murder with his own hands, or be present while it was perpetrated by the ruffian, whom he had engaged for that purpose; she therefore laying hold of his hand, earnestly intreated him not to leave her; to this he at last silently consented, and Aldrich went out in his stead, which it was necessary to do to save appearances, whatever were their real intentions, as they pretended it was necessary to enquire the way; in a short time Aldrich returned into the coach, and the man was ordered again to drive on: Mrs. B. then begged and conjured B. that he would neither murder her himself, nor permit her to be murdered by the man that was with him; B. made no answer, but during Mrs. B.'s entreaties and expostulations, kept his eyes wildly fixed upon Aldrich; this still increased her fears, and she was thrown almost into an agony soon after, by hearing them whisper. She then, in such words as disquiet and terror suggested, begged they would not whisper, as she could not but regard such dark confinements as the prelude to her death. B. then said aloud to Aldrich, "Will you go through?" and Aldrich answered, "Yes, that I will; I'll do any thing for you, and go through the world with you." B. replied, "Say you so? give me your hand, my boy." On which they shook hands. B. then looked out of the coach, and seeing none of the gang.
some of whom had followed the coach on foot to the second turnpike, he expressed great uneasiness lest some of them should betray him, either through remorse or fear, and that a party, by their information, should get at the place of rendezvous before the coach, and rescue the lady: he therefore told Aldrich in a low voice, that he had a great mind to alter his scheme; but Aldrich telling him, that none of the gang knew his scheme sufficiently to frustrate it: if they had any such intention, he seemed satisfied, and only whispered, "Have you got every thing ready?" to which Aldrich replied aloud, "I have." B. then turning to Mrs. B. told her that Aldrich belonged to a very great man, and that he had got what would do for any body; upon which Aldrich, at his request, produced a short painted flat, like that which constables carry in their pockets, as a token of their authority; Aldrich, however, desired B. not to meddle with it, and soon after took it from him. B. then put his hand down to the bottom of the coach where Mrs. B. sat, as the thought with a design of taking off her shoes; upon which she told him she had none on. He replied, "We will get you shoes in the country." He then produced two drawn swords, which he said, if he met with any opposition, should be the death of him, or of those who opposed him: Mrs. B. then burst into tears, and intreated him to tell her where she was to go; he replied, she was going to her country lodging to fee her little boy. After this conversation he called out to the coachman to make haste, offering him any money to drive faster, upon which Mrs. B. again screamed out, and calling to the coachman, said, "Surely you will not carry me to be murder'd; how much farther am I to go?" The coachman replied, "Only a quarter of a mile;" and then drove at a prodigious rate till he came to Limehouse-hole, where he stopped. B. ordered him to go on to the Isle of Dogs. He replied that he did not know the way; they ordered him to inquire. Just as the coach began to go on again, it was stopped by an ill-looking fellow muffled up in a blue greatcoat, who coming to the window said, "Sir, was you at Billingsgate to-day?" B. answered, "Yes." Then, says the fellow, "I am right; get out here; the boat is at the bottom of the place, and the ship not far off." Mrs. B. upon hearing this cried out, "Lord have mercy upon me, sure I am not going up on the water:" and B. endeavouring to pacify her, said, "My dear, you know my cousin Atkinston, we are only going on board his ship." The fellow had now disappeared, and they were preparing to get out; but Mrs. B.'s screams terrified them, and they ordered the man to drive a little farther. As the coach went on, it passed close by the Royal Oak, a public-house, and Mrs. B. seeing a light in the window, continued to cry out for help, and her voice brought out two or three women. Aldrich then got out of the coach, and B. stood up in the coach, so as to hide Mrs. B. from the women, and ordered the coachman to drive to any place where he might procure a post-chaise, encouraging him by the promise of any money he would require. It is probable, that B.'s original intention was to force Mrs. B. into a boat at Limehouse-hole, but not
immediately meeting with the man, who afterwards asked if he had been at Billingsgate, which seems to have been a watch word, and finding that there were houses near, he concluded it better to proceed to the Isle of Dogs, a solitary place, where he might have kept her without fear of discovery, till the boat had been ordered thither to take her in. He was now informed that the boat was ready, but fearing to make his attempt here, as the neighbourhood was alarmed, and despairing to get on with the coach, was desirous perhaps to proceed to the Isle of Dogs in a poll chaise, while Aldrich directed the boat to meet him there. However this be, the coachman said he could go no farther, for there was no road; B. then got out, and Mrs. B. seeing his measures precipitated by their situation, and that the effort to get on the water must be made on the spot, redoubled her cries for assistance, and called out murder with all her strength many times; this brought several more women out of the Royal Oak, and one man; upon their coming up to the coach she shewed her feet, which were without shoes, and her cloaths that were almost torn from her back, and told them she was forcibly taken away by ruffians, who she feared were about to throw her into the Thames, or otherwise take away her life. B. then said, that "she was his wife, that "she was mad, and that he was "carrying her to a mad-house:" This she denied in such a manner, as convinced the people who saw her, that she spoke truth; and B. perceiving that every moment of delay must produce new opposition, peremptorily commanded Aldrich to take her, and carry her to the boat by force. Aldrich immediately feized her, with that design, but the man who came out of the Royal Oak refused her from him, and carried her into the house, whither B. and Aldrich followed her. The man in the blue coat, who had kept the coach just before, now returned with the waterman, and brought him into the room to them. B. then ordered the waterman to assist in forcing her to the water side; but the man replied, "Not I indeed; "if the lady chuses to go in my "boat, she is welcome; but I'll "carry nobody against their will." P. now found it impracticable to execute his measures, and being sensible of the danger of his situation, made his escape by drawing his sword upon some of the women, who endeavoured to detain him. Aldrich was secured till a constable was called, who conducted him to thoplar round-house. Mrs. B. sat up the rest of the night, at the Royal Oak, and in the morning sent the following letter to Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell,
I have, through God's mercy, escaped death that was designed me, and have got to an honest house, the Royal Oak in Limehouse-hole, where I beg to see you, and more with you, as I am in fear of being molested every hour.

Thursday morning. A. M. E.

Mr. Campbell immediately communicated this to some friends, who went and brought back the lady with Aldrich, who was by Justice St. Lawrence committed to the Gatehouse, with two more of the gang, who had been feized the night before, upon the information of the matter of the Hercules Pillars in Greek Street, Soho, who swore he
believed them to be in the conspiracy, because they and many more had been engaging these nights successively at his house with 0.

The lady, who, with the terror, hurry, and fatigue, and the bruises she received, was many days in danger of her life, is now recovered. H. is not yet taken, but a prosecution is, in the mean time, carrying on against the other conspirators, of which a further account will hereafter be given.

INSTALLATION, &c. at Oxford,


On Monday last, at two o‘clock in the afternoon, the Right Hon. John Earl of Wexfordland, chancellor elect of this university, made his public entrance, by the east gate, into this city. His lordship was attended at his entrance, and for a great part of the Wycomb road, by a long train of coaches and other equipages of the nobility and gentry of the country. Notice was given of his near approach, by the ringing of a bell at St. Mary’s, which called together the gentlemen of the university, who were ranked according to their different orders and degrees, on his lordship’s right hand, from the east gate to St. Mary’s church. The left hand side of the street was reserved for the townsmen.

Previous to his lordship’s arrival, the following orders were agreed to by the vice-chancellor and delegates, and were communicated to all the heads of the houses, and by them to their respective fellows:

1. That the students appear no where abroad during the chancellor’s absence in the university without their caps and gowns suitable to their degree and condition, and their apparel to such as the statutes required, and that they behave with such order and decency, as become gentlemen of a liberal education.

2. That no scholar of what condition ever, shall, without special orders from his superiors, presume to go out to meet the chancellor, either on horseback or on foot, or to be at, or upon the way, where the chancellor is to come; but shall attend in that place and posture, in which he shall be required to be, upon notice from his superiors.

3. That the chancellor’s approach to the town be signified by the ringing of St. Mary’s great bell, and that the vice-chancellor and doctors in their scarlet gowns, and the proctors and noblemen in their proper habits, wait at St. Mary’s church for the chancellor, where the public orator is to compliment his lordship on his arrival in a short Latin speech. That the other scholars range themselves from St. Mary’s church to the east gate on the north side of the street; the masters of arts are next to St. Mary’s, the bachelors are next to them, and below them the under graduates; and that the occasional proctors take all possible care that order and decency be observed, and that as soon as the chancellor and retinue are past, every one immediately depart to his respective college or hall, and there remain.

4. That during his lordship’s installation, and the following commemoration and encaenia, all persons repair to and keep their proper seats and places in the theatre. The ridged hemicycle of the theatre is reserved for the noblemen and doctors.
doctors. The enclosure within the
rails is the place for matters of art.
The gallery behind the doctors, in
the circular part of the theatre and
the east and westward side galleries
are reserved for the ladies and stran-
gers, among whom all gownsmen
are forbid to intermix. The upper
gallery above the noblemen and
doctors is appointed for the gen-
tlemen-commoners and bachelors;
and the upper galleries east and
westward are for under graduate
scholars of houses and commoners.
The rest of the area for bachelors,
servitors, &c.

5. That the profctors appoint a
sufficient number of occasional pro-
tors, to attend and preserve order
and decency during his lordship's
stay in the university.

It is strictly required, during the
time of this solemnity, all persons
observe the aforesaid orders, and
comport themselves with that
propriety and modesty, as may tend
to the reputation and honour of the
university, upon pain of being en-
tered in the black book, and other-
wise proceeded against, as the exis-
tence of their fault shall require.

On his lordship's arrival at St.
Mary's he was received by the vice-
 chancellor, noblemen, and doctors,
in their robes; and being conducted
into the church, was complimented
by the public orator, in a short Latin
speech, to which his lordship re-
ish in the same language. After this
his lordship dined at St. Mary-
Hall, where apartments were pro-
vided for him, and many gentlemen
and ladies of his train.

On Tuesday, at ten o'clock in
the morning, the noblemen and
the doctors in their robes, waited
on his lordship at the vice-chan-
cello's lodgings at Corpus Christi
college; and about eleven the
proclamation (which was more num-
rous than has been seen here in the
memory of man) began from thence,
and passed through St. Mary's,
where it was joined by the matters
of arts in their proper habits; and
then proceeded through the great
gate of the schools to the divinity
school, and from thence into the
theatre.

Here the vice-chancellor, in a
Latin speech, opened the business
of the convocation, and then addres-
sing himself to the chancellor,
who was seated at his right hand,
after applauding in a proper and
polite manner the choice the uni-
versity had made, and congratulat-
ing his lordship upon it, adminis-
terated to him the necessary en-
signs of his office, viz. the key, the seal,
and the book of statutes. The
vice-chancellor then quitted the
chair, which was immediately filled
by the chancellor, who finished this
ceremony of the installation by ad-
dressing himself to the university
in an elegant Latin oration. Then
his lordship admitted the following
noblemen and gentlemen to the
honorary degree of doctors of law,
viz.

The right hon. the Earl of North-
ampton.
The right hon. the Earl of Mac-
clesfield.
Lord Willoughby de Broke.
Count Shellenburgh, lord of the
bed-chamber to the King of Den-
mark.

James Boreel, deputys from
Gerard Meerman, the States
General.
William Gerard Dedel, commissary
of Amsterdam.
Sir Richard Glyn, lord mayor, and
repre-
representative in parliament for the city of London.
Sir Charles Mordaunt, Bart. knight of the shire for the county of Warwick.
Sir Edward Deering, Bart.
Sir Philip Boteler, Bart.
Sir Roger Twifden, Bart.
Sir Charles Keneys Tynte, Bart. knight of the shire for Somerset.
William Cartwright, Esq; knight of the shire for Northampton.
Thomas Cholmondeley, Esq; knight of the shire for Cheshire.
Edward Popham, Esq; knight of the shire for Wilts.
Henry Dawkins, of London, Esq; and Thomas Lambert, of Seven-oak, Kent, Esq;
The convocation concluded with a speech from the public orator.—And then the procession returned to Corpus Christi college, where the noblemen and doctors were entertained at dinner with the chancellor.
Afterwards the following noblemen of the university spoke their congratulatory verses, which were received by the audience with uncommon but deserved applause, viz. the Earl of Suffolk, English verse; the Earl of Donegal, Latin; and Lord Norreys, Latin.
In the evening the oratorio of Samson was performed, in the theatre, by a select and numerous band, conducted by Dr. Hays.
On Wednesday, being the day of Lord Crewe's commemoration, the doctors, &c. met again at the vice-chancellor's lodgings, between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning, and went in procession with the chancellor, from thence to the theatre. The vice-chancellor having opened thebusiness of the convocation, the commemoration speech was spoken by Mr. Warton, the poetry professor. The subject of this elegant and admired speech was, with great propriety, confined to those benefactors who had been chancellors of the university. The degree of D. C. L. was conferred, in this convocation, on the right hon. Lord Fane, member of parliament for Reading; the hon. William Craven, member of parliament for Warwickshire, who were presented by Dr. Seward, of St. John's college, who acted for the professor of law. Afterwards the right hon. the Earl of Suffolk was admitted to the degree of master of arts, to which he was presented in a much applauded speech by the public orator. The oration were then continued by the following gentlemen, viz. hon. Mr. Beauclerk, of Queen's, English; Sir B. B. Delves, Magdalen college, Latin; Sir James Macdonal, Christ-Church, Latin; Mr. Beckford, New college, English; Mr. Wedehoufe, and Mr. La Maitre, Christ-Church, Latin dialogue; Mr. Nibbes, St. John's, Latin. All these exercises were performed with great propriety of elocution and action, and were highly applauded by the audience. In the evening was performed the oratorio of Either.
On Thursday the chancellor met the heads of the houses, at the delegate's room, and presided in their consultations on the business of the university; and from thence was accompanied by them to the theatre. Here the oration, or congratulatory exercises, were again resumed, by Mr. Hopton and Mr. Walcot, of Magdalen college, who spoke a dialogue in Latin verse, on the late improvements and benefactions to the university; Mr. Bagot, of Christ Church, Latin verse;
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On Friday the conæanæ were resumed in the theatre, when an Italian ode, in praise of the chancellor, was performed by the whole opera band: after which the degree of D. C. L. was conferred on the following gentlemen, viz.

Henry Pye, Esq; member of parliament for Berkshire.

William Grove, Esq; member of parliament for Coventry.

John Harvey Thorley, Esq; member of parliament for Stamford.

Jofiah George Hort, Esq; son to the late Archbishop of Tuam.

The degree of A. M. was also conferred on Henry Hunter, Esq; of Trinity college; Mr. Thomas Augustine Arne was admitted to the degree of doctor of music; and verses were spoken by the following gentlemen: Mr. Mundy, New college, English; Mr. Forster, Corpus Christi college, English; Mr. Pyper, Christ-Church, Latin; Mr. Simpson, Christ-Church, Latin; Mr. De Salis, Queen's college, Latin; and Mr. Sandys, of Queen's college, Latin.

Then the solemnity of the installation and commemoration was closed by Dr. King, principal of St. Mary-Hall, who in a spirited and eloquent oration, delivered with his usual grace and dignity, enlarged on the propriety of the choice the University had made; displayed his lordship's eminent abilities; introduced lady Pomfret's and Mr. Dawkin's late benefactions; and concluded with an exhortation to the youth of this place, and his ardent wishes for the perpetual peace and prosperity of the university.

The splendor of the appearance on this occasion, the harmony and decorum with which the whole ceremony was conducted, and the enter-
entertainment afforded to so polite and respectable an audience, by the exercises and orations of each day, reflect the highest honour on the prudence of the magistrates, and abilities of the members of this distinguished seat of learning.

Invelliture of Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick.

Camp at Corfidorf, Oct. 17.

The King of Great Britain having constituted the right hon. the Marquis of Granby, and Stephen Martin Leake, Esq; Garter principal king of arms, plenipotentiaries for invelluting his serene highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick with the most noble order of the garter, Mr. Leake arrived at the camp, with the habit and ensigns, on Monday the 15th. The next day the plenipotentiaries had their first audience of his serene highness, at the head quarters, and presented their credentials, and the book of statutes; and his serene highness, having agreed to accept the election, with the usual reservations, the plenipotentiaries immediately invelluted him with the garter, ribbon, and George; Garter pronouncing the usual admonitions in Latin. The next day was appointed for the public invelliture; and, for that purpose, a large tent was prepared on a hill, in full view of the French camp, and another leffer tent at a little distance from the great one, for his highness to receive the first part of the invelliture: to this tent the Prince came, about twelve o'clock, escorted by a large detachment of the horse-guards blue, who were afterwards drawn up on either side upon the slope of the hill, be-

for the tent, others doing duty on foot. His serene highness was received by the plenipotentiaries in the leffer tent, where the habit and ensigns had been previously laid on a table, and he was immediately invelluted with the surcoat and hood. A procession was then made to the great tent in the following order:

Gentlemen officers of his serene highness.

Garter's secretary carrying the book of statutes.

The Marquis of Granby's secretary carrying the hood.

Colonel Ligonier, aide-de-camp to his serene highness, carrying the cap and feather.

Colonel Fitzroy, aide-de-camp to his serene highness, carrying the collar.

Chester herald, in his coat of arms and collar, carrying the king's commission.

Garter king of arms, in his proper mantle, carrying the mantle of the order on a crimson velvet cushion.

The Marquis of Granby, as first plenipotentiary.

His serene highness the Prince, supported by Lieutenant-Generals Waldegrave and Moffyn.

In this manner they proceeded to the great tent, where two chairs of state were placed, one for the Sovereign, having an escutcheon of his royal arms and tides over his chair. Upon entering the tent, every person made three reverences to the Sovereign's state, and the habit and ensigns were severally laid, by the persons who bore them, upon a table before the Sovereign's stall. The Prince sat down in his chair, the two plenipotentiaries in chairs, on each side of him; the music playing. After a little pause, the Marquis.
quis of Granby standing up, made a short speech in French, which was answered by the Prince. Garter then presented the King's commission, which was read by the Prince's secretary. The plenipotentiaries then invested his highness with the habit and ensigns, viz. 1st. the mantle, then the hood, then the collar, Garter pronouncing the usual admonitions. They then placed the cap and feather on the Prince's head, and seated him in his stall; the music playing. Lasty, Garter proclaimed the Sovereign's title in French, and then the Prince's; the drums beating and trumpets sounding. This being done, a procession was made back to the former tent, in the same manner as before, his serene highness having the train of his mantle borne by a page. His highness continued in this tent about an hour, till the great tent was prepared for dinner, which was given by the Marquis of Granby; his serene highness sitting at table in the habit of the order, having his cap held behind his chair, the plenipotentiaries on his right hand, and the hereditary Prince of Brunswick on his left. The second course being served up, his serene highness stood up, put on his cap, and then taking it off, drank, 1st. The Sovereign's health; 2d. The rest of the royal family; 3d. The knights companions of the order: In return whereof, the Marquis of Granby drank, 1st. The health of the Prince; 2d. The rest of his family; 3d. The King of Prussia.

The next day his serene highness gave an entertainment, in the three tents near the head-quarters, at which were present (as at the former) all the principal officers of the army. The whole being conducted with as much order and splendor, as the circumstances of a camp would admit; and to the entire satisfaction of his serene highness.

Account of the Funeral Procession of the King of Spain.

On the 10th of August, as soon as his catholic majesty expired, the Duke of Bejar ordered the lords of the bed-chamber, two and two alternately, affixed by two pages, to guard the body; two priests and two physicians always watching it. Three altars were placed in the chamber, where mals was constantly laid both on that and the next morning.—The body being then dressed by the lords and gentlemen of the bed-chamber, was placed in a leaden coffin, enclosed in another of wood, which was covered with tiffue and gold lace, and locked with three keys. On the 11th at noon, it was conveyed by the nobility and officers of the houhold from the royal bed-chamber to the great hall, where it lay in state upon a rich bed under a magnificent canopy. It was there delivered, in form, by the Duke of Bejar to the Duke of Alva, who immediately committed it to the care of the guard called Montores de Espinosa; two of them standing at the head with the crown and scepter; and two at the feet. The vigil was sung in the hall; and the bishop of Palentia celebrated mass; at which a number of grandees, and all the officers of the court, attended.

At half an hour past six in the evening, the Condé del Montjo, the Duke of Alva, the Prince of
Mazarino, the Duke of Bourbonville, the Duke of Medina Sidonia, and the Conde de Aranda, all knights of the golden fleece, formed a chapter of that order in the bishop's chamber, from whence they proceeded to deliver the royal body of the collar; which ceremony was performed by the Conde del Montejo, as the eldest knight. On Sunday the 12th, the body, being carried down to the foot of the palace stairs by the lords of the bed-chamber, was there delivered to the officers of the household, who placed it in the hearse, which was prepared to convey it to the convent of the Visitation at Madrid. At certain intervals the bishop of Placentia, who attended with the priests of the royal chapel, repeated the responses.

The procession set out from Villa Victoria at half an hour past four in the morning, and arrived at Madrid before ten.

The procession entered Madrid through the gate de los Recoletos, where it was received by the body of invalids, with their colonel at their head. It then proceeded to the convent of the Visitation, the streets through which it passed being lined with the Spanish and Walloon guards, as far as the portico, within which a part of the guards were ready to receive the body, and a company of halberdiers at the church gate.

The equeerries took it down from the hearse. The gentlemen of the household carried it to the church door from whence the grandees and stewards of the household conveyed it to the tomb. When all the great officers, grandees, and other persons present, had taken their places, pontifical mafs was said by the bishop of Santander, at which the musicians of the royal-chapel assisted. Divine service being over, the body was delivered to the priors of the Visitation, who received it in form from the Duke of Alva, after opening the coffin to examine it in presence of the whole company.

When the royal body entered the church, the company of guards, the Spanish and Walloon infantry, and the invalids, made a general discharge; another at the elevation of the hoff; and a third about noon, when the body entered the choir, in order to be delivered to the nuns.

An account of the Plans that have been laid before the Committee for building a Bridge at Black-fryars.

In consequence of several plans that have been exhibited for building a bridge over the Thames at Black-fryars, in some of which the arches have been parts of circles, and in others parts of ovals; many pieces have appeared in the public papers, in which different parties have endeavoured to prove the superior excellency of different plans.

The advocates for the semi-circular arch say, that it is stronger than the oval or elliptical, that its figure is more beautiful, and its construction less expensive; that it is stronger, they say, to be proved by mathematical demonstration; that it is more beautiful, is the necessary consequence of its superior regularity, and simplicity, as the excess of the semi-elliptical arch one way serves only to show the defect of it in another, and makes it low to appearance, whatever is its real
is not sufficiently strong, recourse has been had, not to mathematical reasoning, but to fact, and it has been said, that a bridge over the Arno at Florence, called, Trinity bridge, having been constructed with elliptical arches, is so solid that no cart is suffered to pass over it; and that some years ago, when the pavement over one of the abutments was taken up to be repaired, several stones in the adjoining arches, moved out of their places, and the workmen were therefore obliged instantly to desert, and reload the abutment again with its usual weight, to prevent the arch from falling in, and expose sufficient resistance to the lateral pressure.

But the fact upon which this objection is founded is not true, for it will appear upon the full view of this bridge, that the arches are neither elliptical, nor cycloidal, nor any other regular curve, but a curve drawn from these points taken at pleasure. These arches, however, irregular as they are; have stood two hundred years; and though it is true that carts are not allowed to pass over them, yet it is also true that the supposed weakness of the bridge is not the reason, but the convenience of the nobility, who live in the streets to which this bridge is the principal avenue, there being another bridge built for the passage of carts, leading to streets through which they may pass without interference. That the arch was injured by moving the pavement is allowed, but it does not follow that a different arch would be injured by the same means, neither does the injury suffered by that arch appear to arise from
from a weakness essential to its figure, because it is at least equally probable that it arose from mere defect in its construction.

It is also affirmed, that the author of the plan for constructing a bridge over nine elliptical arches has devised a method of construction, by which the weight will be thrown entirely upon the piers, and the arches have nothing to sustain; it is acknowledged that this device cannot well be explained by a written description, but we are told that it will be demonstrated to the committee.

It is, however, most certain, that an elliptical arch is not so strong as a semicircular, as may be demonstrated by arguments which appeal simply to common reason, and which will yet stand the test of geometrical examinations.

All arches have a certain degree of weakness. No hollow building can be equally strong with a solid mass, of which every upper part presses perpendicularly upon the lower. Any weight laid upon the top of an arch, has a tendency to force that top to the vacuity below; and the arch thus loaded on the top stands only, because the stones that form it, being wider in the upper than in the lower parts, that part that fills a wider space cannot fall through a space less wide; but the force which laid upon a flat would press directly downwards, is dispersed each way in a lateral direction, as the parts of a beam are pulled out to the right and left by a wedge driven between them. In proportion as the stones are wider at the top than at the bottom, they can less easily be forced downwards; and as their lateral surfaces tend more from the center to each side, to so much more is the pressure directed laterally towards the piers, and so much less perpendicular towards the vacuity.

Upon this plain principle the semicircular arch may be demonstrated to excel in strength the elliptical arch, which approaching nearer to a strait line, must be constructed with stones, whole diminution downwards is very little, and of which the pressure is almost perpendicular.

It has yet been sometimes asserted by hardy ignorance, that the elliptical arch is stronger than the semicircular; or in other terms, that any mass is more strongly supported the less it rests upon the supporters. If the elliptical arch be equally strong with the semicircular, that is, if an arch, by approaching to a strait line, loses none of its stability, it will follow that all arcuation is useless, and that the bridge may at last, without any inconvenience, consist of stone laid in strait lines from pillar to pillar. But if a strait line will bear no weight, which is evident at the first view, it is plain, likewise, that an ellipsis will bear very little, and that as the arch is more curved, its strength is increased.

It is alleged in answer to this reasoning, that though the elliptical arch be not equally strong with the semicircular, yet it is strong enough to sustain any weight that will ever pass over it, and that its convenience both to those who go under, and those who go over, by being wider and lower, will abundantly compensate for its want of beauty, if indeed its appearance is less beautiful. It may however be
replied, that the utmost strength is required not to sustain at first a superadded weight, but to sustain itself through successive ages: an effort perpetually made by the gravitation of its parts will by degrees lessen its texture, push its figure into irregularities, and bring on successive weaknesses perpetually accelerated by the operation of the same force against less and less resi stance till the whole falls into ruin, if it be not by its figure supported in a perpendicular direction, because it is the perpendicular support alone that will not yield to a perpetual effort.

In defence of iron rails against a balustrade of stone, it is said, that the upper member of a cornice is always made very light, and that therefore the balustrade, which is the finishing member of the bridge, may be made as light and airy, as is consistent with necessary solidity, without violating any known rule in architecture, consequently without destroying that simplicity, and conformity of parts and design, which is essential to beauty. Iron rails fixed between pedestals of stone will produce a pleasing variety, and give an uninterrupted view of the finest river in the world; to preserve them from the weather, they may be washed with the varnish lately invented at Paris, and used in the iron manufactories in France, which at the same time that it defends them from injury by the weather, will give them the appearance of brass, than which nothing can be more magnificent. The celebrated bridge of St. Angelo at Rome is fenced in this manner, and the universal approbation it has received, is sufficient to authorize an imitation of it.

Statutes and Rules relating to the inspection and use of the British Museum, lately published by order of the Trustees.

The first statute directs the times when the Museum is to be kept open, as follows:

1. That the Museum be kept open at the hours mentioned below, every day throughout the year, except Saturday and Sunday in each week; and likewise except Christmas-day and one week after; one week after Easter-day and Whit-sunday respectively; Good-Friday, and all days, which are now, or shall hereafter be specially appointed for thanksgivings or fasts by public authority.

2. That between the months of September and April inclusive, from Monday to Friday inclusive, the Museum be opened, from nine o' clock in the morning till three in the afternoon; and likewise at the same hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, in May, June, July, and August: but on Monday and Friday, only from four o' clock to eight in the afternoon, during those four months, except at the times above excepted.

The second directs the manner of admission to view the Museum, as follows:

1. That such studious and curious persons, as are desirous to see the Museum, shall make their application to the porter, in writing; which application shall contain their names, condition, and places of abode; as also the day and hour at which they desire to be admitted; and shall be delivered to him before nine in the morning, or between four and eight in the even-
ing, on some preceding day: and
that the said names, together with
the respective additions, shall be
entered in a register, to be kept by
the porter. And the porter shall,
and is hereby required, to lay such
register every night before the
principal librarian, or in his absence
before the under librarian, who
shall appoint, as secretary for the
time being, or in his absence,
before one of the other under
librarians; to the end that the
principal, or such under librarian,
may be informed, whether the
persons so applying be proper to be
admitted according to the regula-
tions made or to be made, by the
trustees for that purpose. And if
he shall judge them proper, he
shall direct the porter to deliver
tickets to them, according to their
request, on their applying a second
time for the like tickets.

2. That no more than ten tickets
be delivered out, for each hour of
admission; which tickets, when
bought by the respective persons
therein named, are to be shewn to
the porter: who is thereupon to
direct them to a proper room ap-
pointed for their reception, till the
hour of seeing the Museum be
come; at which time they are to
deliver their tickets to the proper
officer of the first department: and
that five of the persons, producing
such tickets, be attended by the
under librarian, and the other five
by the assistant in each department.

3. That the said number of
tickets be delivered for the ad-
imission of company at the hours of
nine, ten, eleven, or twelve re-
spectively, in the morning; and at
the hours of four or five, in the
afternoon of those days, in which
the Museum is to be open at that
time: and that, if application be
made by a greater number of per-
sons than can be accommodated on
that day and hour, which they had
named; the persons first applying
have tickets granted them for such
other day and hour, as will be
most convenient for them; provided
it be within seven days; a suf-
ficient number of tickets being or-
dered to be left in the hands of the
porter, for that purpose.

4. That if the number of persons
producing tickets for any particu-
lar hour does not exceed five, they
be defied to join in one company;
which may be attended either by
the under librarian, or assistant, as
shall be agreed on between them.

5. That if any persons having
obtained tickets, be prevented
from making use of them, they be
defied to send them back to the
porter in time; that other persons
wanting to see the Museum may
not be excluded.

6. That the spectators may view
the whole Museum in a regular or-
der, they are first to be conducted
through the department of manu-
scripts and medals; then the de-
partment of natural and artificial
productions; and afterwards the
department of printed books, by
the particular officers assigned to
each department.

7. That one hour only be al-
lowed to the several companies, for
gratifying their curiosity in view-
ing each department, so that the
whole inspection for each company
may be finished in three hours;
and that each company keep to-
gether in that room, in which the
officer who attends them, shall then
be.

8. That a catalogue of the re-
spective printed books, manuscripts,
and other parts of the collection,
distinguished by numbers, be de-
posed
For the Year 1759.

provided in some one room of each department, to which the same shall respectively belong, as soon as the same can be prepared.

9. That written numbers, answering to those in the catalogues, be affixed both to the books, and other parts of the collection, as far as can conveniently be done.

10. That in passing through the rooms, if any of the spectators desire to see any book, or other part of the collection, it be handed to them by the officer, as far as is confident with the security of the collection, to be judged of by the said officer; who is to restore it to its place, before they leave the room: that no more than one such book, or other part of the collection, be delivered at a time to the same company; and that the officer do give the company any information they shall desire, relating to that part of the collection which is under his care.

11. That upon the expiration of each hour, notice shall be given of it by ringing a bell; at which time the several companies shall remove out of the department in which they then are, to make room for fresh companies.

12. That the coins and medals, except such as the standing committee shall order, from time to time, to be placed in glass cases, be not exposed to view, but by leave of the trustees, in a general meeting, or the standing committee, or of the principal librarian: that they be shewn between the hours of one and three in the afternoon, by one of the officers, who have the custody of them: that no more than two persons be admitted into the room to see them at the same time, unless by particular leave of the principal librarian; who in this case is required to attend, together with the said officer, the whole time; and that but one thing be taken, or continue out of the cabinets and drawers at a time, which is to be done by the officer, who shall replace it, before any person present goes out of the room.

13. That if any of the persons who have tickets, come after the hour marked in the said tickets, but before the three hours allowed them are expired, they be permitted to join the company appointed for the same hour, on their removing into another department; in order to see the remaining part of the collection, it may please it.

14. That the Museum be constantly open at all other times, but those above mentioned.

15. That if any persons are desirous of visiting the Museum more than once, they may apply for tickets in the manner above mentioned, at any other times, and as often as they please: provided that no one person has tickets at the same time for more days than one.


17. That no officer, or servant, take any fee, reward, or gratuity, of any person what so ever, except in such cases as are herein above mentioned, under the penalty of immediate dismissal.

The third directs the manner of admitting persons, who desire to make use of the Museum for study, or shall have occasion to consult the same for evidence, or information: but as every such person will certainly provide himself with the book itself, we shall not spare room for it.
And at the end there is an order as follows:

Although it may be presumed, that persons who shall be admitted to see the Museum, will in general conform themselves to the rules and orders above-mentioned; yet as it may happen, that these rules may not always be duly observed: the trustees think it necessary, for the safety and preservation of the Museum, and do hereby order, That in case any persons shall behave in an improper manner, and contrary to the said rules, and shall continue such misbehaviour, after having been admonished by one of the officers; such persons shall be obliged forthwith to withdraw from the Museum; and their names shall be entered in a book to be kept by the porter: who is hereby ordered, not to deliver tickets to them for their admission for the future, without a special direction from the trustees in a general meeting.

Premiums of the Society for the encouragement of Arts and Commerce.

To the P U B L I C.

Strand, April 25, 1759.

The society for the encouragement of arts, manufactures, and commerce, propose, in pursuance of their plan, to bestow the following premiums, viz.

Premiums relating to agriculture, husbandry, planting, &c.

For sowing the greatest quantity of land with acorns alone before the first day of May 1760, (ten acres at least) without less than four bushes to each acre, and for fencing and preserving the same effectually; for raising timber, a gold medal.

For the second greatest quantity ditto, a silver medal.

For the third ditto, a silver medal.

Certificates of sowing the same, must be delivered to the society, on or before the first Tuesday in November, 1760.

For erecting on or before the 1st of September, 1761, an apiary, containing the greatest number of hives or boxes fenced with bees, not less than thirty, a gold medal.

Also a silver medal for the second greatest number, not less than 20.

Certificates to be delivered on or before the last Tuesday in October, 1761.

For sowing the greatest quantity of land with Spanish chestnuts, (for raising timber) before the 1st day of May, 1760, and for effectually fencing and preserving the same, a gold medal.

For the second greatest quantity ditto, a silver medal.

For sowing the land with Spanish chestnuts, (for raising timber) before the 1st day of May, 1760, and for effectually fencing and preserving the same, a gold medal.

For the second greatest number of ditto, a silver medal.

For the third ditto, a silver medal.

N. B. Certificates of having planted the two last articles, must be delivered on or before the first Tuesday in November, 1760.

For planting out in the year 1760, at proper distances, the greatest number of that pine, commonly called Scotch fir, being the tree which produces the belt red, or yellow deal, to be two years old, at least, when planted out, and for effectual-ly
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For the second greatest number of ditto, a silver medal.

For the second greatest number of ditto, a silver medal.

Certificates of such planting must be delivered on or before the last Wednesday in December, 1759, 20l.

For planting out in the year 1761, at proper distances, the greatest number of the white pine, commonly called Lord Weymouth's, or the New England pine, (being the proper sort for masts) to be four years old, at least, when planted out, and for effectually fencing and preserving the same, a gold medal.

For the second greatest number of ditto, a silver medal.

For the third ditto, a silver medal.

Certificates of such planting must be delivered on or before the last Tuesday in January, 1762.

For the most effectual method to prevent or destroy the fly which takes the turnip in the field, to be produced on or before the last Wednesday in December, 1759, 20l.

For properly planting with madder roots the greatest number of acres (not less than ten) and effectually fencing and preserving the same, 50l. Certificates will be required of the whole having been planted and fenced between the 1st of June, 1759, and the 1st of November, 1760. And such certificates must be delivered in, on, or before the first Tuesday in December, 1760.

For the best set of experiments, with a dissertation on the nature and operations of manures, to be produced on or before the third Wednesday in December, 1759, a gold medal, if really deserving.

For the best set of experiments, with a dissertation on soils, and their different natures, to be produced on or before the first Wednesday in December, 1759, a gold medal, if deserving.

For the most effectual method to prevent or cure the rot in sheep, to be produced on or before the first Wednesday in December, 1759, 20l.

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equal to the crucibles imported for melting metals and flets, to be produced on or before the third Tuesday in January, 1760, 30l.

For the best sample of flaxen yarn dyed of a lafting and firm grain colour, not less than 2lb. wt. to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in March, 1760, 30l.

For dying flaxen yarn scarlet in grain, of the best quality and firm colour, 2lb. wt. to the limit, to be produced as above, 30l.

For improving grain colour, and rendering them cheaper; samples to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in December, 1759, 30l.

For making a quantity of the best flaxen amoniac, equal in goodnes to the best imported, not less than 500lb. wt. at one manufactory, 50lb. wt. of which to be produced as a sample, on or before the third Tuesday in March, 1760, 30l.

N. B. If the samples produced be equal in goodnes, the quantity made will determine the premium.

For the best scarlet in grain dyed in England, in a piece of superfine broad cloth, not less than 25 yards, superior in colour to any now dyed in England, and the nearest to the finest foreign dyed scarlet in grain cloth, with condition to declare how much the dyeing cost per yard, to be produced on or before the third Wednesday in December, 1759, 20l.

For the discovery of the best and cheapest composition of a very strong and lafting colour for marking of sheep, which will endure the weather a proper time, and not damage the wool, as pitch, tar, &c. to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, 20l.

For the best and cheapest composition, which on sufficient trials shall appear most effectual for securing ships bottom from worms and other injuries, 50l. six planks of oak (cut out of the same piece of timber) must be provided by each candidate, each plank being three feet long, one foot wide, and two inches thick; four of the said planks must be prepared or panted with the composition, and the other two must be left unprepared or unpainted; and all the said planks must be produced to the society on or before the first day of January, 1760, in order to be sent to such persons as the society shall think proper, for making trials thereupon.

For six to the year 1762, the planks to be produced in the same manner, on or before the first day of January, 1761, 50l.

In the year 1756, it was proposed to give 100l. for making at any manufactory (within three years after the date thereof) 10,000lb. wt. of the best salt-petre, fit for gunpowder, by some method different from Mr. Paul Nightingale's (as mentioned in his patent and specification) from materials the produce of England, or Wales, or from seawater, 100lb. wt. thereof to be produced for such trials to be made thereon, as the society shall direct.

Also for the second like quantity fit for gunpowder, made at some other manufactory, within the same time, 50l.

It is now further proposed to give 100l. to the person who shall make the first 10,000lb. wt. of such salt-petre fit for gunpowder (before the first Tuesday in April, 1760) 100lb. wt. thereof to be produced as above.

For the second like quantity fit for gunpowder, at some other manufactory, and by a different person, or persons, 50l.

N. B.
N. B. The same persons may be entitled to double premiums, if the above quantity of gilt-petre be made by them, before the first Tuesday in April, 1760.

For an effectual method to edulcorate train or real oil, for the use not only of the clothier, soap-boiler, &c. but to answer the ordinary purposes of olive oil, to be produced on or before the second Wednesday in December, 1759, 10l.

For making one quart, at least, of the best, most transparent and colourless varnish, equal in all respects to Martin's at Paris, commonly called copal varnish, the properties whereof are of great hardness, perfect transparency, without discolouring any paint it is laid over, being capable of the finest polish, and not liable to crack, 30l. The varnish that gains the premium must be better than any before produced; and each candidate, when his varnish is produced, must produce also a panel of wood (large enough for a coach door) painted with the finest ground of white, blue, green, pompadour, carmine, and red, finished with the same varnish, the most perfectly secured and polished, so as to be proof against a hot sun, frost, or wet, to be left with the society for six months, at least, in order to ascertain its merit.

Specimens of the varnish and panels so finished, are to be delivered on or before the first Tuesday in March, 1760, and to be determined on the last Wednesday in September, 1760.

For making the most and best verdigrease, equal in goodness to the French, not less than 100 lb. wt. to be produced on or before the third Tuesday in January, 1759, 30l.
be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be made with chalks, pencil, or pen, and of a different size from the original.

For the best drawings of landscapes after nature, by youths under the age of nineteen, to be made with chalks, pen, pencil, Indian ink, or bistre, and produced on or before the first Tuesday in November, 1759, to be determined as above, 20 guineas.

On the back of each drawing, mention shall be made whence the view was taken.

For the best drawings, or compositions after nature, of beasts, birds, fruit, or flowers, by youths under the age of twenty, to be produced on or before the third Tuesday in January, 1760, and determined as above, 20 guineas.

To be made with crayons, or water-colours.

For the best drawings or compositions, as above, by youths under the age of sixteen, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be made with chalks, pencil, pen, or Indian ink.

For the best drawings or compositions as above, by girls under the age of twenty, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be made with crayons, or water-colours.

For the best drawings or compositions of ornaments, consisting of birds, bees, flowers, and foliage, fit for weavers, embroiderers, or any art or manufacture, by girls under the age of eighteen, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be coloured, or not coloured, at the option of the candidate.

For the best drawings or compositions of ornaments, being original designs, fit for weavers, calico-printers, or any art or manufacture, by youths under the age of twenty, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be coloured, or not coloured, at the option of the candidate.

For the best drawings or compositions of ornaments, being original designs, fit for weavers, calico-printers, or any art or manufacture, by youths under the age of sixteen, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be coloured, or not coloured, at the option of the candidate.

For the best drawings of a human figure, or heads, after drawings or prints, by boys under the age of fourteen, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be made with chalks, pencil, pen, or Indian ink.

For the best drawings of any kind (human figures and heads excepted) by boys under the age of fourteen, to be produced and determined as above, 15 guineas.

To be made with chalks, pencil, pen, or Indian ink.

For the best drawings of a horse, from the life, by youths under the age of twenty, to be produced and determined as above, 10 guineas.

The height of the figure to be not less than ten inches, and to be made with chalks only.

A gold medal will be given for the best original drawing of any kind, and a silver medal for the second best, by young ladies or gentlemen under the age of twenty, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in March, 1760.

Also two medals, one gold and the other silver, for the best original drawings.
rawings of any kind, by young ladies or gentlemen under the age of sixteen, to be produced and determined as the last.

To be made with chalks, pencil, pen, Indian ink, or bistre.

The candidates must send in their drawings, without frame or glass, sealed up, and marked with the number of the class they belong to, and their names must be wrote on the margin of each drawing, on the inside, and covered by themselves respectively.

For a copper medal, the size of an English crown, which shall be executed the best, in point of workmanship, and boldness of relief, by persons under the age of twenty-five, after a model first produced by the candidate, and approved by the society; the medal and dies are to be delivered on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, 20 guineas.

The medal to be the property of the society.

For the best model of the face, and reverse of a medallion, its diameter not less than three inches, by youths under the age of twenty-two, being their own composition, to be produced and determined as above, 10 guineas.

The subject to be given by the society.

For the best models in clay of basio-relievo's, by youths under the age of twenty-five, being their own invention, the height of the principal figure not less than twelve inches, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, and determined in proportion to their merit, 30 guineas.

The subject to be Jephtha's rash vow.

For the best models in clay, of figures or basio-relievo's, by youths under the age of twenty, being their own invention, to be produced and determined as the last, 15 guineas.

For the best models in clay, (not less than twenty inches high) from the dancing fawn, in the Duke of Richmond's gallery, by youths under the age of twenty-two, to be produced and determined as the last, 20 guineas.

For the best models or compositions of ornaments in clay, consisting of birds, beasts, fruit, flowers, or foliage, by youths under the age of twenty-two, being their own invention, to be produced and determined as the last, 15 guineas.

For the best models or compositions of ornaments in clay, consisting of birds, beasts, fruit, flowers, or foliage, by youths under the age of nineteen, to be produced and determined as the last, 10 guineas.

N.B. The clay of all these models must be left in its natural colour, and quite dry when produced.

For the best models in wax (fit for artists who work in metal) by youths under the age of nineteen, being their own invention, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, and determined in proportion to their merit, 10 guineas.

No candidate who has gained the first premium in any class, will be permitted to enter him or herself as a candidate in any class of an inferior age; and no candidate shall receive more than one premium in one year.

A candidate being detected in any dishonest methods or imposture on the society, will forfeit the premium for which he is a competitor, and be deemed incapable of obtaining any premium for the future.

N.B.
N. B. All candidates for drawing or modelling (except those who draw or model in the Duke of Richmond’s gallery, or at the academy) may draw or model at their respective dwellings; but the persons to whom premiums shall be adjudged, will be expected to give satisfactory proofs, that the drawings or models by them produced, were entirely their own performance, without the assistance of any person; and the drawings and models, for which premiums are given, shall become the property of the society; excepting, however, such as gain honorary premiums, which shall remain with the society two months, and be then returned, if desired, to their owners.

For the best engraving of a history piece, consisting of not less than three human figures, the principal one not under eight inches high, to be produced to the society on or before the second Tuesday in January, 1761, 40 guineas.

For the best engraving, performed by youths under the age of twenty-two, from a subject to be appointed by the society, to be delivered on or before the second Tuesday in January, 1760, 20 guineas.

For the best scraping in mezzotinto, after a picture or drawing approved of by the society, by youths under the age of twenty-two, to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in January, 1760, 10 guineas.

The plates to be produced to the society, and three impressions to be taken from each of them, for the use of the society.

For an engraving in wood, in the manner of Albert Durer, or of those prints commonly called Titians, which shall be performed by the best, with regard to the drawing, knowledge of the lights and shades, and freedom of cutting, by youths under the age of nineteen, after drawings approved by the society, 6 guineas.

The blocks, with impressions, to be produced to the society on or before the last Tuesday in January, 1760, and three impressions from each of them to become their property.

For the best etching, performed by boys under the age of eighteen, to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in January, 1760, 10 guineas.

The subject to be appointed by the society.

For a naked human figure, the best engraved in intaglio, on an oval red cornelian, and executed the best, with regard to drawing, depth and freedom of engraving, and excellence of polish, by persons under the age of twenty-six, (after a model appointed by the society) to be delivered, sealed up, on or before the last Tuesday in January, 1760, 10 guineas.

N. B. The gem to be left with the society one month, and three impressions in sulphur, to be made from it for the use of the society.

For the greatest number of calls or impressions in glass, commonly called pafles, not less than thirty, the most varied, compounded, and perfect, both in colours and subjects, and nearest in excellence to antique pafles, as well cameos as intaglios, to be produced on or before the last Tuesday in January, 1760, 15 guineas.

The calls or impressions to be the property of the society.

For the best original historical picture, the subject to be taken from the English history only, containing not less than three human figures, as large as the life, 100 guineas.

For
For the second belt, 50 guineas.
For the belt original landscape, on a canvas, four feet two inches in length, by three feet four inches in height, 50l.
For the second belt, 25l.
Proof must be made to the satisfaction of the society, that the whole of each picture was painted in England, and since the first day of January, 1759. The pictures to be delivered without frame, on or before the last Tuesday in March, 1760. Those which gain premiums, must remain with the society for two months after the decision, and then be returned to their owners.
For casting in bronze the belt figure or groupe, and repairing the fame in the belt manner, if a single figure, not less than 15 inches high, and if a groupe, not less than 12 inches, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, 15 guineas.
N. B. The calls to be shewn to the society before they are begun to be repaired. The bronze which gains the premium, to be left with the society one month.
A sum not exceeding 100 l. will be given as a gratuity to any person or persons, who shall make an accurate actual survey of any county; but this advertisement is not intended to bind the society to any particular time of paying the said gratuity, as satisfactory proofs will be required of the merits of such performance. If any person or persons propose to make such survey, they are desired to signify their particular intentions on or before the second Tuesday in November next, that the society may not engage in greater expense than shall be found convenient.

As a further encouragement, the surveyor that will give an exact and accurate map of each county surveyed, that are capable of being made navigable, shall be entitled to an additional gratuity.
Premiums to encourage and improve manufactures, machines, etc.
For making the largest quantity of the craze, commonly used for mowing flax and hemp, six l. for any foreign craze, not less than 150 yards, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, 50l.
For making a piece of dragger, of the same quality and texture in price to a pattern which will be delivered by the registrar of the society, to be produced on or before the first Tuesday in February, 1760, 50l. The length of the piece to be not less than 30 yards, the breadth about 21 inches. N. B. The person who gained the premium last year will not be admitted as a claimant for this year's premium.
A premium of 100 l. will be given for the first year, 50l. for the second year, and 25 l. a year for the three succeeding years, to the person or persons who shall first erect and exercise a saw-mill capable of sawing timber into useful planks and scantlings.
To the person who shall invent or produce to the society, on or before the first Tuesday in April, 1760, the best model of a tide-mill, made by a scale of at least one inch to a foot, and capable of being tried by water, in which, from the proper height and width of the water wheel, the number, size, and position of its floats or ladles, and the just application
lication of the water to the same, of the first drawing, and all the intermedium heights of 12 feet down to a four foot head of fall, measuring from the bottom of the conduit to the top of the water, and the most proper and simple construction of the gears, to move or drive the stones or other work of the mill, the greatest effect which shall be produced in proportion to the quantity of water expended, 50l.

To the person who shall invent, and produce to the society on or before the first Tuesday in April, 1760, the best model of a wind mill, in which the number, form, size, and positions of the falls are such as produce the greatest effects from the action of the wind in all its various velocities, and the machine of the whole such as to communicate, in the most simple manner, a proper uniform motion to the shaft of the mill in all the variations of the wind's velocity: the model to be made by a scale of one inch to a foot, 50l.

For marbling the greatest quantity of paper, equal in goodness to the best marble paper imported, not less than one ream, to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in February, 1760, 10l.

For making the greatest quantity of paper, and best quality, from silk rags alone, not less than two reams of white paper, and five reams of paper of a light brown colour, nearest and most agreeable to the colour of a pattern which will be delivered by the register of the society, to be produced on or before the last Tuesday in April, 1760, 20l. For the second greatest quantity, and best in quality, not less than two reams of white, and five reams of the light brown colour, 10l. For the third ditto, not less than the above quantity, 5l.

For discovering and producing, on or before the first Tuesday in November next, the most effectual, easy, expeditious, and cheap method, whereby the various colours of a large quantity of silk rags may be readily discharged, yet the fibres of the silk may still keep their strength firm as before, and be no ways rendered unfit for the purpose of making silk paper, and on condition that such method may be published for the benefit of the paper manufacturer, 10l. N. B. All persons are desired to save their silk rags.

To the person who shall produce the best block of a ship, to draw 17 feet water (depth of keel included) and to be 650 tons burden, with those two properties united in the greatest degree, 50l. Also, to the person who shall produce the best block, on the same principles, of 12 feet draught of water, and 380 tons, 30l. Each block to be made by a quarter scale, that is a quarter of an inch to a foot. The bodies of the blocks of each size to be hollowed and worked nearly to the same scantling or thicknesses which the timber and planks together of ships of such burdens respectively usually are. The keel of the larger size not exceeding one foot four inches: the keel of the less not to exceed one foot. Each block to have the knee of the head, or cutwater, as well as the rudder, fixed to it. A deck to be fixed in each, with a hatchway large enough to pass the hand through, to shift her load or ballast for trimming her; and a mast of proportionable dimensions to be fixed in each, for making the experiments
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1759. six pounds weight, to be produced on or before the second Tuesday in February, 1760, 10 l.

Twenty pounds will be given to any parish, within the bills of mortality, in whose workhouse the greatest quantity of wheat shall be ground into meal, with handmills worked by the poor, in proportion to the number maintained therein, which meal shall be consumed in the said workhouse, or sold out to other persons; satisfactory proof to be made thereof on or before the second Tuesday in February, 1760. For the second greatest quantity, in like manner, 15 l. For the third ditto, 10 l.

To the masters or mistresses, or those who under any denomination superintend the labour of the poor in workhouses, the following premiums will be given, viz. For spinning the best worsted yarn, in any workhouse wherein the poor are not let to farm, not less than 500 lb. wt. (fit for the use of weavers) which shall on or before the third Tuesday in February, 1760, be proved to have been spun therein, between the present date and that day, by such poor persons only as shall have been therein relieved, 20 l.

For spinning no less than 1000 lb. wt. of linen yarn, from hemp or flax (fit for any handicraft trade in the lower branches of weaving) in any such workhouse, and by such poor persons as above, within the time aforesaid, sufficient samples to be produced, 20 l. to the best deserving.

For spinning no less than 200 lb. wt. of the finest linen yarn (fit for the principal branches of weaving) for making stockings, or to be used as sewing thread: the time

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and conditions as above mentioned, 20 l.

For spinning not less than 400 lb. wt. of cotton yarn, nearest the fort called Surat or Turkey cotton yarn, in any workhouse; time and conditions as above, 20 l.

For caufing to be knit, within the time above mentioned, in the workhouse of any parish whose poor are not farmed out, by not less than 20 women and children, the largest quantity in proportion to the number so employed, of white, low-priced, right worsted hoope for women, from yarn spun in the said workhouse; such hoope to weigh about 3 lb. per dozen, and each flocking to measure full 23 inches in the leg, and nine inches in the foot, and to be knit from two threads of soft worsted, spun on the short wheel, called the Canterbury or Leicester wheel, 20 l.

N. B. The premium will be given for the greatest number of such hoope as come nearest to a pattern to be given by the society, in proportion of one dozen at least, for each woman and child. For the second parcel, in quantity and quality, of the like hoope, on the same conditions, 10 l.

For caufing to be knit, on the above conditions, the best and largest quantity of the like worsted hoope, of the same size, and about the same weight, but knit from three threads, the long wheel spinning, 15 l. For the second parcel ditto in quantity and goodness, 10 l. The hoope must be produced to the society, or to such persons as they shall appoint to examine the same: and must be made as near as can be, to samples of each fort, which will be delivered by the register, to any who shall apply by a subscriber.

N. B. Certificates will be required from the masters, mistresses, or superintendents of such workhouses as are candidates for spinning or knitting, specifying the number, sex, and ages of the poor maintained in their respective workhouses, distinguishing such of them as are employed therein, and the justness of the samples delivered in, and also a certificate, or certificates, from the rector, vicar or curate, and from the overseers of the poor of the parish where each workhouse is situated, that they have respectively examined into the facts certified by such master or other person, believe the same to be true, and that the poor have been treated, in the mean time, with humanity and compassion. No person will be intitled to more than one of the above premiums.

To such parish or parishes as shall separately or jointly set up, open, or regulate workhouses, for the relief and employment of their poor, upon the plan lately printed and published by Mr. Bailey, and shall, before the third Wednesday in February, 1760, lay before the society, in writing, an account or narrative of their proceedings, with such remarks, as their experience in the execution of the said plan shall point out as material for the improvement thereof, or for remedying any defects therein: to the parish or parishes which in managing their workhouse, shall appear to the society to have kept nearest the said plan, to have made the most effectual trials thereof, and to have suggested the best remarks for improvements to be made upon it, 150 l. And to such other parish or parishes, as shall, in the judgment of the society stand in the second degree of merit, on the like account, 100 l.
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Premiums for the advantage of the British colonies.

For the greatest quantity of cochineal, properly cured, not less than 25 lb. wt. first produced from any plantation or plantations in South Carolina, within the space of three years from the date hereof, 100 l. For the second greatest quantity, not less than 25 lb. weight, as above, 50 l. For the greatest quantity, not less than 25 lb. wt. produced as above in Jamaica, 100 l. For the second greatest quantity, not less than 25 lb. wt. 50 l. The like premiums will be given to any person who shall first produce, in any of the British colonies, settlements, or dominions, the above-mentioned quantity. A certificate under the hands of two or more justices of the peace residing in the country, or of the minister and church-wardens of the parish where such cochineal was cured, setting forth that the said cochineal was cured at the place mentioned there-in, and such certificate backed or counter-signed by the governor or commander in chief in council, under the seal of the colony, will be expected by the society at the time the premium is claimed.

For planting the greatest quantity of logwood, in any of the plantations, before the 25th of December, 1759, 20 l. Certificates of such planting must be delivered on or before the first Wednesday in June, 1760.

For planting, fencing, and securing the greatest number of logwood trees (not less than 500) in any of our plantations, before the third Wednesday in December, 1760, 40 l. and certificates there-of to be delivered on or before the last Wednesday in June, 1761.

Thirty pounds will be given for the greatest quantity of myrtle wax, imported from any of the British colonies in America, not less than 500 lb. wt. at one importation, in the port of London, on or before the last Tuesday in March, 1761. For the second greatest quantity, not less than 500 lb. wt. 25 l. For the third ditto, not less than 500 lb. wt. 10 l. A certificate or certificates under the hands of the collector of the customs and naval officers of the port where the wax is shipped will be required. If the quantities should be equal, the quality will determine the premium.

Whereas the society, on the 5th day of April, 1753, offered a premium of 50 l. for planting, cultivating, and properly securing, within four years from the date thereof, in any of our colonies southward of the Delaware river, the greatest number of olive-trees, not less than 1000, for the production of oil; also a premium of 40 l. for the second greatest number, not less than 800; and likewise a premium of 30 l. for the third greatest number, not less than 600: the society hereby proposes to give three other premiums of 50, 40, and 30 l. on the above conditions, for planting, cultivating, and properly securing, within four years from the date hereof, in any of our said colonies southward of the Delaware river, the greatest number of olive trees. Each claimant will be required to produce (within six months after the expiration of the said four years respectively).
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spectively) a certificate under the hand of the governor of the province, that a sufficient proof had been made before him that the number of trees mentioned in the said certificate are under actual improvement and cultivation.

To the person who shall, on or before the second Wednesday in December, 1760, import into any one port in England from any of his majesty's colonies in America, the greatest quantity of pot-ash, the produce of the said colonies, not less than 50 ton, nearest in goodnes to the best foreign pot-ash: the quantity landed to be ascertained by certificates under the hands of the collector and comptroller of the customs, and the quality to be ascertained in such manner as the society shall direct, 100 l.

N. B. The same premium will be given, on the same conditions, to the person who shall, after the second Wednesday in December, 1760, and on or before the second Tuesday in December, 1761, import into England, from any of his majesty's colonies in America, the greatest quantity of pot-ash, not less than 50 ton.

To the person in any of our American colonies, who shall first raise and cure from his own plantation, and import into the port of London within six years from the 25th of March, 1759, 500 lb. wt. of good raisins, 50 l. A certificate under the hands of two or more justices of the peace residing in the country, or of the minister and church-warden of the parishes where such raisins were raised and cured, setting forth that the said raisins were raised and cured at the place mentioned therein, and such certificate backed or countersigned by the governor or chief magistrate of the colony, will be expected at the time the premium is claimed.

It was proposed in April, 1758, to give, for fowing, raising, and curing the greatest quantity of safflower in any of our plantations (not less than 500 lb. wt.) before the 25th of December, 1759, 15 l. For the second greatest quantity 10 lb. Certificates of such fowing, &c. to be delivered on or before the third Wednesday in June, 1760. Also two premiums on the same conditions for fowing, raising, and curing safflower, before the third Wednesday in December, 1760; and certificates thereof to be delivered on or before the third Wednesday in June, 1761. The society hereby propose to give two other premiums, one of 15 l. and the other of 10 l. on the above conditions, for fowing, raising and curing, after the third Wednesday in December, 1760, and before the third Tuesday in December, 1761, the greatest quantity of safflower, and certificates thereof to be delivered on or before the third Tuesday in June, 1762.

For every pound weight of cocoons produced in the province of Georgia, in the year 1759, of a hard, heavy, and good substance, wherein one worm only has spun, 3d. For every pound of cocoons, produced in the same year, of a weaker, lighter, spotted, or bruised quality, though only one worm has spun in the same, 2d. For every pound of cocoons, produced in the same year, wherein two worms have interwoven themselves, 1 d.

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N. B. These premiums will be paid under the direction of Mr. Otelegh, superintendent of the silk culture in Georgia, on bringing the balls or cocoons to the public filature at Savannah, according to notice already sent to Georgia.

For every pound weight of merchantable raw silk raised and produced in the colonies of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, in the year 1760, 2s. 6d. The said premiums to be paid, in Connecticut by Dr. Jared Eliot, and in Pennsylvania, by Benjamin Franklin, L. L. D. and John Hughes, Esq; and in North Carolina, by George Pollock, Cullen Pollock, and John Rutherford, Esqrs; upon proof being made to their satisfaction by every person claiming such premiums, that the silk by which it is claimed has been actually and bona fide, reeled from cocoons of such claimant’s own raising and produce.

Also a further premium of 1s. for every pound weight of raw silk imported into England from the said colonies of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, will be paid by the society’s secretary, to the importer, upon producing a certificate under the hands and seals of the above-mentioned gentlemen in the said colonies respectively, that proof had been made to them, that such silk for which the premium is claimed, expressing the quantity, was of the actual growth of one of the said colonies respectively; and also a certificate from the proper officer of the customs of the port or place where such silk was imported, of its having been entered in such port or place from the said colonies.

To that planter in any of our said colonies who shall first produce (within seven years from the 5th day of April, 1758,) from his own plantation, five tons of white or red wine, made of grapes, the produce of the colonies only, and such as, in the opinion of competent judges appointed by the society in London, shall be deemed deserving the reward, not less than one ton thereof to be imported at London, 100 l. A certificate under the hands of two or more justices of the peace, residing in the country, or of the minister and churchwardens of the parish where such wine was made, setting forth, that the wine was grown and made at the place mentioned therein, and that the remainder of the wine is equally good with that imported; and such certificate, backed or countersigned by the governor or chief magistrate of the colony, will be expected by the society at the time the premium is claimed.

TREATISE.

A gold medal will be given for the best treatise on the arts of peace, containing an historical account of the progressive improvements of agriculture, manufactures, and commerce in that part of Great Britain called England, with the effects of those improvements on the morals and manners of the people, and pointing out the most practicable means for their future advancement. All treatises are to be sent to the society on or before the second Wednesday in December, 1761. Each writer is defined to mark his treatise with some sentence or verse, or to send a paper sealed up, containing the name and...
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addresses, and inscribe on the outside with the same sentence or verse as the treatise is marked with, which paper, in case this treatise is intitled to the medal, will be opened, or else destroyed unopened, or delivered back, if it be so directed, and the medal will be delivered to the author, or any person producing a letter signed by him, and distinguished by his token, empowering such person to receive the medal.

A sum not exceeding 200 l. is allotted annually by the society, to be bestowed in such proportion, on such condition, and at such times as the society shall judge proper, for new discoveries, or improvements in husbandry, mechanics, arts, manufactures, or other matters which shall be found really to deserve encouragement on account of their public utility, and for which no premium has been offered. These rewards to be determined and distributed only between the second Wednesday in November, and the last Wednesday in May.

N. B. No premium will in any case be given, unless the performance be deemed by the society to have sufficient merit to deserve their encouragement. It is required in all cases where it can be done, that the matters for which premiums are offered be delivered in without names, or any intimation to whom they belong; that each particular thing be marked in what manner each claimant thinks fit, he or the sending with it a paper sealed up, having without side a corresponding mark, and within side the claimant's name and address. No papers shall be opened but such as gain premiums, all the rest shall be returned unopened, with the matters to which they belong, if enquired after by their marks within half a year; after which time, if not demanded, they shall be publicly burnt, unopened, at some meeting of the society.

Whereas there are societies for the encouragement of arts, manufactures and commerce in that part of Great Britain, called Scotland, and also in Ireland; therefore all the premiums of this society are designed for that part of Great Britain called England, the dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick upon Tweed, unless expressly mentioned to the contrary; and the claims shall be determined as soon as possible after the delivery of the specimens. Proper affidavits, or such certificates as the society shall require, are to be produced on every article.

By order of the society,
Geo. Box, secretary.

Note, any information or advice that may forward the designs of this society for the public good, will be received thankfully, and duly considered, if communicated by letter, directed to Mr. Box, the secretary, at the society's office, opposite Beaufort-buildings in the Strand, London.

Some account of the Magdalen charity and institution for the relief and assistance of penitent prostitutes, taken from the preface of a sermon lately preached before the governors; by the rev. Mr. William Dodd, lecturer of Wett-Ham, Essex, and St. Olave, Hart-street.

WHEN the first proposals for this institution appeared, many specious objections were made
made against it, which have been obviated by experience upon carrying it into execution, as the old sophist's argument, to prove there could be no motion, was at once overturned by his opponent's walking across the room.

It was said first, that no objects would offer themselves, or that, if they did, they would be such only as could live by prostitution no longer, whose reformation would be impossible, as they would seek refuge not from vice but from hunger, urged not by penitence but inability to sin.

That this objection, however specious, was ill grounded, now appears beyond contradiction from the numbers that crowded to the house, which was appointed for their reception, the moment the doors were open, the greater part of whom were under the age of 20, and many of them not more than 14, and from the behaviour of those who have been received, which in general has been such as shewed the utmost horror of the state they had quitted, the most glad and grateful sense of the refuge they had found, and the most scrupulous observation of all the rules prescribed for their behaviour in it.

This objection probably rose from a supposition, that those who became prostitutes were betrayed to such a course by a love of pleasure, and retained in it by a love of idleness; but this charity has furnished incontrovertible proof, that the supposition itself is erroneous: the greater part of those who have fled to the shelter it affords having been seduced by the most artful and insidious contrivances of wretches who preside over marts of prostitution, and whose emissaries are like their father the devil, continually going about seeking whom they may devour: and when once seduced, kept by various artifices in a state of fertile dependence, under pecuniary obligations, which they were ensnared to contrast almost without knowing it, without recommendation to procure employment, and without friends who could afford them protection, as appears by many letters now in Mr. Dingley's hands; and many particulars which he is ready to attest.

2. It was objected, that the institution would at length totally prevent a vice, which every wise government has thought fit to tolerate for the prevention of greater evils. This objection, which by the way presupposes that every prostitute is penitent, and would cease to be so the moment it was in her power, is at once obviated by considering the vast disproportion between the number that this charity can relieve, and the number that upon the supposition which the objection implies, would be candidates for it.

3. It was, on the contrary, objected by others, that this institution would encourage prostitution, by rendering its consequences not so desperately ruinous; but, to suppose that a woman would commence prostitute, because there is a possibility of her being received into an hospital after the loss of her health, peace, and reputation, is just as absurd as to suppose that a mason would be careless how he mounted a ladder, and indifferent whether he should or should not fall down and break his limbs, because, if he is not killed on the
spot, there is an hospital in which he may possibly be cured.

4. It has been objected, that no provision can be made for these women, when they shall quit the hospital which will deliver them from the fatal necessity of returning to the same course of life they had quitted for bread. To answer to this objection, it is sufficient to say, that many have already been provided for by the reconciliation of their friends, who have again taken them under their protection; and many more will be taught useful employments, by which they will be able to procure a comfortable and honest subsistence. From the industry of those already received, there is the greatest reason to hope that employments will not only be cheerfully learned, but assiduously followed; for it appears, from a printed account, that from the commencement of the charity, August 30, 1758. to April 21, 1759. they have earned 168l. 10s. 6d. and there is also reason to hope from this gain, in the infancy of the institution, that when the whole is perfectly regulated, the women will nearly maintain themselves by their own labour.

The sermon preached before the governors by Mr. Dodd is a manly, rational, and pathetic address, as well to the understanding as the passions of mankind, in favour of those most pitiable of all human beings; and it is hoped, that as the possibility of affording them relief, and preferring at least their bodies from perdition, is put beyond the possibility of doubt, by incontestible facts, that their claim will be admitted in common with those who are left wretched, especially, as by this institution, not the body only, but the soul may be preserved, and while we are breaking off our fins by showering mercy to the poor, they may themselves be enabled to cut off iniquity by righteousness.

ODD ADVERTISEMENTS.

From the Public Advertiser, March 30, 1759.

To err, is a blemish entailed upon mortality, and indifferences seldom or never escape from confuion: the more heavy, as the character is more remarkable; and doubled, nay trebled by the world, if the progress of that character is marked by success; then malice flots against it all her flings, the drakes of envy are let loose; to the humane and generous heart then melt the injured appeal, and certain relief will be found in impartial honour. Mrs Fisher is forced to sue to that jurisdiction to protect her from the bafleness of little scribblers and fcurvy malevolence; she has been abused in public papers, exposed in print-shops, and to wind up the whole, some wretches, mean, ignorant, and venal, would impose upon the public, by daring to pretend to publish her memoirs. She hopes to prevent the success of their endeavours, by thus publicly declaring that nothing of that fort has the slightest foundation in truth.

C. Fisher.

From the Daily Advertiser, Apr. 13.

A middle-aged maiden lady, with an independent fortune, has been determined by the cruel treatment of those who from their connections ought to have been her friends, to think of entering into the honourable state of matrimony. She is indifferent as to fortune, so she meets with a gentleman of good morals and
and family; indeed she would rather with to marry a person without any fortune, that the gentleman may have the higher obligations to her, and of consequence treat her with that tenderness and regard, reasonably to be expected from persons under such circumstances. Her reason for taking this method, is, that it has been industriously given out, by people interested, (in order, she supposes, to prevent proposals) that she had determined never to marry. Letters, with proposals, will be received at the bar of the Smyrna coffee house, directed for Z. Z. A description of the gentleman’s person, age and profession, is requested to be inserted; and how to direct, if the proposals are approved of. The lady’s conduct will bear the strictest scrutiny. No letters received, unless post paid, to prevent impertinence.

From the same, April 17.

Whereas I had long despaired of meeting with a temptation to enter into the holy state of matrimony, till taking up the paper of Friday last, I read the agreeable advertisement of a lady whose sentiments jump so entirely with mine, I am convinced we are cut out for each other, and therefore take this method of describing myself: I am a gentleman of an unquestionable good family; lobbies and croffes have reduced my fortune to my wardrobe, a diamond ring, a gold watch, and an amber-headed cane; but as you have generously said, you don’t even with a fortune, I imagine this will be no hindrance: My person is far from disagreeable, my skin smooth and shining, my forehead high and polished; my eyes sharp, tho’ small, my nose long and aquiline, my mouth wide, and what teeth I have perfectly found; all this, with the addition of a flaxen full bottom, suitable to the age of between forty and fifty, with a good heart and sweet disposition, and not one unruly particle, compose the man who will be willing, upon the slightest intimation, to pay his devoirs to the lady. If she will direct her letter for S. U. to be left at St. James’s coffee-house, the gentleman will wait on her wherever she pleases to appoint him.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas I, William Margetts, the younger, was, at the last assizes for the county of Cambridge, convicted upon an indictment for an attempt to raise the price of corn in Ely market, upon the 24th day of September, 1757, by offering the sum of six shillings a bushel for wheat, for which no more than five shillings and nine pence was demanded: and whereas, on the earnest solicitation and request of myself and friends, the prosecutor has been prevailed upon to forbear any further prosecution against me on my submitting to make the following satisfaction, viz. upon my paying the sum of 50 l. to the poor inhabitants of the town of Ely; to be distributed by the minor and churchwardens of the several parishes in the said town of Ely; and the further sum of 50 l. to the poor inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, to be distributed by the minor and churchwardens of the several parishes in the said town; and the full costs of the prosecution; and upon my reading this acknowledgment of my offence publicly, and with a loud voice, in the presence of a magistrate, notifiable, or other peace officer of the said town of Ely, at the market place there, between the hours of twelve and one o’clock, on a public market day, and
and likewise subscribing and publishing the same in three of the evening papers printed at London, and in the Cambridge journal, on four different days, and I have accordingly paid the said two sums of fifty pounds and costs. And do hereby confess myself to have been guilty of the said offence, and testify my sincere and hearty sorrow in having committed a crime, which, in its consequences, tended so much to increase the distress of the poor in the late calamitous scarcity: And I do hereby most humbly acknowledge the lenity of the prosecutor, and beg pardon of the public in general, and of the town of Ely in particular.

This paper was read by me at the public market-place at Ely, in the presence of Thomas Aungier gentleman, chief constable, on the 2d day of June, 1759, being a public market day there, and is now, as a further proof of the just sense I have of the heinousness of my crime, subscribed and published by me,

Wm. MARGETTS.

Witness, JAMES DAY;
Under Sheriff of Cambridgeshire.
SUPPLIES granted by Parliament for the service of the Year 1759.

November 30, 1758.

1. THAT 60,000 men be employed for the sea service for the year 1759, including 14,345 marines.

2. That a sum not exceeding 4l. per man per month be allowed for maintaining the said 60,000 men for 13 months, including the ordnance for sea service—

December 7.

1. That a number of land forces, including those in Germany, and on an expedition under Major-General Hopfon, and 4010 invalids, amounting to 52,543 effective men, commission and non-commissioned officers included, be employed for the service of the year 1759.

2. That for the defraying the charge of the 52,543 effective men for guards and garrisons, and other his majesty's land forces in Great Britain, Guernsey, and Jersey, for the year 1759, there be granted to his majesty a sum not exceeding

3. For the pay of the general and staff-officers, and officers of the hospitals for his majesty's land forces, for the year 1759

4. For maintaining his majesty's forces and garrisons in the plantations, and Gibraltar, and for provisions for the garrisons in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, Providence, Cape Breton and Senegal, for the year 1759

5. For defraying the charge of four regiments, and one battalion of foot on the Irish establishment, serving in North America and Africa, for the year 1759

December 12.

1. For the charge of the office of ordnance for land service, for the year 1759

2. For defraying the extraordinary expense of services performed by the office of ordnance for land service, and not provided for by parliament, in 1758

3. For the ordinary of the navy, including the half pay to sea officers for 1759

4. Towards the support of Greenwich-hospital
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DECEMBER 18.

1. For defraying the charges of 38,000 men of the troops of Hanover, Wolfenbuttle, Saxe-Gotha, and Count of Buckeburg, together with that of general and staff-officers, actually employed against the common enemy, in concert with the King of Prussia, from December 25, 1758, to December 24, 1759, both inclusive, to be issued in advance every two months, in like manner as the pay of the Hessian forces now in the service of Great Britain, the said body of troops to be mustered by an English commissary, and the effective rate thereof to be ascertained by the signature of the commander in chief of the said forces — 398697 17 2

2. For defraying the charge of 2120 horse, and 9900 foot, together with the general and staff-officers, the officers of the hospital, and officers and others belonging to the train of artillery, the troops of the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, in the pay of Great Britain, for ninety days, from December 25, 1758, to March 24, 1759, both inclusive, together with the subsidy for the said time, pursuant to treaty — 59646 1 8 2

3. That for defraying the charges of the forage, bread, bread-waggons, train of artillery, and of provisions, wood, straw, &c. and other extraordinary expenses and contingencies of his majesty's combined army, under the command of Prince Ferdinand, there be granted to his majesty upon account, as a present supply — 500000 o 0

DECEMBER 19.

Towards paying off and discharging the debt of the navy —

JANUARY 22, 1759.

1. For defraying the charge for allowances to the several officers and private gentlemen of the two troops of horse-guards, and regiment of horse reduced, and to the superannuated gentlemen of the four troops of horse-guards, for 1759 — 2958 19 7

2. Upon account of the reduced officers of the land forces and marines, for 1759 — 34367 15 10

3. For the paying of pensions to the widows of such reduced officers of the land forces and marines, as died upon the establishment of half pay, in Great Britain, and who were married to them before December 25, 1716, for 1759 — 2128 o 0

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For the YEAR 1759.

January 29.

1. For enabling his majesty to make good his engagements with the King of Prussia, pursuant to a convention between his majesty and the King of Prussia, concluded December 7, 1758.

2. For defraying the charge of what remains to be paid for 2120 horse, and 9920 foot, together with the general and staff officers, the officers of the hospital, and officers and others belonging to the train of artillery, the troops of the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, in the pay of Great Britain, for 365 days, from December 25, 1758, to December 24, 1759, both days inclusive, together with the subsidy for the said time, pursuant to treaty.

3. For defraying the charge of an additional corps of 920 horse, and 6072 foot, together with the general and staff officers, the officers of the hospital, and officers and others belonging to the train of artillery, the troops of the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, in the pay of Great Britain, for 365 days, from January 1, 1759, to December 31 following, pursuant to treaty.

4. For enabling his majesty to make good his engagements with the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, pursuant to a separate article belonging to a treaty between them, concluded January 17, 1759, the said sum to be paid as his most serene Highness shall think most convenient, in order to facilitate the means by which he may again fix his residence in his own dominions, and give fresh courage to his faithful subjects, by his presence, which is so much wished for.

5. For enabling his majesty to discharge the like sum raised, in pursuance of an act of last session, and charged upon the first aids or supplies, to be granted in this session of parliament.

6. Towards the buildings, rebuilding, and repairs of his majesty's ships, for 1759.

February 5.

Towards enabling the governors and guardians of the Foundling hospital, to receive all such children, under
under a certain age, to be by them limited, as shall be brought to the said hospital; and also towards enabling them to maintain and educate such children as are now under their care, and continue to carry into execution the good purposes for which they were incorporated: and that the same be issued and paid for the use of the said hospital without fee or reward, or any deduction whatsoever, upon account

**February 22.**

For the charge of transport service for the year 1758, including the expense of victualling his majesty's land forces, within the said year

**February 26.**

1. For supporting and maintaining the settlement of his majesty's colony of Nova Scotia, for the year 1759, upon account

2. For defraying the charges incurred, by supporting and maintaining the settlement of his majesty's colony of Nova Scotia, in the year 1757, and not provided for by parliament

3. For defraying the charges of the civil establishment of his majesty's colony of Georgia, and other incidental expenses attending the same, from June 24, 1758, to June 24, 1759, upon account

**March 19.**

1. To replace to the sinking fund the like sum, paid out of the same, to make good the deficiency on July 5, 1758, of the additional stamp duty on licences for retailing of wine, duty on coals exported, and surplus of the duty on licences for retailing spirituous liquors, made a fund by an act of 30 George II. for paying annuities at the bank of England, after the rate of 3l. per cent. on three millions, and also the life annuities payable at the Exchequer, and other charges thereupon

2. To replace to the sinking fund the like sum, paid out of the same, to make good the deficiency on July 5, 1758, of the duties on glass and spirituous liquor, to answer annuities on single lives, payable at the Exchequer, granted by an act of 19 George II.

3. To be employed in maintaining and supporting the British forts and settlements upon the coasts of Africa

4. To be paid to Roger Long, D. D. Lowndes's astronomical and geometrical professor in the university
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MARCH 29.

1. That towards the defraying the charge of pay, and cloathing for the militia, from December 31, 1758, to March 25, 1760, and for repaying to his Majesty the sum of £321. 10s. advanced by him for the service of the militia, pursuant to an address of this House of November 29 last, there be granted upon account

2. That towards enabling the governors and guardians of the Foundling Hospital, to receive all such children under a certain age, to be by them limited, as shall be brought to the said hospital, before January 1, 1760; and also towards enabling them to maintain and educate such children as are now under their care; and to continue to carry into execution the good purposes for which they were incorporated; and that the same be issued and paid for the use of the said hospital, without fee or reward, or any deduction whatsoever; there be granted the farther sum of

APRIL 2.

For defraying the extraordinary expences of his Majesty's land forces, and other services incurred in the year 1758, and not provided for by Parliament

APRIL 10.

8. For enabling the commissioners appointed, by virtue of an Act made in the last session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for vesting certain messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, for the better securing his Majesty's docks, &c." to make compensation to the proprietors of such lands and hereditaments at, and near Chatham, as have been purchased for the purposes mentioned in the said Act, and for damage done to the lands adjacent

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2. For enabling the said commissioners to make compensation to the proprietors of such lands and hereditaments at, and near Portsmouth, as have been purchased for the purposes mentioned in the said Act.

3. For enabling the said commissioners to make compensation to the proprietors of such lands and hereditaments at, and near Plymouth, as have been purchased for the purposes mentioned in the said Act.

4. Towards carrying on the works for fortifying and securing the harbour of Milford.

**April 1st.**

Upon account for paying and discharging the debts, with the necessary expenses attending the payment of the same, claimed and sustained upon the land, and estates which became forfeited to the crown, by the attainder of John Drummond, brother to James Drummond, intitled Duke of Perth, or so much of the same debts as shall be remaining unsatisfied, according to the several decrees in that behalf respectively made, by the lords of session in Scotland, and pursuant to an Act of the 25th of his present majesty, intitled, "An Act for annexing certain forfeited estates in Scotland to the crown unalienably, &c."—

**April 30th.**

1. Upon account, to be paid to the East India Company, towards enabling them to defray the expense of a military force in their settlements, to be maintained by them in lieu of the battalion of his majesty's forces, commanded by Col. Adiercron, withdrawn from thence, and now returned to Ireland.

2. Upon account, to enable his majesty to give a proper compensation to the respective provinces in North America, for the expenses incurred by them, in the levying, cloathing, and pay of the troops raised by the same, according as the active vigour and strenuous efforts of the respective provinces shall be thought by his majesty to merit.

**May 20th.**

1. To make good the like sum issued by his majesty to John Mill, Esq; to be by him paid over to the victuallers and innholders of the county and town of Southampton, and other victuallers and innholders in the like circumstances, in consideration of
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of the great expense they were put to by the Hebrides troops having been for being billeted at their houses, pursuant to an address of this house — —

1. That the several annual sums following, be granted to his majesty, to be applied in augmentation of the salaries of such of the judges, for the time being, in the superior courts of justice, in England, as are hereafter mentioned, that is to say, 500l. to each of the public judges in the court of King's Bench; — 500l. to each of the judges of the court of Common-Pleas, at Westminster; 1000l. to the chief baron in the court of Exchequer at Westminster; and 500l. to each of the other barons of the court, in the said court, in every year — —

2. The like grant for the judges in the courts of session and exchequer in Scotland; that is to say, 300l. to the president of the said court of session; 300l. to the chief baron of the said court of the exchequer; and 200l. to each of the other judges of the said courts, in every year — —

3. The like grant to the justices of Chester, and of the great sessions for the counties in Wales; that is to say, 200l. to the chief justices of Chester, 150l. to the second justices of Chester, and 150l. to each of the justices of the great sessions for the counties in Wales, in every year — —

MAY 15.

1. To make good the interest of the several principal sums to be paid in pursuance of an act of the gift of his present majesty, for the purchase of several lands and hereditaments, for the better securing his majesty's docks, ships, and stores at Portsmouth, Chatham and Plymouth, from the respective times Vol. II. N the
the said lands and hereditaments were first made use of for the purpose aforesaid, or interest became payable, to August 25, 1756.

2. For defraying the charges, incurred in pursuance of an act of the 31st of his present majesty, for purchasing lands, for the better securing his majesty’s docks, slips, and stores, at Portsmouth, Chatnam, and Plymouth.

May 24.

Upon accounit, to enable his majesty to defray any extraordinary expenses of the war, incurred, or to be incurred, for the service of 1759; and to raise all such measures as may be necessary to defeat or defend any enterprises or designs of his enemies, and as the exigencies of affairs may require.

Total of the grants made by the committee of supply 12761310.

These were all the grants made by the committee of supply in the course of last session; and as to those the two last resolutions of this committee were agreed to by the house, on November 30, it was resolved, that the house would the next morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider of ways and means for raising the supply granted to his majesty; which committee was, by several adjournments, continued to the 25th of May, and the resolutions it came to in that time were agreed to by the house on the days as follow, viz.

December 2, 1758.

1. A resolution in the usual form for raising a land tax of 4s. in the pound for one year, from March 25, 1759.

2. A resolution in the usual form for continuing the malt tax from June 24, 1759, to June 24, 1760.

January 31, 1759.

1. That the 3.1 per cent. annuities, amounting to 3,100,000l. granted anno 1757, be, with the content of the several proprietors, added to, and made a part of the joint stock of 31 per cent. transferrable annuities of the bank of England, consolidated by the acts 25, 28, and 29, of his present majesty’s reign, and the charges and expenses in respect thereof be charged upon, and paid out of the sinking fund, until redemption thereof by parliament, in the same and like manner as the annuities consolidated aforesaid.

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Paid are paid and payable; and, that such persons who shall not, on or before April 5, 1759, signify their dissent, in books to be opened at the bank for that purpose, shall be deemed and taken to assent thereto.

2. That all the monies that have arisen since January 5, 1759, or that shall or may hereafter arise of the produce of the several additional stamp duties on pamphlets, and printed papers, the additional duty on coal exported, the surplus of the new duty on licences for retailing wine; and the surplus of the duties on licences for retailing spirituous liquors, which were made a fund for payment of 5l. per cent. per annum at the bank on 3,000,000l. borrowed by virtue of an act of 30 George II. towards the supply of the year 1757, also the annuities on single lives, payable at the receipt of the exchequer in respect of the same, shall be carried to, and made a part of the fund commonly called the sinking fund.

3. That the several annuities on single lives granted anno 1757, payable at the exchequer, in respect to the aforesaid 3,000,000l. be from January 5, 1759, charged upon, and made payable out of the produce of the said sinking fund.

February 3.

That towards raising the supply granted to his majesty, the sum of 6,600,000l. be raised by transferrable annuities after the rate of 5l. per cent. per annum, and that an additional capital of fifteen pounds be added to every one hundred pounds advanced; which additional capital shall consist of 10l. given in a lottery ticket to each subscriber, and of 5l. in like transferrable annuities at 5l. per cent. The blanks and prizes of the lottery to be attended with like annuities, after the rate of 5l. per cent. per annum to commence from the fifth day of January, 1760; and that the sum of 6,600,000l. together with the said additional capital of 5l. per cent. amounting to 330,000l. making in the whole 6,930,000l. do bear an interest after the rate of 5l. per cent. per annum, which interest shall commence from the fifth day of July, 1759. The said several annuities shall be transferrable at the bank of England, and charged upon a fund to be established in this session of parliament for payment thereof, and for which the sinking fund shall be a collateral security, and shall be redeemable by parliament in the whole, or in part, by sums not less than 500,000l. at one time, fix months
months notice having been first given of such payment or payments respectively. That the lottery shall consist of tickets of the value of ten pounds each, in a proportion not exceeding eight blanks to a prize; the blanks to be of the value of six pounds each.

That every subscriber shall, on or before the 15th day of February instant, make a deposit of 15 l. per cent. on such sum as he shall choose to subscribe towards raising the said sum of 5,000,000 l. with the cahiers of the bank of England, as a security for his making the future payment, on or before the times herein before limited, that is to say:

1st. per cent. on or before the 30th of March next.
2nd. per cent. on or before the 27th of April next.
3rd. per cent. on or before the 31st of May next.
4th. per cent. on or before the 28th of June next.
5th. per cent. on or before the 27th of July next.
6th. per cent. on or before the 31st of August next.
7th. per cent. on or before the 28th of Sept. next.
8th. per cent. on or before the 26th of Oct. next.

Which several sums to received, shall by the said cahiers, be paid into the receipt of his majesty's exchequer to be applied, from time to time, to such services as God or the public affairs of the country, and no otherwise. That any subscriber paying in the whole, or any part of his subscription, previous to the days appointed for the respective payments, shall be allowed a discount of the rate of 3 l. per cent. per annum, from the days of such respective payments to the respective times on which such payments are directed to be made.

MARCH 10.

1. That a subsidy of poundage of one shilling in the pound, be laid upon tobacco, foreign linen, sugar, and other groove, East-India goods, foreign brandy, and spirits, and paper imported into this kingdom, according to the value or rate respectively settled upon each commodity, by the several books of rates, or any act or acts of parliament relating thereto, over and above the present duties charged thereupon.

2. That an additional inland duty be charged upon all coffee, to be sold in Great-Britain by any seller or retailer, and upon all chocolate to be made or sold in Great-Britain, to be paid by the respective sellers of such coffee, and by the respective makers and sellers of such chocolate.

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3. That the said additional duty upon all coffee, be after the rate of 1s. per pound wt. avoirdupois, and in that proportion for a greater or lesser quantity, over and above the present inland duty, and over and above all customs and duties, payable upon the importation thereof.

4. That the said additional duty upon all chocolate, be after the rate of 9d. per pound wt. avoirdupois, and in that proportion for a greater or lesser quantity, over and above the present inland duty payable thereof.

APRIL 3.

That such part of the sum of 100,000l. granted in the last session, upon account, towards defraying the charge of pay and clothing for the militia for 1758, and for defraying such expenses as were actually incurred upon the account of the militia, in the year 1757, as shall remain in the exchequer, after satisfaction of the said charges and expenses, be issued and applied towards raising the supply granted in this session.

APRIL 12.

1. That from and after July 5, 1759, all persons may trade in, sell, or vend any goods or wares, in which the quantity of gold, in any separate and distinct piece of goods or wares, shall not exceed two penny weights, or the quantity of silver in any one separate and distinct piece of goods or wares, shall not exceed five penny weights, without being liable to take out a licence for that purpose.

2. That from and after the first of July, 1759, every person who shall trade in, sell, or vend gold or silver plate, or any goods or wares, in which any gold or silver shall be manufactured, and the quantity of gold in any one such piece of plate or goods, or wares, shall be of the weight of two ounces or upwards, or the quantity of silver, in any one such piece of plate or goods, or wares, shall be of the weight of thirty ounces or upwards, shall pay 5l. for each annual licence, instead of the 40s. now payable.

3. That from and after the fifth of July, 1759, all pawnbrokers trading in, vending or selling, gold or silver plate, and all refiners of gold and silver, shall be obliged to take out annual licences, for each of which they shall pay a duty of 5l. instead of the 40s. now payable.

4. That the sums to be paid for the said licences, shall be applicable to the same uses and purposes, as
the sums charged on licences by an act of last session were applicable.

5. That a clause in an act of the 9th and 10th of William III. intituled, “An act to settle the trade to Africa,” for allowing, during a limited time, a drawback of the duties upon the exportation of copper bars imported, and with a proviso continued by several acts to June 24, 1758, and from thence to the end of the next session, is expiring, and fit to be continued.

6. That so much of an act of the 8th of George I. for the encouragement of the silk manufactures of this kingdom, &c. as relates to the encouragement of our silk manufactures, and to the taking off the several duties on merchandise exported, is near expiring, and fit to be continued.

7. That so much of an act of the second of his present majesty, for the better preservation of his majesty’s woods in America, &c. as relates to the premiums upon mails, yards, and bownuts, tar, pitch and turpentine, is near expiring, and fit to be continued.

8. That an act of the 5th of his present majesty, for encouraging the growth of coffee in our plantations in America, is near expiring, and fit to be continued.

9. That an act of the 10th of his present majesty, for the more effectual securing the duties on foreign made fail cloth imported into this kingdom, &c. is near expiring, and fit to be continued.

APRIL 30.

1. That the sum remaining in the receipt of the exchequer, disposable by parliament, of the produce of the sinking fund, for the quarter ended April 5, 1758, be issued and applied towards making good the supply granted in this session 180076 17 0

2. That the sum now remaining in the exchequer, being the overplus of the grants for the service of 1758, be issued and applied towards making good the supply granted in this session 73508 3 10 2

MAY 17.

1. That the duties now payable upon raw short silk or capiton, and silk nubs, or hulks of silk, shall, from and after July 5, 1759, cease and determine, and be no longer paid.

2. That in lieu thereof, the same duties shall, from
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from and after July 5, 1759, be paid upon the importation of raw short Silk or Capitone, and Silk Hucks, or Hucks of Silk, as are now payable upon raw long Silk imported, and be applied to the same uses and purposes.

3. That the sum repaid into the receipt of the Exchequer, and now remaining there, being the sum which was granted, December 15, 1755, to enable his majesty to make good his engagements with the empress of Russia, be issued and applied towards making good the supply granted in this section

4. That towards raising the annual sums of money granted to his majesty to be applied in augmentation of the salaries of the puisne judges in the court of King's Bench, the judges in the court of Common Pleas, the barons of the Exchequer at Westminster, and of the Justices of Chester, and the great Sessions for the counties of Wales, an additional stamp duty of six pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engrossed or written any affidavit to be made use of in any court of law or equity at Westminster, or in the courts of the great Sessions in Wales, or county palatines of Chester, except affidavits taken pursuant to several acts made in the thirtieth and thirty-second year of the reign of King Charles II, for burying in woollen, and except such affidavits, as shall be taken before the officers of the customs, or any justice or justices of the peace, or before any commissioners appointed, or to be appointed by an act of parliament, for the assessing or levying any aids or duties granted, or to be granted to his majesty, his heirs and successors, and which affidavits shall be taken by the said officers of the customs, justices or commissioners, by virtue of their authority, as justices of the peace, or commissioners, respectively.

5. That towards raising the said annual sums, an additional stamp duty of six pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engrossed or written any copy of such affidavit, as is herein before charged, that shall be filed or read in any of the aforesaid courts.

6. That an additional stamp duty of six-pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engrossed
groffed or written any common bail to be filed in any court of law at Westminster, or in any of the aforesaid courts, and any appearance that shall be made upon such bail.

7. That an additional flamp duty of six-pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraffed or written any rule or order made or given in any court of law or equity at Westminster.

8. That an additional flamp duty of six-pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraffed or written any copy of such rule or order.

9. That an additional flamp duty of six-pence be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraffed any original writ, (except such original on which a writ of capias lies) subpoena, bill of Middlesex, latitat, writ of capias, quo minus, writ of othimus potestatem to take answers, examine witnesses, or appoint guardians, or any other writ whatsoever, or any other process or mandate, that shall issue out of, or pass the seals of any the courts of Westminster, courts of the great seessions in Wales, courts in the counties palatine, or any other court whatsoever holding pleas, where the debt or damage doth amount to forty shillings, or above, or the thing in demand is of that value; writs of covenant for levying fines, writs of entry for suffering common recoveries, and writs of habeas corpus excepted.

10. That an additional flamp duty of one penny be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraffed or written any deposition taken in the court of chancery, or other court of equity at Westminster, (except the paper draughts of depositions taken by virtue of any commission before they are engraffed) or upon which shall be engraffed or written any copy, of any bill, answer, plea, demurrer, replication, rejoinder, interrogatories, depositions, or other proceedings whatsoever in such courts of equity.

11. That an additional flamp duty of one penny be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraffed or written any declaration, plea, replication, rejoinder, demurrer, or other pleading whatsoever,
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12. That an additional stamp duty of one penny be charged upon every piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be engraved or written any copy of such declarations, pleas, replications, rejoinders, demurrers, or other pleadings.

13. That the annual sums of money granted to his majesty, to be applied in augmentation of the salaries of the judges in the courts of session and exchequer, in Scotland, be charged upon, and made payable out of the duties and revenues, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, which, by an act made in the 10th year of the reign of Queen Anne, were charged, or made chargeable, with the payment of the fees, salaries, and other charges allowed, or to be allowed, by her majesty, her heirs or successors, for keeping up the courts of session and judicidary, and exchequer court in Scotland.

MAY 22.

That towards raising the supply granted to his majesty, there be issued and applied out of such monies as shall or may arise, of the surpluses, excises, or overplus monies, composing the sinking fund, the sum of

MAY 26.

That there be raised by loans or exchequer bills, to be charged on the first aids to be granted in the next session, the sum of

Total of the liquidated provisions made by the committee of ways and means

An
An Account of all public Debts at the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer, standing out at the 5th of January, 1759, (being old Christmas Day) with the annual Interest or other Charges payable for the same.

**EXCHEQUER.**

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<td>808100</td>
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Note. The land taxes and duties on malt, being annual grants, are not charged in this account, nor the 1,000,000l. charged on the deduction of 6d. per pound on pensions, &c. nor the sum of 800,000l. charged on the supply, 1759.

**East-India Company.**

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<td>Ann. at 31. per cent. 1744, charged on the surplus of the additional duties on low wines, spirits, and strong waters</td>
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**Bank of England.**

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<td>On their original fund at 31. per cent. from August 1, 1743</td>
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<td>For cancelling exchequer bills, 3 G. I.</td>
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<td>Purchased of the South Sea company</td>
<td>4005000</td>
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<td>Annuities at 31. per cent. charged on the duties on coals, &amp;c. since Lady-day, 1759</td>
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Ditto charged on the surplus of the funds for lottery, 1714
Ditto 1746, charged on duties on licences for retailing spirituous liquors, since Lady-day, 1746
Ditto at 3l. per cent. charged on the sinking fund, by the act 25, 28, and 30 Geo. II.
Ditto charged on the said fund, by the act 25 Geo. II.
Ditto at 3l. 10s. per cent. charged on the said fund, by the act 29 Geo. II.
Ditto at 3l. per cent. charged on the new stamp duties, &c. by the act 30 Geo. II.
Ditto at 3l. 10s. per cent. charged on the duties on offices, pensions, &c. by the act 31 Geo. II.

Ditto at 3l. per cent. charged on the said duties by the said act

**Memorandum.** The subscribers of 100l. to the lottery 1745, were allowed an annuity for one life at 9s. a ticket, which amounted to 22,500l. but is now reduced, by lives fallen in, to 19,003l. 15s. And the subscribers of 100l. to the lottery 1746, were allowed an annuity for one life of 18s. a ticket, which amounted to 45,000l. which is now reduced, by lives fallen in, to 39,638l. 10s. And also the subscribers of 100l. for 3l. per cent. annuities, 1757, were allowed an annuity for one life of 1l. 2s. 6d. a year, which amounted to 33,750l. but is now reduced, by lives fallen in, to 33,700l. which annuities are an inconsiderable of the national debt, but cannot be added thereto, as no money was advanced for the same.

**South Sea Company.**

On their capital stock and annuities, 9 Geo. I.

**Annuitizes at 3l. per cent. 1751, charged on the sinking fund**

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**Memorandum.** The accounts of the exchequer continued to be made up to the old quarter days, is the reason that this account is made up to the 5th of January, 1759, (old Christmas day) and not to Christmas last, as directed by the order of this house.
An ESTIMATE of the Debt of his Majesty's NAVY on the heads hereafter mentioned, as it stood on Dec. 31, 1758.

HEADS of the Naval Estimates.

**Wear and tear, ordinary and transports.**

- Due to pay off and discharge all the bills registered on the course of the navy for freight of transports, &c. supplied for the service thereof
  - £86,750 6s. 9d.
- To pay off and discharge bills registered on the said course for premiums allowed by act of parliament on naval stores
  - £1,484 3s. 3d.
- For freight of transports, and tenders, and for stores delivered into his majesty's several yards, &c. for which no bills were made out on the aforesaid Dec. 31, 1758, as also to several bills of exchange
  - £442,163 11s. 10d. £169,247 1s. 10d.
- To his majesty's yards and rope yards, for the ordinary and extraordinary
  - £39,992
- For the half pay to sea officers according to an establishment made by his late majesty in council on that behalf
  - £30,100

**Seamen Wages.**

- Due to men, &c. unpaid on the books of ships paid off
  - £239,095 14s. 9d.
- To ships in sea pay on the aforesaid Dec. 31, 1758
  - £229,300
- To discharge and pay off all the bills entered in course for slop clothes, bedding for seamen, surgeons necessaries, bounties to widows and orphans of men slain at sea
  - £69,372 6s. 10d.

**Victualling debt as per estimate received from those commissioners, viz.**

- Due for short allowance to the companies of his majesty's ships in pay, and which have been paid off
  - £15,391 5s. 8d.
- For paying off all the bills entered on their course
  - £482,246 16s. 11d.
- For provisions delivered, and services performed, for which no bills were made out on the aforesaid Dec. 31, 1758
  - £39,225 1s. 5d. £600,330 12s. 3d.
- For necessary money, extra-necessary money, bills of exchange and contingencies
  - £11,877 3s. 3d.
- To the officers, workmen and labourers, employed in the several ports
  - £51,490
Sick and wounded, the debt of that office as per estimate received from those commissioners, viz.

Due for the quarters and cure of sick and hurt seamen set on shore from his majesty's ships at the several ports, and for prisoners of war and contingencies relating to the said office

The total amounts to the sum of

From whence deducting the money in the treasurer's hands

And also the money that remained to come in of the supplies of the year 1758, as on the other side

The debt of the navy will then be

N. B. In this debt is included, for charge of transports between January 1, 1758, and December 31 following

And it appears by an account received from the commissioners of the victualling, that the expense of victuals supplied the soldiers between January 1, 1758, and December 31 following, amounts to

For which sum of £67,771 19s. 7d. 3, no provision has been made by parliament, but if thought fit to be granted, as the like service was provided for in former years, the net debt of the navy will then be

\[ \text{Due: } 95467 \text{ 12s. 8d.} \]
\[ \text{Amounts: } 499299 \text{ 8s. 5d.} \]
\[ \text{From: } 41151 \text{ 3s. 7d.} \]
\[ \text{Remaining: } 416870 \text{ 13s. 1d.} \]
\[ \text{Net debt: } 5719 \text{ 9d.} \]
\[ \text{Net debt: } 4575428 \text{ 15s. 3d.} \]

\[ \text{Net debt incl. transports: } 467036 \text{ 13s. 6d.} \]

\[ \text{Virtuals: } 667771 \text{ 19s. 7d. 3} \]

\[ \text{Net debt incl. virtuals: } 200735 \text{ 6s. 1d.} \]

\[ \text{Net debt incl. virtuals: } 3907656 \text{ 15s. 7d.} \]
There was remaining in the hands of the late and present Treasurers of the Navy on Dec. 31, 1758, in money, as undermentioned, and may be reckoned towards satisfying the aforesaid Debt of the Navy.

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There remained on Dec. 31, 1758, to come in of the supplies of the year 1758, including Hallar, Plymouth, and Greenwich hospitals, 5719 l. 9 s. 6 d.
In October last all differences were made up with the several tribes of Indians inhabiting beyond the mountains as far as the lakes; and a firm peace was concluded with them upon the ancient footing. The treaty for this purpose took up from the 8th to the 24th of October to settle; and tho' the minutes of each day's proceedings are not equally interesting, yet they will serve to convey an idea of their manner of transacting council affairs.

At this treaty the governors of Pennsylvania and New Jersey attended; accompanied by Mr. George Croghan, deputy agent under Sir William Johnson for the Indian affairs; four members of the Pennsylvania council; six commissioners, members of the assembly; two agents for the province of New Jersey; a great number of gentlemen of property in the provinces; and near forty of the principal citizens of Philadelphia, chiefly Quakers. These were met at Easton, about ninety miles from Philadelphia, by the Mohawks, Oneidos, Onondagas, Cayugas, Senecas, Tuscaroras, Nanticokes, and Conoys, Tus tales, Chugnuts, Delawares, and Unamies, Munseys, or Minisinks, Mohickons, and Wappingers; the chiefs of all these nations, with their women and children, made the whole number 507.

On the 17th of October, the governor, with his council, coming to Easton in the afternoon, was waited upon immediately by Teedyucung, accompanied by Moses Kittany; Daniel; Teepucung; and Isaac Stille, (Delaware chiefs and interpreters, with whom peace had been concluded the year before) who after the usual compliments said,

Brother, you desire me to hollow loud, and give notice to all the Indians round about. I have raised my voice, and all the Indians have heard me as far as the Twilighters*, and have regarded my voice, and are now come to this place. I bid you welcome, and entreat you to join with me in calling up our eyes to heaven, and praying the blessing of the supreme being on our endeavours. According to our usual custom, I with this string wipe the dust and sweat off your face, and clear your eyes, and pick the briars out of your legs; and desire you will pick the briars out of the legs of the Indians that are come here, and anoint one of them with your healing oil, and I will anoint the other.

* The Twilighters are the nations between the Ohio and the lakes, the most remote of all the others, and the most busy in the French interest. Though they were not present at this treaty of 1758, yet a little after, a religious man named Frederic Pou, accompanied by Paquetom, Daniel, and Thomas Hirkun, Delaware Indians, had been sent among them the preceding year, and had effectually paved the way for a peace; but the preliminaries, not being fully settled, they declined meeting till they were waited upon again.

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The governor thanked his wife and advice, and appointed the next day to begin the conferences.

Sunday, Oct. 8. The governor of Pennsylvania, with his whole company, met in council the chiefs of the nations, and opened the conferences with a short speech.

Brethren, it gives me pleasure to see so many of you of so many different nations at this council fire. I bid you heartily welcome. Brethren, with this firing I wipe the sweat and dust out of your eyes, that you may see our faces, and look cheerful. With this firing I take all bitterness from your heart. With this firing I take the blood from your council-feasts, that your clothes may not be stained, nor your minds disturbed.

After a short pause, Tagafiaha, (the Seneca chief) rose up, and repeating, as usual, every thing the governor said, returned thanks, and went through the same ceremonies to the governors and all in authority. The delivered his belt of invitation, which the nations had received to come to the conferences; and desired to see the belts sent by them in return; which the governor said should be given them; and after all ceremonies had passed, the council broke up for this day.

Conrad Weller, Esq., attended as provincial interpreter.

Capt. Mountour, interpreter in the Six Nations and Delaware languages.

Steven Calvin, Delaware Indians, interpreters in that language.

Moses Tutamy, Delaware Indians, interpreters in that language.

Monday, October 9. Governor Bernard arrived, and desired a meeting with the Indians to bid them welcome; but was told, that they were in council among themselves.

Tuesday, Oct. 10. The Indian chiefs remained in council all day, and desired the governors not to be impatient.

Wednesday, Oct. 11. This morning the Indian chiefs communicated the business they had been upon to the governor. At four in the afternoon, the conferences opened; Tagafiaha intending to speak first, had laid some strings upon the table; when Teedyucung got up, and holding a firing, said, he had something to deliver. But Governor Bernard signifying his desire to bid the Indians welcome, put an end to the contest, and he was heard.

Gov. Bernard.] Brethren, I bid you welcome, and with the good work of peace may prosper in your hands. Having sent a message some months ago to the Minisinks, I received an answer from our brethren the Senecas and Cayugas, in which they take upon them to speak for the Minisinks. To you, therefore, brethren, I now address myself, and must remind you, that if you are disposed to be our friends for the future, you should recall us the captives that have

* The subject of their conferences was the treaty made by Teedyucung the year before, who pretended he acted as an ambassador for the Six Nations, as well as Sachem for Four Nations of his own. The Six Nations wanted to have cancelled that peace as not properly made; but as a general peace was now to be made, the thing was waived, as altogether immaterial.

been
been taken out of our province, and are now within your power. It is not usual for our king's governors to go out of their provinces, to attend treaties of this kind; but I have waved forms to shew my good dispositions to restore peace, and settle all manner of differences for the mutual benefit of all parties.

Then Teedyuscung rose up and said, Brethren, you desire me to call all the nations who live back. Such as have heard my halloo are here present. If you have any thing to say to them, or they to you, fit and talk together. I have nothing to do but to see and hear. I have made known to the governor of Pennsylvania why I struck him, and have made up all differences for our future peace.

A firing.

Tagashtata, chief of the Senecas.] Brethren, It has pleased the most high to bring us together with cheerfulnesst; but as it is now late, I desire to be heard to-morrow.'

Thursday, Oct. 12. Tagashtata.] We approve of what the governor of Jersey said yesterday concerning the Minifinks; they desired us to bring about the good work of peace, have afforded us they will deliver up the prisoners, and doubt not but all differences will be made up between them and the province of New Jersey.

Brethren, I now talk at the request of Teedyuscung, and our nephews the Delawares, living at Wyominck, and on the waters of Sulquehannah; they have assured us they will never think of war against their brethren the English any more.

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Brethren, our nephews, the Minifink Indians, have declared the same, and the warriors of the four different tribes of the same nation, have entreated us to use our endeavours to make their peace, declaring their sorrow for what they have done at giving this belt.

A belt.

Brethren, we the Mohawks, Senecas, and Onondagoes, deliver this firing likewise, to remove the hatchet out of your heads, that has been struck into it by the Ohio Indians, in order to lay a foundation for peace.

Eight firings of cannon.

Tokatoo, chief of the Cayugas.] I speak in behalf of the younger nations, part of and confederated with the Six Nations, namely, the Cayugas, Oneidaes, Tuscarores, Tuscolaes, Nanticoke, and Conoyes. A road has been opened for us to this council fire; but by some misfortune, blood has lately been spilt upon that road. By these firings we wash that blood away, and take the hatchet out of your heads.

Three firings.

Brethren, I now speak only for my own nation. I will hide nothing from you; the French, like a thief in the night, have stolen some of our young men, and corrupted them to do mischief. Our chiefs held them fast, but the French artfully unlocked them; we take the hatchet out of your heads with which they have struck you, and are sorry for what they have done.

A belt of 10 rows.

Friday, Oct. 13, Gov. Denny.] Brethren, chieff, and warriors, I invited you down to the council fire, kindled at this place by me and
and your nephew Teedyufcung. I am now about to communicate to you matters of great consequence, and to answer all that has been said by you to me since our meeting together. I therefore, by this firing open your ears that you may hear clearly.

A firing.

[Here he repeated all that had been said by the chiefs, producing their belts and strings; and then proceeded.]

Brethren, you may remember, that the day before yesterday, your nephew Teedyufcung told me by this firing, that he had made me acquainted with the cause why he struck us, that he had given the hallow: that he would fit by, &c.

Now as there are many of you here who were not present at our former meetings, I think it proper for your information to give a short account of what passed between your nephews the Delawares, and us.

About three years ago, your brethren the English, living on the borders, were struck of a sudden; many killed; and others carried away captive. We knew not by whom, but sent messengers up the Susquehannah as far as the Six Nations, to enquire from whence the blow came, and for what reason. On the return of these messengers, we were informed, that the Delawares and Shawanese were the aggressors. Some time after this discovery, a cessation of hostilities was brought about; Teedyufcung came down to our council fire, told us the cause of the war was the proprietaries taking from him by fraud, the ground on which we now stand: and that the inducement, to begin it, was from the persuasion of the half-hearted French King. At last all blood was wiped away; and Teedyufcung then declared to us, that he acted in behalf of ten nations, and promised to restore to us all our fellow-subjects that had been carried away prisoners. I desire therefore to know the true reason, why our flesh and blood who are in captivity are withheld from us, and what is become of those belts we gave him to confirm the peace, and that promise, for till that promise is complied with we can never sleep in quiet, or rest satisfied in the friendship of those who detain our children and relations from us.

A bell.

Gov. Bernard.] What the governor has now declared, so far as it relates to my province, I confirm by this

Bell.

Here Frederic Poft's negotiation with the Ohio Indians was introduced by Pisquitomen who attended him; and it appearing that three strings of wampum had been returned by them, he was asked to whom they were sent? Pisquitomen replied, One to the governor at Pennsylvania; one to Teedyufcung; and the third to Isaac Pemberton; at which Nicholas, the Mohawk chief, rose up and spoke with great vehemence for some time; frequently pointing to Teedyufcung, and Mr. Weifer was desired to interpret what he said; but as it was merely personal, Mr. Weifer referred it to a private conference.


Sunday, Oct. 15. At a private conference, Nicholas rose up and said, Brothers, you all know, that our nephew Teedyufcung gives out.
out that he is the great man, and chief of ten nations; now I on behalf of the Mohawks say we do not know he is such a great man. If he is such a great man, we desire to know who made him so. Perhaps you have, and if this be the case, tell us so. It may be the French have made him so. We want to enquire and know whence his greatness arose.

Tagakata.] We do not know who made him this great man over ten nations.

Affarandonguas, chief of the Onondages.] No such thing was ever said in our towns, as that Teedyucung was such a great man.

Thomas King, for the Oneidas, Cayugas, Tiendaroras, Nanticookes, and Conois.] We, for our parts, entirely disown his having any superiority over us.

Tokasico, chief of the Coyugas, addressing himself to the English.] Brethren, you may remember you said, you could not be easy without your prisoners. We speak from the bottom of our hearts, you shall have them all. You told us a tender father, husband, wife, brother, or sister, could not sleep sound when they reflected their relations were prisoners; we know it is so with us, and we will therefore make your hearts easy, and give you this belt that we will perform our words.

A belt.

Nichas confirmed his promise with

A string of 7 rails.

Monday, Oct. 16. Yesterday’s private conference was read, and interpreted to Teedyucung and the Delawares.

Gov. Denny.] Brethren, you say we know that Teedyucung gives out that he is the great man; and by his belt you denied him to be so, and denied to know of me who made him so. I will answer you truly. Soon after the Delawares had struck us, we invited them to meet us at a council fire kindled at this place. At the time appointed, Teedyucung came and told us he represented ten nations, his own as chief, and the United Nations as a messenger; we believed what he said, and therefore made him a counsellor and agent for us to publish to the nations what we did at our council fires, and how sincerely we were disposed to peace. But I assure you, I never made Teedyucung the great man; and I must do him the justice to say, that he never assumed any authority over, but on many occasions spoke of the Six Nations as his uncles and superiors. I never shall attempt to impose a chief on any Indian nation; but on all occasions, will pay due regard to those who are chosen by their countrymen.

Brethren, by this belt and string you promised to make diligent search in your towns for our flesh and blood, who are prisoners, and return them to us. We have always found you honest and punctual in the performance of your promises; your words therefore give us comfort.

A belt and string.

Gov. Bernard.] I know not who made Teedyucung so great a man, nor do I know that he is any greater than a chief of the Delaware Indians settled at Wyoming.

Brethren, you say you will return our prisoners; we hope you will be mindful to engage your nephews to do so too; for which I give you this

Belt.
After the governors had done speaking, the Indian chiefs were asked, if they had any thing more to say, on which Tagafata arose, and addressing himself to the Delawares, and Minifinks, said:

Nephews, the governors who sit there have put you in mind of what was agreed upon last year. You both promised to return the prisoners. We, your uncles, put you in mind of this promise, and desire you will perform it. You have promised it; and you must perform it. As soon as you come home, cause this to be done; you know it is an article of the peace for which you have received a belt.

Robert White the Nanticoke chief, spoke in English.] When our cousins the Delawares first took up the hatchet, we invited them to our town of Otspaningo, and persuading them to peace, gave them a belt of a fathom long, and twenty-five rows in breadth; but not hearing from our cousins of a long time, we sent them two other belts, one of sixteen, the other of twelve rows, deferring them once more to lay down the hatchet; but still we heard nothing from them. Indeed, some time afterwards we understood the Delawares should say, the Indians at Otspaningo had grey eyes, and were like Englishmen, and should be served in the same manner. As our cousins have been loth to give an answer to these belts, we desire they would let us know in a publick conference what they have done with them.

A ringing.

Tuesday, Oct. 17. The Indians in council all day.

Wednesday, Oct. 18. Nichas, the Mohawk chief, acquainted the governors, that as counsellors, they had finished; having nothing more to purpose at this meeting. The warriors were to speak now, and Tho. King was appointed to deliver their words.

Thomas King, [addressing himself to the governors and all in authority.] Brethren, you have been detrious to know the true cause of the war, and of the bitterness of our hearts. Look well about you, and you will find you gave the first offence. In time of profound peace, some of the Shawanefe passing through S. Carolina to go to war with their enemies, as their yearly custom is, were persuaded in a friendly manner into your houses, deceitfully and unjustifiably dragged to prison, where one, who was a head man, lost his life, and the others were severely used. This first raised ill-will in the minds of the Shawanefe; the French aggravated the offence; put the hatchet into their hands to revenge the blood of their brother; they fought the Delawares to join them to make the blow fall the heavier; and by degrees the young men among us were roused up to vengeance.

Brethren, this was the case of the Shawanefe. Another of the like nature happened about three years ago to the Senecas, when eight of their warriors were returning from war, with seven prisoners and scalps with them through Virginia; these, at a place called Green Briar, met a party of soldiers, not less than 150, who kindly invited them to a certain llore, and said, they would supply them with provisions; two days they travelled with them in a friendly manner; but when they came
came to the house on the third, they began to disarm them; the head man cried out, Here is death, defend yourselves; two of them were killed on the spot, and one, a boy, was taken prisoner. As this was upon the warriors road in time of profound peace, judge ye of the degree of provocation. Brethren, you have justly demanded your prisoners; it is right so to do; and, if this unhappy boy is alive, as we have reason to think he is, we declare you may return him. If he is dead, we are content. His name is Squiffatago.

Six firings of swampum.

Brethren, the cause why the Indians at Ohio left you was owing to yourselves; when we heard of the French coming there, we desired the governors of Virginia and Pennsylvania to supply us with implements and necessaries for war, and we would defend our lands; but these governors disregarded our message; the French came to us; traded with our people; used them kindly; and gained their affections. The governor of Virginia settled on our lands for his own benefit; but when we wanted his assistance he forsook us.

A brief.

Brother, [addressing himself to the governor of Jersey] our cousins the Minifinks tell us, they were wronged of a great deal of land, and pushed back by the English settling so fast upon them, so as not to know whether they have any lands or no. You deal hardly with us; you claim all the wild creatures, and will not let us come on your lands so much as to hunt after them; you will not let us eat a fiddle tree. Surely, this is hard. You take of us what lands you please, and the cattle you raise on them are your own; but those that are wild are still ours, and should be common to both; for our nephews when they held the land, did not propose to deprive themselves of hunting the wild deer, or using a flick of wood. We desire you the governor, to take this matter into your care, and see justice done to the Minifinks.

Two firings of swampum.

Addressing himself to the governor of Pennsylvania, he said, Brother, we must put you in mind, that four years ago, you bought at Albany a large tract of land, for a part of which that was settled, the proprietaries agents then paid 1000 pieces of eight. We acknowledge the receipt of that money, and the validity of so much of the purchase; but for the other part that was not paid for, that we reclaim. Our warriors, our hunters, when they heard of this vast sale, disapproved our conduct in council; in the deed our hunting grounds are included, and without them we must perish.

Three firings.

[The Six Nation chiefs being asked if they had anything farther to say, answered, they had done.]

A brief.

Teedyuscung. About three years ago, nine of my countrymen were killed near Cullian in time of peace, for no other reason than because they were hunting upon that land; one of their brethren affirms me, that he then went with tears in his eyes to George Freeland, and presented him with three belts to have the matter cleared up; but has never received an answer to this day. I give you this firing to inquire what is become of these belts.

Three firings of white swampum.

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Brethren, I have already acquainted you with my grievances. I told you that the proprietaries had wronged me, and I referred my cause to the great king; now I desire to know if King George has yet decided that matter between you and me. I do not mention my uncle's lands; only what we the Delawares own as far as the heads of the Delaware.

A belt.

Teedyufcung then took up another belt, intending to speak to his uncles the United Nations; but whilst he was speaking, as above, the chiefs had one after another left the council, seemingly much displeased; he therefore held his peace.

Thursday, Oct. 19. At a private council Gov. Bernard, after reciting the request of the United Nations to take the case of the Minifinks under his care, said, That as the people of New Jersey declared, they had bought all the Minifinks lands, and the Minifinks said they had a great deal unfold, he could not tell which was in the right; but would suppose the Minifinks; he therefore defined the nature of the United Nations, and left it to them to propose a real settlement by way of satisfaction, of which he desired they would consider and give an answer. The United Nations said it was a kind proposal, and recommended it to the consideration of the Minifinks.

Teedyufcung waited on Gov. Denny at his house, and acquainted him, that his nation did not claim lands high up the Delaware river; there, he said, belonged to his uncles; of which he desired the governor to take notice, that no misunderstanding might arise from what has been said at the public council.

Friday, Oct. 20. Gov. Denny desired to know of Teedyufcung, if he proposed to speak, as the abrupt departure of the Six Nation chiefs had interrupted his discourse the day before.

Teedyufcung.] Uncles, according to ancient custom, we used to speak one to another at home: but now I must speak to you in the presence of the English governors. You may remember that you have placed us at Wyominck and Shamokin, places where Indians have lived before. Now I hear since, that you have sold that land to our brethren the English; let this matter be now cleared up. I fit like a bird on a bough; I look about, and do not know where I may be driven to. Let me therefore come down upon the ground, and make that my own by a deed, and I shall have a home for ever; for if you, my uncles, or I, die, our brethren the English will say they have bought it from you, and so wrong my posterity out of it.

A belt.

Gov. Denny then requested the attention of all the Indians, addressing himself to the chiefs and warriors of the United Nations, and their nephews, he repeated distinctly all their complaints in the order they were delivered. He thanked them for declaring the true cause of the bitterness of their hearts; and said he would join with them in endeavouring to prevent the like evils for the future; he promised to make enquiry concerning the Seneca boy, and, if alive, to return him; he assured them, that the proprietaries cheerfully agree to release all that part of
of the purchase reclaimed, and de-
ferred they might settle the bounda-
ries to their own satisfaction; he
acknowledged their justice in pro-
miting to return the prisoners. And
then addressing himself to the chiefs
of the United Nations, he said, Pro-
vidence has brought you and your
nephews together at this meeting,
facing each other, that every
thing may be settled, so as no doubt
may remain to create any uneasiness
in our hearts hereafter. You know,
brethren, there is an old agreement
between the proprietaries and you,
that you will not sell any of the
lands lying within this province, to
any but them, and they never take
possession of lands till they have
bought them of Indians; you know
also, that the United Nations have
sold lands to the proprietaries, which
your nephews the Delawares now
claim as their right. This is the
case with regard to some part of the
lands which Teedyufung, in your
hearing, said, the proprietaries had
defrauded him of. The proprietar-
ies are disposed of doing strict jus-
tice to all the Indians, but it cannot
be suppofed they can know in which
of you the right is veiled. This is
a matter that must be settled among
yourselves, and till it is done, there
will probably remain some jealousy
and discontent amongst you, that
may interrupt both your and our
future quiet.

A fire.
He concluded with telling them,
that stores of all sorts of goods had
been opened at Shamokin; where
they might be supplied on the most
reasonable terms, and have the best
price for their peltry; and that an-
other was intended to be opened for
them at Fort Allen.

A fire.
After the governor had done
speaking, Tagashata and Nichas
arofo, and said in some heat, They
did not rightly understand what the
governor meant by settling matters
about lands among themselves. He
left things in the dark; if he meant
the lands on the other side of the
mountains, he knew the proprietar-
ies had their deeds for them, which
ought to be produced and shewn to
them. Their deeds had their marks,
and when they should see them, they
would know their marks.

Governor Bernard rofe, and said
he had something to say to them;
they replied, they chose to be spoken
to by one governor at a time; and
called for the deed, which being
produced, Nichas said, This deed we
well remember, we hold the land;
the land was ours, and we will jus-
tify it. The conference then broke up.

Teedyufung having, on the 19th,
requested the governor, that two
bears which he then presented to him,
might be sent as their joint belts to
the Ohio Indians; the United Na-
tions had this day a meeting with
Teedyufung, and two of the go-
vornor's council, about the answer
that was to be sent back to those In-
dians; which being settled and ap-
proved, the Indian chiefs were af-
ced, if the Ohio Indians might not
be desired to take up the hatchet
and join General Forbes against the
French; their answer was, By no
means. Their wounds were not
yet healed, nor peace confirmed;
their warriors were not yet called
home; they might kill their own
flesh and blood; let it suffice, to ad-
vise them to sit still; and that ad-
vise, they said, will be hearkened to.
They then desired, that two white
inhabitants might accompany Pi-
quitten and Thomas Hickman,
the two messengers, to the Ohio In-
dians, and promised themselves to

found the like number. Teedyuscung said, he would send one.

Saturday, Oct. 21. At a private conference, Governor Bernard proposed to settle the claims of the Minilinks; and having asked the advice of the United Nations, Thomas King said, that they the Six Nations had no claim to those lands, and should therefore leave the price to themselves. The Minilinks desired to know what the governor was willing to give; and he having named the sum of 800 Spanish dollars, as an extraordinary price, the United Nations, by Thomas King, said, that it was an honourable offer; but in regard that many persons were to share in the purchase money, they recommended it to his excellency to add 200 dollars more, the report of which would be carried to all the nations, and would be very agreeable to them. The governor, after paying a polite compliment to the chiefs as mediators, cheerfully complied; and then Tagafhata rose up, and said,

Nephews, now you must remember the friendship between you and your brethren the English, and transmit it to your children; and make them acquainted with the transactions of this day; it should seem that your grandfathers forgot the treaties they used to make with their brethren, and buried them with them in the grave. Give over all further thoughts of your lands; and take care, that your young men do no more violence to their brethren the English.

The Tagafhata (the Minilink chief) addressed himself to the governor, and said, We are now satisfied, and we will retain a friendship for the English; and we desire that if we should come into your province to see our old friends, and should have occasion for the bark of a tree to cover a cabin, or a little refreshment, that we should not be denied, but be treated as brethren; and that your people may not look on the wild beasts of the forest, or fish of the waters, as their sole property, but that we may be admitted to an equal use of them.

The governor answered, that as soon as he got home, he should notify the peace through all the provinces by proclamation; but declared the Indians might not go into those parts where they had lately committed hostilities, till the passions of the people were cooled; for that he could not answer for his people's behaviour, while their sufferings were fresh upon their minds.

This day, at a meeting of the United Nations with the Delawares, their nephews, about settling the deed in dispute, the members of the Pennsylvanian council were invited to be present; when Teedyuscung rose up, and said, We have seen the deed for the lands beyond the Kittochtinny hills, and acknowledge its validity; our chief, Nutimus, remembers it, and received forty-four dollars for his share of the purchase money; but this is not the land that I have disputed with my brethren the English; that land lies between Tockicon creek, and the Kittochtinny hills. A firing. Tooniasio and the Six Nation chiefs stood up and said, Cousin, I thank you for your openness and honesty in freely acknowledging the truth. I with the governors of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Carolina, and Jersey, were so honest and precise. They have called us down to a council fire, to brighten the chain of friendship; but our time is taken up in a fruit-
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...les dispute about lands, without coming to the main point. The English first began to do mischief; we told them so. They only thanked us for our frankness; but they healed no wounds. In short, when they speak to us, they do it with a shorter belt and flaring, than that which we speak to them with, though they can make wampum, and we cannot. They ought not thus to treat with Indians in council affairs. Several of our strong belts are lost in their hands. I fear they speak only from their mouth, and not from their heart.

Sunday, Oct. 22. The Six Nation chiefs held a private council, and named two of their people to fend to the Ohio. Frederic Poit arrived with the news from General Forbes, that a large body of French and Indians having attacked his advanced post at Loyal Hanning, were repulsed with great loss, which lost he communicated to the Indians.

Monday, Oct. 23. Gov. Den-ny.] Brethren, by this belt, we heal your wounds; we remove your grief; we take the hatchet out of your heads; we make a deep hole in the earth, and bury the hatchet so low, that nobody shall be able to dig it up again. A belt.

Brethren, now we have healed your wounds; we by this belt renew all our treaties; we brighten the chain of friendship; we return to our first affection; we confirm our ancient union; we put fresh earth to the roots of the tree of peace, that it may bear up against every storm that can blow, and live and flourish to the end of time, whilst the sun shines, and the rivers run. And we desire you to publish this to all the nations, your friends and allies. A large peace belt.

Brethren, we now open a road to the old council fire at Philadelphia, and be assured, we shall always be glad to see you there. A belt.

Brethren, this treaty will convince all our enemies, that we are now united in the firmest band of amity, and while we join our strength together, it will not be in their power to hurt either you or us. A belt.

Brethren, as a token of our love, we present you with a quantity of goods*, and desire your acceptance of them; sensible of the approaching feation, and of the many difficulties you live under from the present war, we give it with an hearty good will.

Brother Técodyeung, you put me in mind of your having referred your dispute to the great King, and you desired to know if he has decided it; you may depend upon it, that as soon as his answer can be obtained, it shall be communicated to you. A belt.

* Three groce narrow flared gartering; 56 ditto, various sorts; 55 looking-glasses; 12 pieces red flour; 15 ditto, blue; 1 ditto, black; 1 red; 1 blue; 2 ditto, quarter blue duffel; 2 ditto, 7.85: 1 ditto, napped; 1 ditto, flamed gorge; 1 ditto, red half-thicks; 7 brown half-thicks; 2 ditto, white; 1 ditto, blue broadcloth; 5 laced coats; 2 plain; 50 pair of shoes; 37 pair of women's woollen stockings; 12 ditto, yarn; 2 pieces and 2 Bandanae noakerchets; 1 ditto, Lungee romals; 1 ditto, cotton romals; 4 ditto, none-to-precsses; 8 lb. coloured thread; 46 Worsted caps; 2 dozen of knives; 1 dozen of tobacco-boxes; 5 pieces of linen handkercheifs; 4 ditto, figured gartering; 46 plain mats; 14 tailors sheers; 6 gun locks; 1 bunch of black leads; 5 and a half gros of sleeve buttons; 48 iron combs; 1 groce of thinblies; 100 blankets; 160 watch coats; 246 shirts, plain; and 187 ditto ruffled.

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Then Governor Bernard, requiring the attention of the Indians, acquainted them, that in consequence of their advice, he had come to a full agreement with the Minisinks, for all the lands in dispute on the part of this province, to which he declared they would pay a particular regard, that the remembrance of it might never be forgotten. *A hah.*

Then addressing himself to Teeedyufung, he said, the nine men killed at Gotham, of which he had justly complained, were not in his province; the three belts he would make enquiry about of the governor of New York, and would send him an answer. He added, that the fact had been blamed by all good and wise men.

Governor Denny, being obliged to return to Philadelphia, took his leave, assuring them of his affection, and wishes for their happiness.

Teeedyufung desired to be heard on behalf of the Wappinger Indians, living near Efopus, and produced a short belt of wampum with a double heart, which was given them by the government of New York in 1745, representing their union, which, he said, was to last as long as the sun should continue in the firmament; he therefore recommended them to the protection of Governor Bernard; and as their chief was old, he requested a horse to carry him home, which was granted.

The Six Nation chiefs consulted together, and, in a little time, Nicholas, in behalf of the rest, returned answers to the governors speeches, repeating distinctly what each of them had said, and expressing the highest satisfaction.

Tuesday, Oct. 24. The proprietaries agents settled the limits of the lands to be relinquished with the Indian chiefs; and the deed of confirmation, as well as that of relente, were respectively executed.

Wednesday, Oct. 25. The Indians were employed all day in dividing the presents.

Thursday, Oct. 26. The secretary of the conferences having observed to the Six Nation chiefs, that the governors were charged by Tokazio with *not coming to the point,* by which it was understood, that some things had been omitted in their answers; Thomas King said, they were afterwards supplied; but for the fuller satisfaction of all present, he recommended a farther explanation: agreeable to which, the members of the Pennsylvania council made the following addition to the governor’s speech.

Brethren, as we have now settled all differences, and confirmed the ancient leagues of amity, and brightened the chain of friendship, we now clean the blood off your council seats, that when you hold councils at home, you may sit as you formerly used to do in your seats with the fame peace and tranquility.

*A string of 1000 grains of wampum.*

Brethren, with this string of wampum we condole with you for the loss of your wife men, and for the warriors that have been killed in these troublesome times, and likewise for your women and children; and we cover the graves decently, agreeable to the custom of your forefathers. *A string as before.*

Brethren. We dilute the dark clouds that hang over your heads, during these troubles, that we may see the sun clear, and look on each other with the cheerfulness our forefathers did.

The same.

The Five Nation chiefs having laid all the belts and strings on the table
table that were delivered at this and
the last conference, Tekaio desired
all present to hearken to what Tho-
mas King was going to say; on
which Tho. King arose, and taking
up the belt given by Teedyufung,
when he requested the grant of the
Wyomink lands, he addressed the
Delawares, Teedyufung not being
present, in this manner.

Cousins, by this belt Teedyuf-
cung desired us to make you owners
of the lands at Wyomink, Shamokin,
and other places on the Susque-
hannah river. In answer to which,
we who are here at present, say, that
we have no power to convey lands
to any one; but we will take your
request to the great council fire, for
their sentiments, as we never con-
vey or sell any lands, before it be
agreed in the great council of the
United Nations. In the mean time
you may use those lands in common
with other Indians, in confirmation
of which we give you this.

After taking up each belt and
string, he proceeded to repeat what
had been said upon each, approved
of all that had passed, and made
particular mention of the large
peace belt, which, he said, should
be made known to the nations.
Then addressing himself to governor
Bernard, he thanked him for his
kind assistance at this treaty, which,
he said, the United Nations would
remember with pleasure.—After
a pause, he desired he be excused
in mentioning one thing, which he
believed the governors had forgot.
You have, said he, forgot to bring
with you ammunition, of which we
always used to receive a sufficient
quantity; not only to serve us in our
journey, but to support us in our
hunting season, that we might be
enabled to make provisions for our
families. You have given us gun
locks, but no guns; it is impossible
for Indians to submit without guns,
power, and lead, of which we have
received none.

He then took up the proprietaries
release, and returned thanks for it.
When it was referred to Onas, The
United Nations, he said, had no
doubt but Onas would grant their
request; this act has confirmed our
good opinion of him.

Having now finished what the na-
tions had commissioned him to say,
he cast his eyes round the room, and
seeing Mr. Vernon, the clerk of
the houses, he desired, that now
council business was over, the lock
might be taken off the run, that it
might run freely, and the hearts of
all be made glad at parting.

Some wine and punch was then
ordered in, and the conference con-
cluded with great joy and mutual
satisfaction.

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pire having acceded to the late
famous arret or resolution of the
evangelical body at the diet of Ratif-
bon, on the 6th of December, 1758,
an imperial decree of confirmation
was carried to the dictature against
that resolution, wherein it is said,
among other things, "That the
imperial court could not deliberate
further about getting its declarati-
on executed, concerning the affair
of the ban, without infringing the
twentieth article of the election ca-
pitulation: That the invalidity of
the evangelical body's resolution is
manifest: That the Electors of Bran-
denburgh and Brunswick, the Dukes
of Saxe-Gotha and Brunswick-Wol-
fenbuttle, and the Landgrave of
Heife-
Hesse-Cassel, are the very persons that disturb the empire; and as this is an affair in which themselves are concerned, it is evident that they are not qualified to concur in a resolution of that nature: That, moreover, the number of the other states that have acceded thereto, is very small. Therefore, the emperor cannot but consider the resolution in question, as an act, whereby the general peace of the empire is disturbed, both by the parties that have incurred the ban, and by the states that have joined them, in order to support and favour them in their frivolous pretensions. That his imperial majesty dares to flatter himself that the other electors, princes, and states of the empire, will vote the said resolution to be null and of no force, and never suffer a small number of states, and adherents to, and abettors of the disturbers of the empire's tranquillity, to prejudice the rights and prerogatives of the Germanic body; to abuse the name of the associated electors of the confessions of Augsburg, in order to cram down by force a factum entirely repugnant to the constitution of the empire; to deprive their coelectors of the right of voting freely, and thereby endeavour to subvert totally the sytem of the Germanic body."

This commissatorial decree was preceded by a refcript from the Emperor, to the imperial Protestant cities, requiring them to retract their accession to the resolution of the evangeliac body; but they will not recede from it, though this accession is inconsistent with their former accession to the resolutions of the diet against the King of Prussia.

Translation of a new Treaty between Great Britain and Prussia, signed at London, December 7, 1758.

Forasmuch as the burthensome war in which the King of Prussia is engaged, lays him under a necessity of making fresh efforts to defend himself against the multitude of enemies who attack his dominions, he is obliged to take new measures with the King of Great Britain, for their reciprocal defence and safety: And as his Britanic Majesty hath at the same time signified his earnest desire to strengthen the friendship subsisting between the two courts, and, in consequence thereof, to conclude a formal convention, for granting his Prussian majesty speedy and powerful assistance: Their said majesties have nominated and authorized their ministers to concert and settle the following articles.

1. All former treaties between the two crowns, particularly that signed at Westminister, January 16, 1756, and the convention of April 11, 1758, are confirmed by the present convention, in their whole tenor, as if they were herein inferred word for word.

2. The King of Great Britain shall cause to be paid at London, to such person or persons as shall be authorized by the King of Prussia for that end, the sum of four millions of rixdollars, making 670,000l. sterling, at one payment, immediately on the exchange of the ratifications, if the King of Prussia shall so require.

2. His Prussian majesty shall employ the said sum in supporting and augmenting his forces, which shall act in such a manner as shall be of the greatest service to the common cause, and contribute most to the mutual
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mutual defence and safety of their said majesties.

4. The King of Great Britain, both as King and Elector, and the King of Prussia, reciprocally bind themselves not to conclude with the powers that have taken part in the present war, any treaty of peace, truce, or other such like convention, but by common advice and consent, each expressly including therein the other.

5. The ratifications of the present convention shall be exchanged within six weeks, or sooner if possible.

Memorial delivered by Major Gen. York to the deputies of the States-General, Dec. 22, 1758.

High and Mighty Lords,

I had the honour to acquaint you at the conferences I obtained of your High Mightinesses on the th instant, that the king my master had authorized and instructed me to enter into a negotiation with such persons as your High Mightinesses should think proper to nominate for that end; but that, as the affair required a minute discussion, it would be impossible to terminate it without some farther explanations. It is with the highest pleasure that I this day open our conferences on this important subject; and I flatter myself that if your High Mightinesses are as desirous of a reconciliation as his majesty is, it will soon be happily concluded.

By the two resolutions of Sept. 12, and Sept. 25, which were delivered to me the day following, your High Mightinesses thought proper to make some difficulty of receiving the declaration which I had the honour to present to you, in the King’s name, against the trade carried on by your subjects to the French colonies in America, for the account of those very colonies. If his majesty, on being informed thereof, commanded me to declare that he could not depart from his preceding declaration, it was because he thought this claim had no foundation in the treaties subsisting between them and the republic. Besides, should the persons concerned in this trade even be able to wrest the sense of treaties so as to deceive their friends, and make the obstructing of it by England pass for a grievance; till his majesty is persuaded that their High Mightinesses will see with pleasure, that his majesty sets aside the discussion of that treaty, which is connected with so many others, and sets himself wholly to do the subjects of his ancient allies all the service, and to grant them every favour that shall not notably prejudice the welfare and safety of his people. It is in this light that his majesty considers the trade, directly or indirectly, to the French colonies in America.

His majesty is at war with the most Christian King; he cannot hope to get out of it with safety, or obtain a speedy and lasting peace, which is his majesty’s sole aim, if the Princes who have declared themselves neutrals, instead of containing themselves with trading as usual, without any risk, assume a right of carrying on that trade of the King’s enemies which is not all wed them in time of peace. The injustice of this proceeding is too apparent to require more to be said on it; one may venture to appeal to your High Mightinesses own conduct in the
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High Mightiness, requires a more minute consideration. I cannot enter upon that subject yet; but reserve it till afterwards. I must nevertheless observe to you, that the King has seen, not without pain, yet without giving them any molestation, a great number of Dutch ships pass by his harbours since the commencement of the war, laden with all sorts of materials for building and repairing the enemy's fleets. His Majesty asks, that certain articles of naval stores may be comprehended in the class of contraband: but he will so settle it with your High Mightinesses, as that the inoffensive trade of your subjects to the north of Europe (if I may use that term) shall not be involved in this article. Your High Mightinesses, who are yourselves a maritime power, and know how to contend for, and defend your prerogatives as such, must always allow, that, in the present war against France, it is both the King's interest, and his duty, not only to hinder the maritime of his enemy from becoming too formidable, but also to employ all means to weaken it. Can it be disputed that naval stores are not in this view, as prejudicial as balls and gunpowder?

Let France be without ships, and her warlike stores will never make England uneasy. The importance of this article is so evident, that the King ventures to refer it to the judgment of your High Mightinesses. These, my Lords, are my instructions with regard to the satisfaction which the King would think himself entitled to require from the friendship and justice of the republic, if he had no other foundation for his claim. But I have already informed you, that it is his majesty's
majesty's sincere desire to unite his own safety with the convenience of your High Mightinesses; which makes it unnecessary for me to enlarge on this head.

In this representation of the points on which I have orders to infilt with your High Mightinesses, I have endeavoured to follow the method which you yourselves have begun to put in practice; that is to say, first to state the claim, and afterwards propose the expedients.

I come now to the articles of your resolutions of the 25th of September last.

I. As to the demand contained in the first article, I must observe to your High Mightinesses, that this very treaty, which you so strongly insist on, prescribes the manner of proceeding in case of seizure or detention; and that you cannot claim the exercise of an extrajudicial power by his majesty, whose hands are tied with regard to his own subjects, by the laws; and with regard to foreigners, by treaties. If there have been any irregular sentences, either the judge must have been misled by appearances at the hearing of the cause, or delays were made, of which there was just reason to complain. The supreme court, established for judging in the last resort, hath always been ready to revise and correct abuses, if at any time any could be discovered in the sentences of the inferior courts. But your High Mightinesses will give me leave to observe, that it is very extraordinary, that not one appeal hath yet been thrown in, notwithstanding the assurances given to your High Mightinesses by many persons. This is a fact at which every body in England is astonished: and, doubtless, had the appellants desired to be heard, the number of complaints would have been greatly diminished.

Mean while, to assist and relieve the subjects of your High Mightinesses as much as possible, and to avoid confounding the innocent with the guilty, his majesty hath just now ordered an exact list to be delivered to him of all the Dutch vessels detained in his harbours, in order to call those to an account who may have brought them in on frivolous pretences; to oblige them to release them, and to have the finishing of the trials in general. If there remains anything more to be done for the further facility and security of the navigation of the republic, it will readily be agreed to by his majesty. The nation is desirous to second the King's good intentions on this head. I flatter myself, that these assurances will be sufficient to dissipate those ill-grounded fears which pertain certain persons in these provinces. A mutual confidence, and the desire to avoid any subject of animosity, are highly requisite in treating of matters of such importance, and of such a complicated nature.

II. As to the second article of the said resolutions, I almost dare venture to assure your High Mightinesses, that if you cordially interest yourselves in his majesty's situation in the present war, and discover a readiness to grant the points which he thinks he hath a right to require of you, you will receive all possible satisfaction and security. It is his majesty's intention that the subjects of your High Mightinesses should enjoy all the privileges and immunities resulting from the treaty of 1674, so far as the tenor of it is not derogated from by the present accommodation.

III. As
III. As to the third article, as soon as your High Mightinesses shall have agreed with his majesty on the points which I have mentioned in his name, it shall be easily settled.

IV. The fourth article contains complaints for which perhaps there is too much foundation by the violences committed by English privateers, or vessels pretending to be such. His majesty is sincerely grieved that such disorders should have been committed, to the disgrace of his subjects. The whole nation joins with the king in endeavouring to suppress these robberies. I take the liberty to communicate to you the orders issued by the admiralty of Great Britain against such behaviour: and, for the honour of the merchants of London, I must add the advertisement published by them, offering a reward for discovering the offenders. His majesty orders your High Mightinesses to aid him on this occasion, by exhorting your subjects to bring to justice the authors of those offences; in which they may depend on the utmost protection and encouragement. As to the rest, the king is astonished, that, after so many applications made here for obtaining proofs of the facts alleged, not one, notwithstanding the reward offered, has gone over to England to give evidence.

I take the liberty to refer to the contents of my last article for an answer to the fifth resolution of your High Mightinesses; only adding, that his majesty will with pleafure agree to any method that shall be proposed to him for authenticating the genuinenefs of ship papers, in which point too many abuses have been committed.

A Memorial presented to the General of the French islands, by the Governors and Lieutenants du Roi of the several quarters in the island of Martinico, Jan. 1, 1759.

The orders given us by the general, the 25th of last November, for holding our several districts in readiness to march; and the report spread of an armament fitted out in England, which was fail to be detinent for these colonies, have determined us to lay before the general the condition of this island, and its different districts, the command of which is intrusted to us, under his directions.

The precautions necessary for securing his majesty's possessions become more pressing, as we are threatened by the enemy: and we should think ourselves deficient in our duty, if we omitted representing to our governor the means conducive to the security and defence of the island.

Our trade with the Dutch is become our sole dependence; the general must be convinced of it, since he had authorised it: he can expect no succour from Europe, as we have been abandoned by it ever since the war broke out; and the manner in which traders have been suffered to come among us has been of little service to the colony. The merchants, who have had permissions granted them, have abused and defeated the intention of the general. Possessed of this privilege, they have made themselves the arbitrary disposers of all commodities brought in, and of all our own commodities sent out, and of consequence, the former have been at as high a price as their avarice could raise it, and the latter
latter as low as self-interest could sink it. While the general meant providing, by this means, supports for the country, and the inhabitants were the object of his good intentions, they, by a criminal abuse of the permissions granted, have not reaped the least benefit from them. The colony, for two months, has been destitute of all kinds of provisions; the view of the general was to provide some, in sending men of war to convoy vessels from St. Eustatia, to this island; but the use the merchants of St. Pierre's have made of their permissions, has destroyed all our expectations of relief by that method. By this means, the island still suffers for want of provisions: all our own commodities lie open our hands; and masters are unable to support their slaves, who are perishing through hunger. The interests of the king and country are mutual and reciprocal; the lots of negroes diminishes his majesty's revenue; and the great, not to say the entire flop put to the exportation of our commodities, is such a blow to our trade, that we feel it in the most sensible manner. Many of our inhabitants have not been able to repair the mischief and damage done their buildings and plantations by the late hurricane; and their reduced situation incapacitated them from furnishing negroes, so easily as could have been wished, for the use of the public works. Every one is animated with the warmest zeal and inclination; but ought we not to be apprehensive of dreadful consequences from slaves, who are half-starved, and to whom all bondage is equal. Misery debases mankind; and when it has reduced them to a precarious situation, we often find them have recourse to confusion and despair, as a remedy against the ills which oppress them.

From the accounts we daily receive of what passes in our districts, and the enquiries it is our duty to make into every condition, we can, without exaggeration, affirm, that the best provided of our inhabitants partake largely of the present calamity, and want many of the common necessaries of life, whilst others have not so much as a grain of salt in their houses.

Another great misfortune, is, that the inhabitants are reduced to the necessity of killing their cattle, to keep their negro children and sick people alive; but this resource must soon fail, and our mills stand still for want of cattle to work them; and by this means, we shall consume beforehand the reserve we might otherwise have in case of a siege.

It is sufficient to represent to the general these misfortunes: the goodness of his heart for a people entrusted to his care, will point out a remedy, in suppleting the permissions granted to particular merchants, and in permitting neutral vessels to come freely into all our ports, and trade with the inhabitants, without first addressing themselves to our merchants. When every quarter becomes stocked with provisions, and men can eat, we shall see their zeal, which the famine had damped, revive again; and when the inhabitants see their properties secured, by finishing the public works, and taking all precautions necessary for their defence, they will be easy, and unite themselves in repelling the enemy, with the courage they have always hitherto testified. Care, however, ought to be taken for securing his majesty's duties, and there is a method of doing it; for in every port

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where there are no guns to command such vessels importing the provisions, the commandant of the quarter may oblige the custom-house officers to visit them, and bring their sails on shore, till the king's duties are paid.

In times of calamity, the king gives every assistance to his distressed subjects, and this colony claims help and relief against the famine, which is devouring it.

The citadel of Port Royal seems the principal object on which the safety and defence of the country depends. The loss of that must necessarily be attended with the loss of the whole island. We may indeed retire into the woods; but how are we to subsist there? When the enemy are become masters of this place, how are we to expect succours from without? The whole colony ought to make the most vigorous efforts to stop the progress of an invading army, and every man will set about it in earnest, if the fort was properly provided with every thing for its safety and defence; and if magazines for furnishing the necessaries of life, as well as of war, were established in the different quarters of the island.

Signed,
Chaillet, Lou. Villiers,
De Fellonville, De Peiny,
De Ligny, Rouille.

The genuine legal sentence pronounced by the high court of judicature of Portugal upon the Conspirators against the life of his most Faithful majesty, with the just motives for the same.

The preliminary facts are as follows:

It appears that the Duke of Aveiro had conceived an implacable resentment against the King, for preventing a marriage which he had precipitately adjusted between his son and the sister of the Duke of Cadiz, endeavouring, at the same time, by vexatious artifices, to prevent the duke, who is a minor, from marrying, in order to secure to his family, the positions and honours of that house; and for defeating several projects to preserve a pernicious influence which he acquired in the latter years of the late reign.

That he endeavoured to ingratiate himself with all persons, who were dissatisfied with the government, of what party or condition soever, and therefore, as soon as the jesuits were dismissed from court, he forgot an inveterate enmity which till then had been implacable against them, invited them to his house, and made them frequently long and secret visits, at their houses, where the death of the King was concerted, the jesuits declaring, that whoever should kill his majesty would not by that act become guilty even of venial sin.

That the Duke of Aveiro, and the jesuits, drew the Marchioness of Tavora into the confederacy, notwithstanding the mutual jealousy between the two houses; and the marchioness drew in the rest of her family.

That the Marquis of Tavora having entrusted Joseph Romeiro, an old servant, who had attended him to and from the Indies, with the conspiracy, committed to him the care of waiting, with horses ready saddled, where the conspirators were to mount.

That the Duke of Aveiro several times rode and walked with Alvares Ferreira, his late wardrobe keeper, and Joseph Policarp, Ferreira's brother-in-law, to acquaint them with
the carriage in which the King usually rode; that he ordered them to buy two horses, not known, and some unknown arms.

That after the fact, the duke reproached Alvares, telling him the shot which he discharged did no service; but when he was about to reply, he added, "Hush! for the devil himself can know nothing of the matter, if thou dost not tell him." He then ordered him not to sell the unknown horse he had bought directly, lest it should cause suspicion.

The legal sentence of the court is as follows:

Agreed by the persons of the council and the senate of our Lord the King, &c. After examining the proceedings, which according to the form of law and his majesty's decrees were succinctly carried on against the criminals, Joseph Mascarenhas, heretofore Duke of Aveiro; Lady Eleanor of Tavora, heretofore Marchioness of that title; Francis-Adizes of Tavora, heretofore Marquis of the said title; Lewis-Bernard of Tavora, heretofore Marquis of the said title; Jerome of Ataide, heretofore Count of Atouguia; Joseph-Maria of Tavora, heretofore adjutant of the military orders of the Marquis his father; Blaise-Joseph Romeiro, corporal in the company commanded by the criminal, Lewis-Bernard of Tavora; Antony-Alvares Ferreira; Joseph Policarp de Azevedo; Emanuel Alvares Ferreira, keeper of the wardrobe to the criminal, Joseph Mascarenhas; and John Michael, attending page to the said criminal Joseph Mascarenhas; together with the rest of the depositions, and papers annexed; allegations, articles, and defences made by the said criminals, &c. &c. &c.

I. And whereas it appears fully proved by the confessions of the major part of the said criminals, and by many witnesses, that the Duke of Aveiro * had conceived an implacable wrath against our Lord the King, for defeating the schemes with which he had endeavoured to preserve all that pernicious influence, which, by means of the authority of his uncle F. Gaspar da Incarnationó, he had had during the latter years of the foregoing reign; and for annuling the important commands, which had been held, as grants for life, by the administrators of the house of Aveiro; and for having put a stop to the marriage, which he had hastily adjusted between his son the Marquis of Gouvea, and Lady Margaret de Lorenna, immediate sister to the Duke of Cadaval, with the design of making that marriage the means of blending with his own house the illustrious house of Cadaval, the actual lord of which was a minor, liable to the ill-pox (fatal to his family) and unmarried -

* Don Joseph Mascarenhas and Lancaster (or Lancaster) Duke of Aveiro, Marquis of Torres Novar, and of Gouvea, and Earl of Santa Cruz, hereditary lord Reward of the King's household, which is the highest office in the place, and president of the palace-court, or last tribunals of appeal in the kingdom, which is the second state officer in the realm; was related minute to the Tavoras, and married to a sister of the elder marquis of that title. He was in the 51st year of his age; of the lowest middle size, well made in his person, of an agreeable countenance, and lively disposition.
It further appears, that the said criminal being excited by his malignant spirit, had distinguished himself by his endeavours to gain over all those whom he knew to be unjustly discontented with his majesty's most happy government; alienating them still more from the royal service, by infamously shunning it himself; and running into the infamous extreme of saying, "that for him, it was one and the same thing, to be ordered to go to court, as to have his legs cut off:" and giving into the folly of flattering himself, and approving his being told by others, that there was now no other eminence for him to reach than the throne, by becoming King himself.

It further appears, that notwithstanding the implacable aversion which subsisted between the said Duke of Aveiro and the jeffuits, as soon as ever they were dismissed from receiving the confessions of their majesties and royal highnesses, and universally forbidden all access to court, he artfully patched up a re-union and intimacy with them, paying them frequently, long, and secret visits in all their houses; and receiving them in like manner at his own house.

It further appears, that the excrable effects of that reconciliation were, that all the aforeaid persons linked themselves together, in a conspiracy, for contriving the death of the King, the said jeffuits promising indemnity to the said criminal, in the execution of that infernal parricide; and giving it as their opinion, that whoever should be the parricide of our said lord, would not so much as fin, even lightly.

II. It further appears, that the criminal, and the said jeffuits, proceeded to the drawing the Marchioness of Tavora into the same detestable confederacy, in which by their united artifices, they succeeded, notwithstanding that there had constantly existed a declared jealousy between the said marchioness and the criminal, concerning which should gain the ascendant in ambition and haughtiness; notwithstanding the most stimulating envy, with which the said marchioness was tortured, at foregoing the house of the said criminal exalted above her own in honours and wealth; and notwithstanding the said criminal had rendered that hatred still more flaming, by the many and great efforts he had made, while the marquis, her husband, was absent in India, to deprive him of the copyholds of Margaride, and of the free flates of his house.

It further appears, that the marchioness set herself up for one of the three ringleaders of this barbarous and horrid conspiracy; and in conjunction with the said jeffuits set about persuading all their acquaintance that Gabriel Malagrida, a member of the society of Jesus, was a man

- Marchioness of Tavora in her own right, and wife to the marquis, was in the 59th year of her age; she was of the lower middle size, and thin; extremely genteel; and in her youth had been very beautiful. In the duties of life she appeared highly amiable, being an extreme good mother, and demonstrated herself as a good wife, by accompanying her husband to India, at the age of 50, when he was appointed viceroy of the Portuguese dominions in that country; of which undertaking, before hers, there had been but a single example. Her deportment in general was courteous and affable, and she was allowed to be a lady of a good understanding.
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a man of great self-denial, and a
saint; the said marchioness per-
forming spiritual exercises under his
guidance and direction, and shewing
that she entirely followed his dic-
tates and counsels, in order to ex-
cite aversion and hatred to his ma-
じety’s royal person and most happy
government; agreeing that it would
be very useful, that our said lord
should cease to live; and supporting
the sacrilegious insult of the night
of the 3d of September of last year,
by associating herself immediately
with the perfidious and sacrilegious
perpetrators of that execrable insult,
and contributing sixteen moídores,
in part of the reward, which was
given to the infamous monsters, who
in the aforesaid night fired the sacri-
legious shot, which produced those
enormous mischiefs, which we all
deplore.

It further appears, that the said
marchioness, having arrogated to
herself the depotic directions of all
the actions of the marquis her hus-
bond; of her sons; of her daughters;
of her son-in-law; of her brothers-
in-law; and of other persons; in-
famously prostituted the authority,
which she assumed over them, to the
perversion of them all. Using, for
the instrument of this infernal work,
not only the opinion she affected to
have of the pretended sanctity of
the afore-named Gabriel Malagrida;
but also the letters, which he fre-
quently wrote to her, to persuade
all her relations to join with him in
spiritual exercises.

III. It further appears, that, in
consequence of these diabolical pre-
vious steps, the first of the followers,
who miserably plunged himself into
the said conspiracy, was the Mar-
quis Francis-Affizes of Tavora *,
the husband; who personally affi-
ed in one of the ambishes, which
were infamously laid in that most
unfortunate night of the 3d of Sep-
tember; in order that our Lord the
King, escaping from any of them,
might fall into the others, and con-
tributed twelve moídores towards
that infamous reward, which fell to
the share of the two assássins already
mentioned.

IV. It further appears, that the
second of the followers, whom the
said marchioness drew into the fame
infamous conspiracy, was the Mar-
quis Lewis-Bernard of Tavora †, her
son, who, two days before the
per-

* Francisco de Affiz and Tavora (this family being above taking the title of
Don) Marquis of Tavora, and Earl of St. John and of Alvor, general of horse,
&c. This nobleman was himself the eldest branch of the Alvor family, the third
noble house of the Tavoras; and by marrying his kinswoman, the heíres of
the said marquisate, became, in her right, the Earl of St. John and Marquis of Ta-
Vora. The family of Tavora is the most illustrious of the kingdom, as well for
the purity as antiquity of their descent; deriving their origin from the Kings
of Leon, and having ever preferred their dignity, by disdainings to make any
other than the most noble alliances; infomuch, that it has of late been the
práctico of the branches of this family, to marry only with one another. They
themselves conquered from the Moors the lands they possess, and on which
there is a town, a river and an ancient castle of their name; and they even pre-
tend to be lords of Tavora, by the Grace of God. The marquis was in the
56th year of his age, of the highest middle stature; a genteel person, comely
countenance, and grave deportment.

† Luis Bernande de Tavora, younger marquis of that title, was the eldest
son of the abovementioned couple, and in the 36th year of his age. He was mar-
ried
persecution of the sacrilegious in
vulf of the third of September, with
fulicious precaution sent to the fla
bles of the Duke of Aveiro, two
ories ready bridled and saddled, and
covered with their saddle-cloths; and
ersonally assiffed at the ambushes
which in that most unfortunate night
were laid against his majesty; as
also at the family-meeting, which
was held at the house of the Duke
of Aveiro; at which some of the
persons present reproached the as-
sassins, who fired the sacrilegious
shot, for that there had not all their
detestable effect; while others flatt-
ter themselves, that the said de-
testable crime had been fully ac-
complished, if the carriage of our
Lord the King had but paused by
the place where these barbarous
boasters were way-laying him.

V. It further appears that the
third of the followers, whom the
said three feditious and detestable
ringleaders drew into this infa-
mous conspiracy, was Don Jerome
of Ataide, Count of Atouguia,
son-in-law to the aforesaid Marquis
Francis-Afizes, and Lady Eleanor
of Tavora; it being proved, that
he, with the countefs, his wife,
amost every night, assiffed at the
feditious and abominable cabals,
which were held in the house of
the marquis and marchioness, his
father and mother-in-law; that he
contributed eight moidores towards
the most worthless reward of the
assassins, who fired the sacrilegious
shot; and that he was an associate in
the way-layings, which were posted
against his majesty.

VI. It further appears, that the
fourth follower, entangled in this
conspiracy, was Joseph Maria of
Tavora, * an adjutant of the military
orders of the Marquis of Tavora
his father: for it is proved, that
this youth was also personally pre-
rent at the insidious and sacrilegi-
rous ambushes so often mentioned:
that, in like manner, he was pre-
rent at the other meetings; and

tied with dispensation from the Pope, to his father's youngest sister, Dona Thera-
resa da Tavora, and Lorena (or Lorain) who was twenty days older than himself,
This is the lady who is said to be in the nunnery of Santos, without our having
been informed whether she was sent thither a prisoner by order of the court. She
is a middle-sized lady, comely in her person, and extremely elegant in her de-
portment. The marquis her husband was a little man, and thin; well enough
made, but not of a pleasing aspect, though with a considerable resemblance of
his mother. He was neither deficient in wit nor humour, but not amiable in his
conduct, nor extremely correct in his morals. This couple have a daughter living,
in the twelfth year of her age, Dona Joanna de Tavora, who is exceeding beau-
tiful; but who is, by the sentence of her father, grandfather and grandmother,
deprived of the very name, of which she should otherwise become chief.

† Don Jeronimo de Ataide, Earl of Atouguia, one of the oldest, if not the
most ancient title of the kingdom. This nobleman was in the 38th year of his
age, related himself to the Tavora, and married to the eldest daughter of the
elder marquis and marchioness of Tavora, sister to the young marquis and Joseph-
Maria of that name. He was of a middle stature, clumsy in his make, of a heavy
aspect, and ungraceful demeanour, and of slow parts, but in his general con-
duct an inoffensive man.

‡ Joseph-Maria de Tavora, second and youngest son of the elder marquis and
marchioness of Tavora, in the 23d year of his age; of a middle size, most beau-
tiful face, genteel person, agreeable deportment, and amiable disposition.
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that he was the very person who (alluding to the prodigy of his majesty's escaping with his life) uttered those savage and shocking words: 

"Alas! the man ought not to have escaped."

VII. It further appears, that the fifth follower in the before-mentioned sacrilegious infult, was Blaize-Joseph Romeiro, an old servant of the Marquis and Marchioness of Tavora, who had attended them to and from the Indies, and was now in the service of the marquis their son; was a corporal in his company, steward of his household, and his grand favourite; by whose confession it was proved, that the said marquis, Lewis-Bernard of Tavora, not only trusted him with all that passed, but also that the marquises, father and son, had given him the charge, under tie of secrecy, to lead the three horses, which in the night of the infult, they ordered to be saddled, armed, and forwarded to the grounds, where the said infult was committed, and where he was present, when that execrable crime was perpetrated.

VIII. IX. It further appears, that the fifth and seventh followers, whom the head of this conspiracy, the Duke of Aveiro, engaged in it, were the criminals, Antony-Alvares Ferreira, formerly keeper of the wardrobe to the said duke, and Joseph Policarp de Azevedo, brother-in-law to the same Antony Alvares. It being fully proved, that both the said criminals went several times on foot, and horseback, in company of the said duke, in order to become acquainted with the carriage in which his majesty usually rode; that, for this purpose, he ordered them to buy two horses not known, which the criminal Antony-Alvares did; that he also ordered them to buy unknown arms, which the aforesaid criminal, Antony-Alvares, did not buy; he, together with his said brother-in-law, making use of one blunderbuss of his own, of another which was borrowed, and of two pistols which he had borrowed from a foreigner, (under pretext of making trial of them.) That the premium, which these two most savage criminals received from the duke, was forty moldores; sixteen at one time, four at another, and twenty at another; that immediately after having discharged the said arms on the back of the carriage, the said Antony-Alvares, and his brother-in-law, retreated directly to Lisbon; and finally, that the criminal Antony-Alvares, going two days afterwards to the house of the duke, he reproached him greatly, saying: "That those shot had been of no service: and uttering (with his finger on his mouth, and great serenity) the following words, "Hush! for the devil himself can know nothing of the matter, if thou dost not tell him;" and charging him not to sell the horses directly, that he might not become suspected...

X. It further appears, that the eighth follower, whom the Duke de Aveiro drew into his conspiracy, was Emanuel-Alvares Ferreira, who brought to the said duke the clocks and wigs with which he disguised himself; the night of the infult: who, till the time of his being taken, concealed the knowledge he had of the whole transaction; and who was the very person, that at the country-houses of Azeitao, made the resistance, by matching the sword...
sword from the side of the notary Lewis-Antony de Leiro, when he honourably and resolutely stopped the Duke of Aveiro, in the escape he was attempting to make.

Xl. It further appears, that the ninth follower was John Michael, attending page, and the grand confidant of the aforesaid duke; this appearing, by the name of John, to have been, in the night of the third of September of the last year, one of the associates in the infilt in question; and his said matter afterwards declaring this very criminal, John Michael, to have been the very identical John, who was associated with him under the arch.

It further appears, that, by means of all the confederacies, associations and affinances, above rehearsed, the aforesaid three ringleaders of this conspiracy, and their associates, prepared and executed the most horrid insult of the said night of the third of September of last year, in manner following; namely,

That after Joseph Mascarenhas, and Lady Eleanor of Tavora, had settled a most forrid gathering, to which the other associates did also contribute, towards making up the pittance sum of 192 milreis, which were the premium given to the two savage and unnatural assassins, Antony-Alvares Ferreira, and Joseph Policarp; and after, with the two infamous and savage malefactors aforesaid, the associates in the crime had complicated the number of eleven, they all posted themselves on horseback, divided into different parties, or ambuscades, within the little tract of ground which lies between the northern extremity of the houses belonging to the garden called de Cima, and the opposite southern extremity of the garden called de Cima, through which our Lord the King usually returned home, when he had been abroad in a private manner, as was the case the night of the most horrible insult in question; that if his majesty escaped from the first waylayings, he might not fail of being destroyed by the others which succeeded them.

It further appears, that our said lord having turned the corner of the said northern extremity of the above-mentioned houses belonging to the garden do Meyer, the ringleader of the conspiracy, Joseph Mascarenhas, came forth immediately from the arch, which was in that place, and presented against Coelio da-Cotta, the coachman who drove his majesty, a blunderbus, which missing fire, and warning the coachman with the snap and sparks from the flint, obliged him, without declaring to his majesty what he had seen and heard, to push on the mules, so as to avoid the murder which he apprehended. The miscarriage of this thing was the first of the apparent miracles, with which the Divine Omniscience, in that most fatal night, succoured all those realms, by the preservation of the inestimable life of his majesty; it being impossible he should have escaped, if, the coachman falling dead with that infamous discharge, our said lord had remained a prey in the hands of those horrible monstors, who stood armed, in so many and such neighbouring ambuscades, against his most august and precious life.

It further appears, that on account of the hasty pace with which the coachman endeavoured to save himself, the two most savage malefactors,
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ie-factors, Antony-Alvares, and Joseph Policarp, who were posted in the ambufl, immediately following, could not take a ready aim at the spot against which they should fire. Wherefore galloping after the said carriage, they fired as fast as they possibly could upon the back of the fame, the two sacrilegious and execrable shot, which caufed in his majesty's moft auguft and moft sacred perfon, those moft grievous and moft dangerous wounds and dilacerations; which, from the right shoulder along the arm and down to the elbow on the out-side, and also on the inner part of the fame, occafioned a considerable loss of substance, from the variety of the contuflions: fix of which went fo far as to offend the breast; a great number of flugs being extracted from them all. Whence on one hand is manifestly seen the cruelty with which the flugs were preferred to bullets, in order by that means the more certainly to secure the moft fatal purpofe of that favage and sacrilegious inulf: and, on the other, that this was the fecond of the miraculous works of the Divine Omnipotence in that moft unfortunate night, for the common benefit of these realms; for it cannot be in the common order of events, nor can it be in any wife ascribed to the casualty of accidental occurrences, that two charges of flugs, fired out of fuch pieces, should make their way through the narrow space of a carriage, without totally and abfolutely destroying the perrons who were in fuch carriage.

It further appears, that this miraculous event was followed by a third, equal to it, or rather greater. For our Lord God making use in that critical conjuncture of his majesty's heroic courage and unhaken ferenity, to manifest his prodigies to us; his majesty not only bore thofe unexpec ted and moft torturing mifchiefs, without uttering a fingle word which indicated a complaint; but took the wonderful resolution to order the carriage to return back immediately from where he then was, to the house of the chief surgeon of the kingdom; where, notuffering his wounds to be uncovered till he had, by the sacrament of penance, firit returned thanks to the fupreme King of kings for the prefervation of his life from fo great a danger, he firit confessed at the feet of a minifter of the gospel, and then proceeded with the fame silence, ferenity, and firmnefs, to submit to the painful operations necessary towards a cure. By these means his majesty avoided the perils from the other favages, affociates in the crime, which he could not have escaped, had he continued the route he was accustomed to take in returning home to his palace.

It further appears, that the aforefaid criminals assembled again the faid night, and instead of fewing any symptoms of remorfe, boated of it one with another; the criminal Joseph Mafcarenhas, then Duke of Aveiro, beating on the ftones the blunderburs, which had miffed going off, and faying in a pfafion, thofe infernal words, "Damnation fейze thee! when I want thee, thou art of no ufe to me." The criminal Francis-Affizes, expressing fome doubt whether his majesty had perifted; the faid criminal Joseph Mafcarenhas re-afsuming the discourse faid, "No matter, if he is not dead, he fhall die." Anot-
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ther of the associates taking up these words and replying, with the most impious threat, "The point is, that if he do but go abroad." And the other criminal Joseph-Maria of Tavora enquiring with great composure after the associate John Michael, who was not as yet arrived. On the day immediately following, in a family meeting, in consequence of the same inflexible obstinacy, savage despair, and deplorable abandoning of all divine graces, they there persisted, some in reproaching the assassins Antony-Alvares and Joseph Policarp, for that they had not aimed their fires in such a manner, as to complete all their most mischiefous intent; others in boastling that they should have effectually completed the said execrable intent, had our Lord the King passed by the ambuses, where they themselves were posted to way-lay him, instead of turning back, as he did, by the descent of Ajuda to Junqueira.

It further appears, that even if all the exuberant and conclusive proofs above rehearsed had really been wanting, the presumptions of the law, which condemns the ringleaders and such others as his majesty shall be pleased to permit, would amply suffice: for whereas all presumptions of the law are held for so many every way uncontrollable proofs, which dispense with the want of every other proof, and lay the person who has them against him, under the incumbency of producing other contrary proofs of such strength and efficacy, as may conclusively destroy them: not one only, but many are the presumptions in law, which the said ringleaders of this conspiracy, and principally the criminal Joseph Mascarenhas, heretofore Duke of Aveiro, and the perverted members of the society of Jesus, have against them.

It further appears, in confirmation of the above premisses, that whereas the law presumes that he who has been once bad, will be always such in crimes of the same species with that he has already committed; not one, but many have been the iniquities which these two ringleaders have meditated against the august person and most happy government of our Lord the King, by a series of facts continued from the very commencement of his majesty's most happy government.

It further appears, with regard to the said Jesuits, that finding themselves, by his majesty's incomparable penetration, deprived of that despotism in this court, without which they could by no means cover the usurpations they had made in the Portugal dominions in Africa, Asia, and America; and much less palliate the open war, which they had kindled in the north and south of the states of Brazil; they devised the most detestable intrigues against his majesty's high renown, and the public tranquility, by various projects of an execrable nature, in order to excite seditions in the very heart of the court and kingdom, and to draw the scourge of war upon the subjects thereof. From all which it follows that the said Jesuits are thereby constituted in the proper terms of the aforesaid rule and presumption of the law; and it would then suffice, if all other proofs had failed, to convince our minds, that they were afterwards the persons, who defied the in-
fult in question; till they should prove, in a conclusive manner, that the criminals guilty thereof were other people.

It further appears, in still fuller confirmation of all that has been said, that at the juncture in which our Lord the King was disconcerting all those wicked devices of the jesuits, by depositing the royal penitentaries of that fraternity, and by forbidding to all the members thereof all access to the palace, it was seen on one hand, that instead of being humble, so far did they behave on the reverse, that they openly and undisguisedly went on, increasing in arrogance and pride, publickly bragging, that the more the court threw them off, so much the more the nobility clung to them; threatening the court with divine chalityments, and suggesting, till the very latter end of August, that his majesty’s life would be short; that the month of September would be the final period of it; and Gabriel Malagrida writing to different persons of the court, the said most wretched prognostics, in tone of prophecies: on the other hand, in contradiction of all this, it was seen, that when the criminals guilty of this horrid conspiracy were seized, the tone of the fraternity was suddenly changed; and John Henrique, their provincial, writing to Rome, implores the fathers of their order to recommend them to God, for that all the community were in great affliction; that the public involved them in the inful of September 3d, and sentenced them to imprisonments, exiles, and a total expulsion from the court and kingdom; that they were in the greatest straits, in the utmost calamity, full of dreads and frights, without any consolation, and without any hopes thereof, &c. There resulting from these two contradictory extremes of writing, this plain demonstration; that, before the said insult, they confided in the conspiracy, which emboldened them to speak and write with so much temporal haughtiness, and with so much spiritual arrogance, and in a tone of fatal and sacrilegious prophecy; and that after the discovery, all that chimerical structure of pride and arrogance, necessarily sunk into that abject saintheartedness, which is indispenfibly annexed to the conviction of guilt, and the want of means to cover and support the diffimulation with which it was committed.

With regard to the other ring-leader, Don Joseph Mascarenhas, that he also would be found under the same presumptions of the law, even had there been nothing more against him; for it is notorious that from the time of the disception of our late Lord the King, Don John V. to the present, he was author of the innumerable intrigues and cabals, with which he filled the court of our Lord the King, in order to surplice his majesty, and obstruct his resolutions, as well in the courts of judicature as in the cabinet, by means of the faction of his uncle F. Gafo da Incarnation, and of his own party, in such manner as that neither truth might approach the presence of our said lord, nor any resolutions be taken, which were not obreptitious, subreptitious, and founded on false and captious informations. And as to the presumption that he was the person who committed the execrable insult in question, it will suffice
suffice to reflect that both before and after it, he acted the very same part, which was acted by the Jesuits; his pride and arrogance before it were generally scandalous, but after it had failed of producing the horrible effect, all that pride and arrogance sunk into confusion and dread, shunning the court, and retiring to his country-seat at Azeitao, where he was seized, after attempting to save himself, first by flight, and then by an ill-judged resistance.

With regard to Lady Eleanor of Tavora, heretofore marchioness of that title, the third ringleader, it is notorious, that her diabolical spirit of pride and inatiftible ambition, was sufficient to excite her to the greatest insults. Infligated by those blind and ardent passions she had the boldness (along with her husband) to offer a remonstrance to our Lord the King, for him to be made a duke, notwithstanding his insignificant services had been fully requited with the promotions he had obtained in India; and that there were no precedents in the chanceries of the realm, of any person of his not being promoted to that title; yet both the said criminals, without consideration or shame, were instantly persecuting the secretary of state for domestic affairs for that promotion; infor-
much, that in order to check those importunities, it became necessary to make them comprehend in a polite and decent manner, that their pretension had no precedent to support it: this proved the foundation of that passion, with which the said marchioness went and reconciled herself with the Duke of Aveiro, in order to obtain by his favour, with the ruin of his majesty and the monarchy, that ducal title, which her vehement ambition had inflamed her with. However, all that pride, ambition and haughti-
ness, which she had exerted till the fatal epoch of the execrable insult of the third of September last, did after the said insult, fall spiritless into manifest confusion and dismay.

All which considered, and the rest contained in the process, this tribunal, to the end that it may proportion the penalties deferred by these infamous and sacrilegious criminals as much as possible to their execrable and most scandalous crimes:

"They condemn the criminal Joseph Mascarenhas (who is already unnaturalized, divested of the honours and privileges of a Portugal, and of those of a vassal and servant; degraded of the order of St. Jago, of which he was a commen-
datory ; and resigned up to this tribunal and to the lay justice, which is therein administered) to the punishment, that he, as one of the three heads, or chief ringleaders of this infamous conspiracy, and of the abominable insult which resulted from it, be conveyed, with a halter about his neck, and proclamation of his crimes, to the square upon the quay of the town of Be-
lem; and that there, upon a high scaffold, which shall be sufficiently elevated for his punishment to be visible to the whole people, whom the scandal of his most horrible crime has offended, after he has been broken alive, by the fracture of the eight bones of his legs and arms, he be exposed on a wheel, for the satisfaction of the present and future vassals of this realm: and that, after this execution being done, the same criminal be burnt alive,
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... alive, with the said scaffold on which he was executed, till all be reduced by fire into ashes and powder, which shall be thrown into the sea, that there may be no more notice taken of him or his memory: and though, as a criminal guilty of the abominable crimes of rebellion, sedition, high-treason, and parricide, he be already condemned by the tribunal of military orders, to the confiscation and forfeiture of all his real and personal estate to the use of the crown, as has been practised in these cases, wherein the crime of high-treason of the first rate has been committed: nevertheless, considering this as having been a case so unexpected, so unusual, and so extravagant, horrible and unthought of by the laws, that not even they have provided for, nor can there be found therein a punishment proportionable to its exorbitant foulness; therefore from this motive our said lord was entreated in the consultation of this court, and his majesty was pleased, in conformity to its request, to grant it the ample jurisdiction to establish all the punishments, which should be settled by a plurality of votes, over and above those, which by the laws, and the dispositions of law are already established: and considering that the punishment, the most conformable to equity, is that of earing and obliterating, by every means, every memorial of the name and remembrance of such enormous criminals; they also condemn the same criminal, not only in the penalties of the common law, that his arms and achievements, where ever placed, be pulled down, and rent in pieces; and that the houses, and material edifices of his abode be demolished, and erased in such sort, that there may not a sign of them remain, being reduced to a wild, and covered with salt; but also, that all effective houses or estates by him enjoyed, in those parts thereof, which have been established in properties of the crown, or have issued from thence, be confiscated, and from this time forward forfeited, with effectual reversion, and reincorporation in the said crown, from whence they derived, &c. — The same they order to be observed, with respect to the copyholds of any kind whatever, with the proviso established, concerning the sale thereof in benefit of the lords of the manors. With regard to the other entailed estates, settled with the patrimony of the entailors, they declare, that the statutes are to be observed, in benefit of those, who ought to succeed to them.

They condemn to the same pains the criminal Francis-Aiziz of Tavora, and ordain, that no persons whatever shall use the surname of Tavora, on pain of confiscation and outlawry.

They condemn the two savage monsters Antonio-Alvares Ferreira and Joseph Policarp, who fired the two sacrilegious shot, to be conveyed with halters about their necks to the great square; and that being there exalted on two potts, fire be set to them, which shall confume them alive, till their bodies be reduced to ashes and powder, which shall be thrown into the sea, their dwelling-houses erased, and their names blotted out. But the criminal Joseph Policarp having abscended, a power is given to any body to seize and kill him, and
and a reward of 10,000 crusados is offered for bringing him dead or alive before the senator of the palace; or 20,000 if taken in a foreign country.

They condemn the criminals Lewis-Bernard of Tavora, Don Jerome of Ataide, Joseph-Maria of Tavora, Blaize - Joseph Romeiro, John Michael, and Emanuel-Alvares, to be conveyed to the same place of execution, with halters about their necks, to be first strangled, and afterwards to have the eight bones of their legs and arms broken, and then their bodies to be reduced by fire into powder, and thrown into the sea, &c. with confiscation and forfeiture of goods, &c. to the use of the crown, demolition, razement, and pulling of their dwelling-houses, and pulling down and defacement of arms and achievements.

And the criminal, Lady Eleanor of Tavora, for certain judicious considerations, they condemn only to be conveyed to the same place of execution, with a halter about her neck, and there to be beheaded, her body reduced to powder by fire, and thrown also into the sea, &c. with extinction of memory, and all other confiscations.

Observations on the sentence pronounced upon the conspirators against the life of the King of Portugal. By William Shirley, late of Lisbon, merchant.

Mr. Shirley's principal objection against the pamphlet on which he animadverts is, that it does not exhibit the evidence by which the facts alleged in it were proved; that the letters said to have been written by the jefuits, are not made public; and that the criminals were proceeded against with more severity, than those who attempted to assassinate a former King of Portugal, tho' their crime was attended with many aggravations, from which the crime of these is free. The four lords who were executed for a conspiracy against John IV. in 1641, were conveyed to a great square in the city, called the Rocio, the preceding night, and lodged in separate apartments of the same house. On the next morning they were conducted from the first floor of the house by a passage which had been built on purpose, up to a scaffold, whereon there were placed four armed chairs in which they were executed, with an observance of rank in their situations; Don Agostinho Manoel's being placed on the floor of the scaffold; the Conde de Armamar's on an elevation of one step; that of the Marquis of Villareal on one of two steps; and that of the Duke of Caminha on one of three; while all the meaner conspirators were hanged on a higher gallows than ordinary, and afterwards quartered. Thus far were the proceedings against those offenders without any levelling of distinction. The noblemen had no halters put about their necks, nor were condemned to any such ignominy. When they went separately out, each had his thumbs tied together with a black ribbon, and was accompanied by judges, justices, gentlemen, and his own servants, with Portugal king at arms, in his habit, to make the publication of offences; and they were afterwards buried in sacred ground.
ground. Nay, with such humanity does a contemporary court writer treat of their suffering, that he mentions, with detestation, a barbarity of the rabble's towards the Marquis of Villareal in the following words: "The executioner, who, with his face covered performed the execution, bound him by the arms and legs to the chair in which he was feated. In this horrible situation, he sent to ask of the people, who in great numbers were assembled in the Rocio, their pardon for the offence he had committed against the kingdom. But that blind and outrageous monster imagined the pardon he asked was, that he might live, and with high fury repeated three times, Die. An outrage that greatly affected the spirits of those who were less inconsiderate." Such was the decorum of high judicial proceedings in those days; such were the regards paid to rank in the world of offenders; and such the delicacy of representation of the matter by a court author; in all points far differing from what we have lately seen and heard of from the same country.

Mr. Shirley, upon this occasion, relates a barbarous execution made by Peter the first, surnamed the Cruel, in the year 1357. Peter had married in his father's lifetime, and was become a widower with but one son; and having had an intrigue with Donna Agnes de Castro, a lady of distinction, his passion for her became so violent that he was married to her in secret. His father, Alfonso IV. who had no other son living, nor any collateral heirs to his crown, knowing of Peter's amour, but not of his marriage, was extremely defirous of espousing him to another; but finding his son's attachment to a supposèd mistress unalterable, he at last employed three of his courtiers to make away with her. This they did, unhappily for themselves; for Peter soon after succeeded to the throne, when they, fearing his indignation, fled the kingdom. But his wrath was so implacable, that he was determined on revenge, and accordingly agreed with Peter the Cruel of Calile, to give up some offenders to him, who had taken shelter in Portugal, for Pedro Coelbo and Alvaro Gonzalves, two of the affulins; as for Deogo Lopez, the third, he fortunately got a securer sanctuary. When he had those two men in his power, he ordered their hearts to be torn out alive, and their bodies to be burned, which was accordingly executed in his presence. This, however, Mr. Shirley observes, appears to have been no condemnation of the law, but the arbitrary act of an inflamed tyrannical spirit, as may be judged from the frantic extravagance of affection that appeared in everything he did concerning that lady, whose body he caused to be taken from the grave, had it solemnly crowned, obliging the states of the kingdom to kiss her hand, in token of their acknowledging her for queen, and then buried her at the royal convent of Alcobaca, with every circumstance of regal pomp, declaring her to have been legally his wife; and some of the children he had by her he moreover caused to be acknowledged for legitimate princes.

There is in this pamphlet another remarkable relation, which we extract with great pleasure, not only because it produces a lively scene of the privilege of British subjects, but because it is a striking proof, that
that the cruelty practised in other
countries is ineffectual for the pur-
poses it is intended to answer.

A conscientious judge having ob-
served the effect of the rack on
supposed criminals, in making them
ready to confess any thing, to the
sacrificing of their lives, in order
to get released from the torture,
felt in his own mind some strong
sensations on the conviction of ac-
cused persons by such methods; in-
somuch that, from something which
had happened in a particular case,
his concern was so great as to de-
termine him upon trying an expe-
riment.

It is a capital crime in that coun-
try to kill a horse or mule, and he
happened to have one of the former
species which he very much esteem-
ed. In prosecuting of his scheme,
he took care one night to keep all
his servants employed, so that no
one but the groom could go into
the stable. But, when all were af-
terwards fast asleep in their beds,
he stole thither himself, and cut
off the tail of his horse, by which
wound the creature bled to death.
Great confusion, it may be sup-
posed, followed the discovery of the
mischief on the succeeding morn-
ing, when the master, upon being
informed of what had happened,
appeared highly incensed. Strict
enquiries being made about the
person who could have committed
the crime, the other servants all
found means easily for the justifying
of their own innocence; so that the
whole of the imputation of course
rested on the groom, who was there-
upon apprehended and committed
to prison. The poor fellow upon
his arraignment, it may be sup-
posed, pleaded not guilty; but the
presumptions being very strong
against him, he was ordered to the
rack, where the extremity of tor-
ture soon wrung from him a con-
fession of the crime; he choosing to
submit to death, rather than endure
the misery he was undergoing.
Upon this confession he had sen-
tence of hanging passed upon him,
when his master (who from having
been prosecutor, could not of course
be one of his judges) went to the
tribunal, and there exposed the
fallibility of confessions obtained by
such means, by owning the fact
himself, and disclosing the motives
that had influenced his making the
experiment: since which time the
practice has been discontinued of
applying the torture in any cases
that are determined in their public
courts.

Translation of an intercepted letter
from M. Lally, to M. de Leyrit.

From the camp before Madras, the
15th of February, 1759.

A Good blow might be struck
here: there is a ship in
the road, of 20 guns, laden with
all the riches of Madras, which it
is said will remain there till
the 20th. The expedition is just ar-
ived, but M. Gorlin is not a man
to attack her: for she has made
him run away once before. The
Brazil, on the other hand, did but
just make her appearance before St.
Thomas; and on the vague report
of 13 ships coming from Porto
Novo, she took fright; and after
landing the provisions with which
she was laden, she would not stay
long enough, even to take on board
twelve
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twelve of her own guns, which she had lent out for the siege.

If I was the judge of the point of honour of the company's officers, I would break him like glass, as well as some others of them.

The Fidelle, or the Harlem, or even the aforesaid Bristol, with her twelve guns restored to her, would be sufficient to make themselves masters of the English ship, if they could manage so as to get to windward of her in the night. Maugendre and Tremillier are said to be good men; and were they employed only to transport 200 wounded men, that we have here, their service would be of importance.

We remain still in the same position; the breach made these 15 days; all the time within 15 toises of the wall of the place, and never holding up our heads to look at it.

I reckon we shall, at our arrival at Pondicherry, endeavour to learn some other trade; for this of war requires too much patience.

Of 1500 Cipayes which attended our army, I reckon near 800 are employed upon the road to Pondicherry, laden with sugars, pepper, and other goods; and as for the Coulis, they are all employed for the same purpose, from the first day we came here.

I am taking my measures from this day, to set fire to the Blacktown, and to blow up the powder mills.

You will never imagine, that 50 French deserters, and 100 Swifs, are actually flogging the pregrefs of 2000 men of the King's and company's troops, which are still here existing, notwithstanding the exaggerated accounts that every one makes here, according to his own fancy, of the slaughter that has been made of them; and you will be still more surprized, if I tell you that, were it not for the two combats and four battles we sustained, and for the batteries which failed, or, speaking more properly, which were unskillfully made, we should not have left 50 men, from the commencement of the siege to this day.

I have wrote to M. de Larche, that if he persist in not coming here, let who will raise money upon the Paleagery for me, I will not do it; and I renounce (as I informed you a month ago I would do) meddling directly or indirectly, with any thing whatever, that may have relation to your administration, whether civil or military. For I had rather go, and command the Caffres of Madagascar, than remain in this Sodom; which it is impossible but the fire of the English must destroy, sooner or later, even though that from heaven should not.

I have the honour to be, &c. &c.

Signed, LALLY.

P. S. I think it necessary to apprise you, that, as M. de Soupire has refused to take upon him the command of this army, which I have offered to him, and which he is impowered to accept, by having received from the court a duplicate of my commission, you must of necessity, together with the council, take it upon you. For my part, I undertake only to bring it back, either to Arcotte, or Sadrafe. Send therefore your orders, or come yourselves, to command it; for I shall quit it upon my arrival there.
Articles of capitulation between their Excellencies the hon. Major General Barrington, and John Moore, Esq; commanders in chief of his Britannic Majesty's land and sea forces in the West Indies, and M. Nadal Dutreil, governor for his most Christian majesty, of Guadeloupe, Grande Terre, Dieeada, and the Saines.

ARTICLE I.

We, the governor, staff and other officers of the regular troops, shall march out of our posts, with one mortar, two field-pieces of brass cannon, with ten rounds for each piece, arms, baggage, and the honours of war.—Granted, except the mortar; and as to the cannon, we will allow only four rounds for each piece; and on condition that the troops of his Britannic majesty shall take possession of the different posts at the three rivers, and the hospital, to-morrow morning the second of May, at eight o'clock; and that all magazines of provisions, ammunition, and implements of war, as well as all papers relating to the revenue, be delivered into the possession of a commissary to be named by us for that purpose.

II. That we shall be sent to Martinico, in a good vessel, well provided, and by the shortest passage.— Granted.

III. That the commissary-general, officers of justice, admiralty, and all such as have the King's commission, shall likewise be sent to Martinico in a good vessel, and well provided, and by the shortest passage.—Granted only for the commissary-general, and to the officers of the admiralty, and refused to the other.

IV. That the staff and other officers shall have leave to take with them their wives and children to Martinico; and shall have a good vessel well provided to carry them by the shortest passage.—Granted.

V. That the staff and other officers shall have the same number of servants granted them as were allowed by the most Christian King, viz. To the governor 24; to the commissary-general 24; to the lieutenant-governor 18; to the lieutenant-major 15; to the captains 12 each; to the lieutenants eight each; and to the ensigns six each.—Granted.

VI. That it shall be allowed to all the officers who have estates in this colony (except me the governor, unless the King permits me also) to appoint attorneys to act for them until the peace; and if the island is not then ceded, the above-mentioned officers shall have leave to sell their estates, and carry off the produce.—Granted.

VII. That a good vessel shall be allowed to the lady of M. Duclieu, lieutenant-governor-general of the islands, and captain of one of the King's ship's, to carry her to Martinico, with her equipage, furniture, and plate, and servants suitable to her rank; and also to the governor's lady, and the wives and widows of the staff officers of this island.—Granted: one vessel for all the ladies.

VIII. That M. de Folleville, lieutenant-governor of Martinico, shall have a good vessel to carry him and his volunteers thither, by the shortest passage, with only such
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such arms, baggage, and servants, as they brought with them.—Granted.

IX. That the Sieur Avril of Dominico and his detachment, shall be sent thither with their arms and baggage.—Granted.

X. That the prisoners, soldiers, and sailors, shall be mutually exchanged.—Granted.

XI. That all the negroes who were enlisted and continued till the last day of the attack, in the companies of Bologne, Petit, Dumollier, and Ruby, agreeable to the lift that will be given in of them, shall have their freedom at the expense of the colony, as by agreement.—Granted, upon condition that they are immediately sent out of the island.

XII. That the men belonging to the privateers, who desire to go to Martinico, shall have a vessel to carry them thither.—Granted.

XIII. That there shall be a reasonable time allowed for removing the furniture, effects, and cloaths that are in the reduit, or other places, belonging to the persons who are to be sent to Martinico; and that his excellency General Barrington shall grant his protection for the safe conveyance of the above-mentioned effects to the place of embarkation.—Granted.

XIV. That there shall be an hospital ship provided for the wounded and sick that are in a condition to be removed; and the rest shall be taken care of, and sent with a flag of truce to Martinico, as soon as they are recovered.—Granted.

Those that remain here shall be taken care of, at the expense of his most chrillian majesty.

XV. That the subjects formerly belonging to the King of Great Britain, who for crimes were forced to fly their country, and have carried arms in this island, shall be pardoned, and allowed to remain in the island as inhabitants.—They must go out of the island.

XVI. That the same honours and conditions shall be granted to the King’s troops in the Grande Terre, as are given to those in Guadeloupe. They shall have neither mortal nor cannon.

XVII. That the troops at the head of the reduit, as well as those at the three rivers, shall march to the port of the camp de la Garde, and remain there until the day of embarkation.

The transport ships shall be at the great bay to-morrow morning, to receive the troops of the garrison, the privateers men, and those who are to pass to Martinico.


Nadur Ducreil.

Articles of capitulation between their Excellencies the hon. Major General Barrington, and John Moore, Esq; commanders in chief of his Britannic majesty’s land and sea forces in those seas, and the inhabitants of the island of Guadeloupe, represented by Mssrs. Debonrg, De Clarewvillers, and Duperray, by virtue of full powers to them given for that purpofe, and authorized by Monffur Ducreil, Knight of the noble military order of St. Louis, governor of the island.

Article I.

The inhabitants shall march out of their ports, with all the honours of war, viz. with two field-pieces, their arms, colours flying,
ing, drums beating, and lighted match.—Granted, in consideration of the brave defence which the inhabitants have made, during an attack of three months, upon condition that they lay down their arms, as soon as they have marched by our troops; and that all the forts, posts, batteries, cannon, mortars, firelocks, and bayonets, with all kind of ammunition, and implements of war, be delivered to a commissary to be named by us; and that we shall have a power of fixing garrisons in all such places, as we shall think proper.

II. The inhabitants of the islands of Martinico, Marigalante, and Dominico, who came to the assistance of this island, shall have leave to retire, with their arms and baggage, and a ship shall be provided to carry them and the servants they brought with them, to their respective islands, with provision for their passage.—Granted, excepting those from Marigalante, who shall be sent to Martinico.

III. The inhabitants shall be allowed the free and public exercise of their religion; the priests and religious shall be preferred in their parishes, convents, and all other possessions; and the superiors of the several orders shall be permitted to lend for such as they think necessary, from France, and the neighbouring islands; but all letters wrote upon this occasion shall be transmitted by the governor appointed by his Britannic majesty.

—Granted.

IV. They shall observe a strict neutrality, and not be forced to take up arms against his most Christian majesty, or against any other power.—Granted, on condition that they take an oath within a month, or sooner, if possible, to maintain all the clauses of the capitulation, as well as to remain exactly faithful and neuter.

V. They shall be allowed their civil government, their laws, customs, and ordinances; justice shall be administered by the same persons who are now in office; and what relates to the interior police of the island shall be settled between his Britannic majesty’s governor and the inhabitants. And in case this island shall be ceded to the King of Great Britain, at the peace, the inhabitants shall have their choice, either to keep their own political government, or to accept that which is established at Antigua and St. Christopher’s.—Granted; but when any vacancies happen in the seats of justice, the superior council of the island is to name proper persons to fill up those vacancies, who must receive their commissions from his Britannic majesty; and all acts of justice whatsoever, are to be in his name. But in regard to any change in the political government, we grant it, if agreeable to his majesty’s pleasure.

VI. The inhabitants, as well as the religious orders, shall be maintained in the property and enjoyment of their possessions, goods moveable and immovable, noble and ignoble, of what nature soever they be; and shall be preferred in their privileges, rights, honours, and exemptions: and the free negroes and mulattoes in their liberty.

—Granted.

VII. They shall pay no other duties to his Britannic majesty, but such as they have hitherto paid to his most Christian majesty, without any charge or imposts; the expenses attending the administration
of justice, the pensions to curates, and other customary charges, shall be paid out of the revenue of his Britannic majesty, in the same manner as under the government of his most Christian majesty.—Granted; but if this island is ceded to his Britannic majesty at the peace, it shall be subject to the same duties and imposts as the other English Leeward islands the most favoured.

VIII. All prisoners taken during the attack of this island, shall be mutually exchanged.—Granted.

IX. The free mulattoes and negroes, who have been taken, shall be considered as prisoners of war, and not treated as slaves.—Granted.

X. The subjects of Great Britain, who have taken refuge in this island, whether criminals or debtors, shall have leave to retire.—Granted.

XI. No other but the inhabitants actually residing in this island shall possess any lands or houses, by purchase, grant, or otherwise, before a peace; but if at a peace this island should be ceded to the King of Great-Britain, then such of the inhabitants as do not chuse to live under the English government, shall be permitted to sell their possessions, moveable and immovable, to whom they will, and retire wherever they please; for which purpose there shall be a reasonable time allowed.—Granted; but such of the inhabitants as chuse to retire, shall have leave to sell to none but subjects of Great-Britain.

XII. In case there should be any exchange at the peace, their Britannic and most Christian majesties are desired to give the preference to this island.—This will depend on his majesty’s pleasure.

XIII. The inhabitants shall have free liberty to send their children to be educated in France, and to send for them back; and to make remittances to them whilst there.—Granted.

XIV. The absent inhabitants, and such as are in the service of his most Christian majesty, shall be maintained in the enjoyment and property of their estates, which shall be managed for them by attorneys.—Granted.

XV. The wives of officers and others, who are out of the island, shall have leave to retire with their effects, and a number of servants, suitable to their rank.—Granted.

XVI. The English government shall procure for the inhabitants an exportation for such commodities as the island produces, and are not permitted to be imported into England.—Granted; as the island produces nothing but what may be imported into England.

XVII. The inhabitants shall not be obliged to furnish quarters for the troops, nor slaves to work on the fortifications.—Granted; but barracks will be provided as soon as possible, for the lodging of the troops; and such negroes, who shall be employed, with the content of their masters, in public works, shall be paid for their labour.

XVIII. The widows, and other inhabitants, who through illness, absence, or any other impediment, cannot immediately sign the capitulation, shall have a limited time allowed them to accede to it.—Granted; but all the inhabitants who chuse to partake of the advantage of the capitulation, shall be obliged to sign it within a month from the date hereof, or to quit the island.

XIX. The men belonging to the privateers, and others who have no property in the island, and are desirous to leave it, shall have vessels Q
to carry them to Martinico, or to Dominica, (at their option) and shall be furnished with provisions for the passage. Nevertheless those persons who have any debts with the inhabitants of the island, shall be obliged to settle their accounts with them before they leave the island. - Granted.

XX. The inhabitants shall have leave to give freedom to such negroes as they have promised it to, for the defence of this island.— Granted, on consideration they are immediately sent off the island.

XXI. The inhabitants and merchants of this island, included in the present capitulation, shall enjoy all the privileges of trade, and upon the same conditions as are granted to his Britannic majesty’s subjects throughout the extent of his dominions.— Granted, but without affecting the privileges of particular companies established in England, or the laws of the kingdom, which prohibit the carrying on the trade in any other than English bottoms.

XXII. The deputies of the Grand Terre, not having a sufficient power to sign the capitulation, though the colony adheres to the conditions of it, under the authority of M. Nadar, may sign it when they have their full powers, and they will be comprehended in all the clauses. — Granted.

Given at the head quarters in the Capeléerre Guadalupe, the 11th day of May, 1759.

G. Burrell. 
Moor.
N. Burrell. 
D. de Chavigny. 
Duguaire.

*H. E. Dutch having complained of French pirates committed on their ships, and even pretend-
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and that, consequently, the Admiralty cannot enter an action upon a simple representation.

This, Sir, is all I can say at present, in answer to your letter. I cannot, nevertheless, dispense with adding, that if it be true, that such kind of excesses have been frequent, you cannot render a more acceptable service to the King, than by enabling him to suppress these robberies, methodically, and according to the laws of the country, &c.

Translation of the speech made to the King by the Dutch deputies, on delivering their credentials.

We have the honour, Sire, to present to your majesty our letter of credence from their High Mightinesses the States-General of the United Provinces, our lords and masters. Your majesty will see, by its contents, how ardently their High Mightinesses desire to cultivate the sincere friendship which hath so long subsisted between the two nations, and which is so necessary to their common welfare. May we be happy enough, pursuant to our masters commands, to remove those difficulties which have for some time past diminished this friendship, and caused so much prejudice to the principal subjects of the republic, who, by the trade they carry on, are its greatest strength and chief support.

We place our whole confidence in your majesty's equity, for which the republic hath the highest regard; and in the good-will your majesty hath always expressed towards a state, which on all occasions hath interested itself in promoting your glory, and which is the guardian of the precious trufe left by a princess so dear to your majesty.

Full of this confidence, we presume to flatter ourselves, that your majesty will be graciously pleased to listen to our just demands; and we shall endeavour, during the course of our ministry, to merit your approbation, and to strengthen the bonds which ought to unite the two nations for ever.

His Majesty's answer.

Gentlemen, I have always had a regard for the republic, and I look upon their High Mightinesses as my best friends. If difficulties have arisen touching trade, they ought to be considered as the consequences of a burthenome war we are obliged to wage with France. You may assure their High Mightinesses, that I shall endeavour, on my part, to remove the obstacles in question; and I am glad to find, gentlemen, that you are come here with the same disposition.

The following declarations were published by Count Dohna, a Prussian general, on his entering Poland with a body of Prussian troops.

On the 15th of June.

His Prussian majesty, finding himself under a necessity to cause part of his armies to enter the territories of the republic of Poland, in order to protect them against the threatened invasion of the enemy, declares, that,

It must not be understood that his majesty, by this step taken, intends to make any breach into the regard he has always had for the illustrious republic of Poland, or to lessen the good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them, but, on the contrary, to strengthen the same, in expectation that the illustrious
Of which all whom it may concern are desired to take notice, &c.

On the 22d of June.

We invite and desire, that the nobility, archbishops, bishops, abbey's, convents, seignories, magistrates, and inhabitants of the republic of Poland, on the road to Posen, are required to furnish all kinds of provisions, corn, and forage, necessary to support an army of 40,000 men, with the utmost dispatch, with an assurance of being paid ready money for the same. But if, contrary to expectation, any deficiency should happen in supplying this demand, his majesty's troops will be obliged to forage, and use the same means as those taken by the enemy for their subsistence.

In confidence therefore that the several jurisdictions upon the Prussian frontiers, within the territories of Poland, will exert themselves to comply with this demand as soon as possible, for the subsistence of the royal army of Prussia, they are assured that thereby all disorders will be prevented, and whatever is delivered will be paid for in ready money.

On the 17th of June.

It was with the greatest astonishment that the King, my most gracious lord and master, heard that several of his own subjects had suffered themselves to be seduced from their allegiance so far, as to enter into the service of a potentate, with whom he is at war: his majesty, therefore, makes known by these presents, that all of his subjects serving in the enemy's armies, who shall be taken, with arms in their hands, shall, agreeably to all laws, be sentenced to be hanged, without mercy, as traitors to their king and country,
gracious reception, and that due regard will be shewn to his merit, &c.

Orders of his serene highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, relative to the behaviour of the troops under him at the famous battle near Minden on the 1st of August, 1759.

His serene highness orders his greatest thanks to be given the whole army, for their bravery and good behaviour yesterday, particularly to the English infantry, and the two battalions of Hanoverian guards; to all the cavalry of the left wing, and to General Wagenheim's corps, particularly the regiment of Holstein, the Hessian cavalry, the Hanoverian regiment du Corps and Hammerstein's; the same to all the brigades of heavy artillery. His serene highness declares publicly, that next to God he attributes the glory of the day to the intrepidity and extraordinary good behaviour of these troops, which he assures them he shall retain the strongest sense of as long as he lives; and if ever, upon any occasion, he shall be able to serve these brave troops, or any of them in particular, it will give him the utmost pleasure. His serene highness orders his particular thanks to be likewise given to General Sporcken, the Duke of Holstein, Lieutenant Generals Imhoff and Urf. His serene highness is extremely obliged to the Count de Buckeburg, for his extraordinary care and trouble in the management of the artillery, which was served with great effect; likewise to the commanding officers of the several brigades of artillery, viz. Col. Browne, Lieutenant Colonel Hutte, Major Haffe, and the three English captains, Phillips, Drummond, and Foy. His serene highness thinks himself infinitely obliged to Major Generals Waldegrave and Kingley, for their great courage and good order, in which they conducted their brigades. His serene highness further orders it to be declared to Lieutenant General the Marquis of Granby, that he is persuaded, that if he had had the good fortune to have had him at the head of the cavalry of the right wing, his presence would have greatly contributed to make the decision of that day more complete and more brilliant. In short, his serene highness orders, that those of his suite whose behaviour he most admired, be named, as the Duke of Richmond, Colonel Fitzroy, Captain Ligonier, Colonel Wattson, Captain Wilfon aid-de-camp to Major General Waldegrave, Adjutant Generals Erffoff, Bulow, Durandolli, the Count Tobe and Maletti; his serene highness having much reason to be satisfied with their conduct. And his serene highness desires and orders the generals of the army, that upon all occasions when orders are brought to them by his aid-de-camps, that they be obeyed punctually, and without delay."

And his serene highness on discovering a mistake in the preceding order of thanks, to the officers of the British artillery, by which Captain Macbean was omitted to be mentioned, his serene highness was pleased to write a letter with his own hand, to Captain Macbean, which was delivered by his excellency Count La Lippe Buckeburg, grand master of the artillery in the allied army, and of which the following is a translation.
SIR,

"It is from a sense of your merit, and a regard to justice, that I do in this manner declare I have reason to be infinitely satisfied with your behaviour, activity, and zeal, which in so conspicuous a manner you made appear at the battle of L'hon-haufen on the 1st of August. The talents which you possess in your profession did not a little contribute to render our fire superior to that of the enemy; and it is to you and your brigade that I am indebted for having silenced the fire of a battery of the enemy, which extremely galled the troops, and particularly the British infantry.

Accept then, Sir, from me, the just tribute of my most perfect acknowledgements, accompanied with my sincere thanks. I shall be happy in every opportunity of obliging you, desiring only occasions of proving it, being, with the most distinguished esteem,

Your devoted, and entirely affectionate servant,

Ferdinand,

Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburgh."

To Captain Macbean, of the Royal British artillery.

Again his serene highness on the third issued the following order.

"In the compliment his serene highness made to the troops yesterday, he forgot four regiments that particularly distinguished themselves, viz. Hardenburgh's third battalion of Hanover guards, Prince William's, and Gillie's; it is not that his serene highness has reason to complain of any others; but, as they had particular opportunities of distinguishing themselves, it is for that reason his serene highness mentions the attention he himself gives to their good conduct."

"Head quarters at Bielefeld, Aug. 7. 1759.

"His serene highness Duke Ferdinand sent orders to Monfieur H. H. deheman, his treasurer, to pay the following officers of the British artillery the undermentioned gratuities, as a testimony of his great satisfaction of their gallant behaviour in the late action of the 1st of this month.

To Capt. Phillips 1000 crowns
To Capt. Macbean 500
To Capt. Drummond 500
To Capt. Williams 500
To Capt. Foy 500

I hope the said gentlemen will accept of this present from his highness, as a mark of his particular esteem for them."

Several accounts of Marshal Belleisle's letters to Marshal de Contades, with Mr. Maubert's reflections upon them.

Among the papers which were taken at Detmold, on the 5th of August, by his majesty's light troops, an original letter is found, from the Marshal Duc de Belleisle to Marshal Contades, dated Versailles, July 23, 1759, in which there is the following passage.

"I am still afraid that Fischer sets out too late: It is, however, very important, and very essential, that we should raise large contributions. I see no other resource for our most urgent expenses, and for refitting the troops, but in the money we may draw from the enemy's country; from whence we must likewise procure subsistence of all kinds (independently of the money); that
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that is to say, hay, straw, oats, for the winter, bread, corn, cattle, horses, even men to recruit our foreign troops. The war must not be prolonged, and perhaps it may be necessary, according to the events which may happen between this time and the end of September, to make a downright desart before the line of the quarters which it may be thought proper to keep during the winter, in order that the enemy may be under a real impossibility of approaching us: at the same time referring for ourselves a bare subsistence on the route which may be the most convenient for us to take, in the middle of winter, to beat up, or seize upon the enemy's quarters. That this object may be fulfilled, I cause the greatest affiduity to be used, in preparing what is necessary for having all your troops, without exception, well clothed, well armed, and well equipped, and well refitted in every respect, before the end of November, with new tents, in order that, if it should be advisable for the King's political and military affairs, you may be well able to assemble the whole, or part of your army, to act offensively and with vigour, from the beginning of January; and that you may have the satisfaction to shew your enemies, and all Europe, that the French know how to act, and carry on, in all seasons, when they have such a general as you are, and a minister of the department of war, that can foresee, and concert matters with the general.

You must be sensible, Sir, that what I say to you may become not only useful and honourable, but perhaps even necessary, with respect to what you know, and of which I shall say more in my private letter.

M. DUC DE BELLEISLE:"

Some account of the letters from the Duke de Belleisle to Marshal de Contades.

THOSE letters, which are undoubtedly genuine, were found among Contades's papers after the battle of Minden, and disclose many of those artifices which in a public capacity are practised without either compunction or disgrace, but which in a private capacity could only be the effect of habitual villainy, and would incur not only infamy, but the pillory. The following extracts are inserted to justify this censure:

"After observing all the formalities due to the magistrates of Cologne, you must seize on their great artillery by force, telling them, that you do so for their own defence against the common enemy of the empire; that you will restore them when their city has nothing farther to fear, &c. After all, you must take every thing you have occasion for, and give them receipts for it."——

"You must, at any rate, consume all sorts of subsistence on the higher Lippe, Paderborn, and Warburg; you must destroy every thing which you cannot consume, so as to make a desart of all Westphalia, from Lipphadt and Munster, as far as the Rhine, on one hand; and on the other, from the higher Lippe and Paderborn, as far as Cassel; that the enemy may find it quite impracticable to direct their march to the Rhine, or the Lower Roer; and
and this with regard to your army, and with regard to the army under M. de Soubise, that they may not have it in their power to take possession of Cassel, and much less to march to Marbourg, or to the quarters which he will have along the Lahn, or to those which you will occupy, from the lower part of the left side of the Roer, and on the right side of the Rhine as far as Dusseldorp and at Cologne."

"You know the necessity of consuming, or destroying, as far as is possible, all the subsistence, especially the forage, betwixt the Weser and the Rhine on the one hand; and on the other, betwixt the Lippe, the bishopric of Paderborn, the Dymel, the Fulda, and the Nerra; and so to make a defart of Westphalia and Hesse."——

"Although the Prince of Waldeck appears outwardly neutral, he is very ill disposed, and deserves very little favour. You ought, therefore, to make no scruple of taking all you find in that territory; but this must be done in an orderly manner, giving receipts, and observing the most exact discipline. All the subsistence you leave in his country will fall to the enemy's share, who will, by that means, be enabled to advance to the Lahn, and towards the quarters which you are to occupy on the left side of the Roer. It is therefore a precaution, become in a manner indispensably necessary to carry it all away from thence."——

"The question now is, what plan you shall think most proper for accomplishing, in the quickest and surest manner, our great purpose; which must be to consume, carry off, or destroy all the forage or subsistence of the country which we cannot keep possession of."

"The upper part of the Lippe, and the country of Paderborn, are the most plentiful; they must therefore be eaten to the very roots."——

"You did mighty well to talk in the most absolute tone with regard to the necessaries Racroth and Duyfsbourg must furnish our troops; it is necessary to speak in that tone to Germans; and you will find your account in using the same to the regencies of the Elector of Cologne, and still more to that of the Palatine."——

"After using all becoming ceremony, as we have the power in our hands, we must make use of it, and draw from the country of Bergue what shall be necessary for the subsistence of the garrison of Dusseldorf, and of the light troops, and refer what may be brought thither from Alface and the bishopricks for a cafe of necessity."——

It appears by the following letter, written by the French King's agent at Cologne, to M. l'Abbe Bernis, that the accounts which have from time to time been published of the dissolute and irregular behaviour of the French troops were not without foundation.——

"Sir, I must not conceal from you what the chancellor told me; that the Elector was extremely surprised to see how little the French were on their guard. The French, said he to me, have neither guards, out-posts, nor sentinels; there is no order in their camp, every body lives there in the utmost security; strangers walk there at pleasure, no body asks them any questions; they are suffered to go every where, even among your batteries; spies have nothing to fear there; they say,
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saw, likewise, that Hanoverian officers in disguise come there every day, hear every thing that is said, see every thing that passes, and observe all your posts: your councils of war are held in a tent, where they speak so loud, that the people in the field, if they be any thing nigh, hear every thing that is treated in them. We hear, however, that your army, after this day (which was the sixth) will encamp in one line; this gives us some security; but you see how much this expouses you, and us at the same time. Every day there is almost a third of your army taking their pleasure in Cologne, who frequently return to the camp drunk; and, it is said, that instead of paying your spies liberally, you think it enough to make them drink.

I have observed that within these two days that people have been informed of these particulars, fear and disquiet have very much increased at this court.

The exhausted state of the French finances, and the exigences to which they were driven long before the late stoppage of their payments, appears from the following extract.

"I am going to write a long letter to M. Gayot on the article of expences; they are inapplicable; and as I am incessantly asking money from the comptroller general, who has none to give me, we must, at least, do our endeavour, and I beg you, Sir, to help me, as well as M. Gayot, to save, otherwise we shall want money for the most essential articles."

It appears also from the following passage, that the clamour of a corrupt and disappointed faction against our expedition on the French coast was the effect either of ignorance or of enmity to their country.

"You don't doubt how much I desire to procure you the pleasure of having your son and nephew with you. I had taken some steps towards it; but the new enterprise with which the English again threaten us, has obliged me to retain all the troops on the coasts. All the orders were already expeditiated. I have been obliged to dispatch couriers into Nòrmandy, Bretagne, Poitou, and Annis, to draw all the troops nearer the coasts. How was it possible then for me, during the winter, to call back regiments which were posted on the most western parts of the coast, and order them to join your army? Those regiments must have come to you quite harrassed and ruined, especially as they have had, and have still, many sick."

The following reflections on the publication of Belleisle's letter by the English ministry, are published in the Brussels Gazette, the author says, by desire.

"In consequence of the affair of the first of August, a part of the allied army carried off, among other papers of the Marshal de Conrades of little importance, a dispatch of the Marshal de Belleisle, dated July 23, which turned chiefly on the measures which it might perhaps be proper to take for making a barrier, at the end of the campaign, between the quarters of the [French] King's army, and those of his Britannic majesty's forces.

A few days after, a part of the letter in question appeared in the Gazette that is printed at Lon-
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London by authority; and several papers, dispersed in England, have sufficiently shewn what was the design of the English ministry in publishing this passage. They flattered themselves that every body would, as they had done, take in the literal sense that passage, which mentions, that perhaps it might be necessary to make a downright departure before the line of the quarters, which it might be thought proper to keep during the winter; and that they should thereby be able to convict France of adopting a plan of devastation, which that crown will ever hold in abhorrence. We should not be surprised that it should be natural for the court of London, as if it were in spirit of themselves, to give such a false and odious interpretation to the expression just mentioned: the unheard-of vexations exercised by their ally the King of Prussia in Saxony, in Mecklenburg, and in Franconia, have accustomed them to think that there is no other method of making a barrier before the quarters to be kept but total devastation; but this sense will never enter into the heads of the impartial public on reading the passages, who know how repugnant such a conduct would be to that system of equity, disinterestedness and moderation, from which France has never once departed. It is easy to conceive, that a country may be made a downright departure for an army, without making a departure for the inhabitants. To make a departure which may serve for a barrier against any enemy, is to leave it in no tenable post, nor any subsistence which may draw them thither: and in this sense the expression in the Marshal de Bellefle's letter, of a downright departure, will be generally understood.

It is, moreover, sufficiently evident, from the very part of the letter which is published, that only, subsistence proper for an army is meant; for it expressly says, referring for ourselves a bare subsistence on the route which may be most convenient for us to take in the middle of winter. It should seem that this reflection escaped the English ministry. It were to be wished, for the sake of their honour, that the same supposition could be made with regard to some other passages, which they have not thought proper to publish: they may recollect one, in which M. de Contades is commended for the rigid discipline which he causes to be observed, and for the measures taken by him in relation to some outrages committed at Osnaburg against the English prisoners; and another passage, wherein it is expressly recommended to him, to see that everybody be satisfied, and that the country be not laid waste; and that nothing be taken by pillage, or any other kind of exaction. This may suffice to shew the design of the English in publishing a part only of the Marshal de Bellefle's letter.

Translation of a letter from M. de la Cluse to the Count de Merie, ambassador of France at the court of Lisbon, dated Lagos, August 28.

I was not in a condition to write to your excellency when I dispatched a domelitic to inform you of the disaster that had befallen the King's squadron under my command. I passed the Straights in the night between the 16th and 17th of
of August, with twelve ships of the line, and three frigates. I was not afraid of meeting Admiral Bofcawen, though his squadron was stronger than mine; but by an unaccountable fatality, five of my ships and three frigates parted from me, so that next morning at day-break I found I had only seven with me; fortunately they were the largest, viz. the Ocean, the Redoubtable, the Centaur, the Guerrier, the Souverain, the Temeraire, and the Modefta. At fun-rising we discovered eight fail to windward; I believed them to be my ships, and waited for them, keeping as near the wind as possible, with very little fail. In a little time their number increased so much that we counted eighteen. I made no doubt of their being the enemy's fleet. I immediately determined to make all the fail I could to gain the weather gage, and made the proper signal to my ships, but I was obliged to wait for the Souverain, which is a heavy failer, and by that means the enemy got up with me sooner than they would otherwise have done. Whilt the wind blew a brisk gale, they had no advantage over us; but at noon the wind dying away, I found that they failed much better than we. At half an hour after two, the Centaur, Capt. de Sabran, which was in the rear, was attacked by two ships, one on the larboard, the other on the starboard side, and defended herself with uncommon bravery. The Guerrier was attacked soon after; then the Ocean and the Souverain. The heat of the action was with these four ships, each of which fought both sides of the ship without intermission. Admiral Bofcawen, who came down upon me with all the fail he could make, came athwart me within gun-shot, about four o'clock, and poured a furious broad-side into me, which I returned, and my shot were so well aimed, that his mizen-mast was carried away, his main-top-sail yard came in two upon the deck, the sprit-sail yard and the jack-raft were cut away, all his sails were torn, and he threaed off to be out of the reach of my fire. I was struck at this time with a piece of iron, which made a large wound in my right leg, and broke my left leg, so that I was forced to leave the Count de Carne to fight the ship. Never was such a fire seen as my squadron kept up. I have all the reason in the world to believe, that if I had all my ships, I should have beat them. The English admiral, on leaving me, fell upon the Centaur, and made the fifth ship which he had to engage; so that he was forced to strike, after performing prodigies of valour. At night the engagement ceased, the enemy kept the wind under an easy fail.

I cannot express to your excellency the valour and courage shewn by our ships companies, which did not slacken one moment. The enemy's superiority did not frighten them. This was, no doubt, owing to the example of the officers, who discovered a courage truly heroic. My ship fired 2500 cannon-shot. I judge that we had about 100 killed on the spot, and seventy dangerously wounded; one garde pavilion was killed, and several officers were wounded. We employed the night in preparing for a second engagement; but the Count de Panat, who commanded the Souverain, and M. de Roche-more, captain of the Guerrier, left me in the night, which greatly dimi-
diminished the force of my squadron, and daunted the courage of my people.

On the 18th, at day-break, the enemy crowded fail to come up with me. I then judged my ruin unavoidable. Finding myself on the coast of Portugal, I determined to burn the king's ships there, rather than surrender them to the enemy. I ran the Ocean ashore two leagues from Lagos, under the fort called Almadana, and sent notice to the commander of that fort, who fired three cannon-shot at the English, but they paid no regard to them. The Marquis de St. Aignan also ran his ship on shore, and both of us endeavoured to land our men, but the sea being rough, this took up a great deal of time. M. de Castillon, captain of the Temeraire, and M. de Mouvre, captain of the Modette, did not follow my example, but anchored as near as they could to forts Exavier and Lagres, hoping that the English would respect those forts; but they paid no regard to them, and came and anchored close by the two French ships, which they fought until they struck.

One of the enemy's ships came and anchored behind the Ocean, and fired into her, and into the boats that were carrying the men ashore. The Count de Carne, finding he could not get out of the ship, was forced to strike his colours, and to surrender prisoner, with M. Darboud, and the Chevalier de Glendeves, M. de Sufrim, the chevalier de Damas, and five inferior officers; the rest were soldiers, with some gunners, making in all about sixty, whom the English took on board, and set fire to the vessel, which burnt in the night.

I was carried on shore, and passed the night with the officers and the wounded men, without either bread or water. On the 19th the governor of Lagos sent to invite me to that place. I was carried thither, and all my people followed me; he gave us all the assistance that wretched country could afford. Our people had no more than a quarter of a pound of bread a day, each day, for two days; nor could I procure straw for the sick and wounded. I and the wounded officers are lodged with the Capuchins; these good fathers take great care of us. I am infinitely obliged to the Corregidor for his civilities.

We have sent all our ships companies to Cadiz, chiefly by sea: I remain here with three wounded officers, the Chevalier Beaucour, and my nephew, who stays to bear me company; he serves me for secretary, and presents his compliments to your excellency.

My wounds are in a very good way; but I know not when I shall be able to leave this place. I am uneasy about the domestic I sent to you, on account of the difficulties which, I hear, attend travelling in this country. If you have not seen him, I desire you would cause enquiry to be made about him.

Abridgment of the placard published by his excellency Gen. James Wolfe, commander in chief of the troops of his Britannic majesty, on his arrival in the river St. Lawrence, in the month of August, 1759.

"The King, justly exasperated against France, has set on foot a considerable armament by land and sea, to bring down the haughtiness of that crown. His aim
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aim is to destroy the most considerable settlement of the French in North America. It is not against the industrious peasants, their wives, and children, nor against the ministers of religion, that he designs making war. He laments the misfortunes to which this quarrel exposes them, and promises them his protection, offers to maintain them in their possessions, and permits them to follow the worship of their religion; provided that they do not take any part in the difference between the two crowns, directly or indirectly.

The Canadians cannot be ignorant of their situation: the English are masters of the river, and blocking up the passage to all succours from Europe. They have, besides, a powerful army on the continent, under the command of General Amherst.

The resolution the Canadians ought to take is by no means doubtful: the utmost exertion of their valour will be entirely useless, and will only serve to deprive them of the advantages that they might enjoy by their neutrality. The cruelties of the French against the subjects of Great Britain in America, would excite the most severe reprisals; but Englishmen are too generous to follow to barbarous examples. They offer to the Canadians the sweets of peace amidst the horrors of war; it is left to their own selves to determine their fate by their conduct. If their presumption, and a wrong placed, as well as fruitless courage, should make them take the most dangerous part, they will only have their own selves to blame, when they shall groan under the weight of that misery to which they will expose themselves.

General Wolfe flatters himself that the whole world will do him justice, if the inhabitants of Canada force him, by their refusal, to have recourse to violent methods.

He concludes in laying before them the strength and power of England, which generously stretches out her hand to them; a hand ready to assist them on all occasions, and even at a time when France, by its weakness, is incapable of afflicting them, and abandons them in the most critical moment.'

The following letter is inserted as the strongest picture that can be drawn of the difficulties that opposed themselves to the British arms, in the reduction of Quebec, as well as of the activity and patience of the general who surmounted them. The piece is no less valuable, as one of the clearest and most elegant accounts of a series of military operations, which has, perhaps, ever been published.

Head quarters at Montmorenci, in the river St. Lawrence, Sept. 2, 1759.

SIR,

If with I could, upon this occasion, have the honour of transmitting to you a more favourable account of the progress of his majesty's arms; but the obstacles we have met with in the operations of the campaign, are much greater than we had reason to expect, or could foresee; not so much from the number of the enemy, (though superior to us) as from the natural strength of the country, which the

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Marquis de Montcalm seems wisely to depend upon.

When I learned that succours of all kinds had been thrown into Quebec; that five battalions of regular troops, completed from the best inhabitants of the country, some of the troops of the colony, and every Canadian that was able to bear arms, besides several nations of savages, had taken the field in a very advantageous situation; I could not flatter myself that I should be able to reduce the place. I sought however an occasion to attack their army, knowing well, that with these troops I was able to fight, and that a victory might disperse them.

We found them encamped along the shore of Beaufort, from the river St. Charles to the falls of Montmorenci, and intrenched in every accessible part. The 27th of June we landed upon the isle of Orleans; but receiving a message from the admiral, that there was reason to think that the enemy had artillery, and a force upon the point of Levi, I detached Brigadier Monkton with four battalions, to drive them from thence. He passed the river the 29th at night, and marched the next day to the point; he obliged the enemy’s irregulars to retire, and possessed himself of that post; the advanced parties upon this occasion had two or three skirmishes with the Canadians and Indians, with little loss on either side.

Colonel Carleton marched with a detachment to the westernmost point of the isle of Orleans, from whence our operations were like to begin.

It was absolutely necessary to possess these two points, and fortify them, because, from either one or the other the enemy might make it impossible for any ship to lie in the basin of Quebec, or even within two miles of it.

Batteries of cannon and mortars were erected with great dispatch on the point of Levi, to bombard the town and magazines, and to injure the works and batteries: the enemy perceiving these works in some forwardness, passed the river with 1600 men to attack and destroy them; unluckily they fell into confusion, fired upon one another, and went back again; by which we lost an opportunity of defeating this large detachment. The effect of this artillery has been so great, (though across the river) that the upper town is considerably damaged, and the lower town entirely destroyed.

The works for the security of our hospitals and stores on the isle of Orleans, being finished, on the 9th of July, at night, we passed the N. channel, and encamped near the enemy’s left, the river Montmorenci between us. The next morning Capt. Dank’s company of rangers, posted in a wood to cover some workmen, were attacked and defeated by a body of Indians, and had so many killed and wounded, as to be almost disabled for the rest of the campaign: the enemy also suffered in this affair, and were in their turn driven off by the nearest troops.

The ground, to the eastward of the falls, seemed to be (as it really is) higher than that on the enemy’s side, and to command it in a manner which might be made useful to us. There is besides a ford below the falls, which may be passed for some hours in the latter part of the ebb and beginning of the flood tide; and I had hopes, that possibly means might be found of passing the river above, so as to fight M. Montcalm, upon
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upon terms of less disadvantage than directly attacking his intrenchments. In reconnoitring the river Montmorenci, we found it fordable at a place about three miles up; but the opposite bank was intrenched, and so steep and woody, that it was to no purpose to attempt a passage there. The effort was twice attacked by the Indians, who were as often repulsed; but in these encounters we had forty (officers and men) killed and wounded.

The 18th of July, two men of war, two armed frigates, and two transports, with some troops on board, passed by the town without any loss, and got into the upper river. This enabled me to reconnoitre the country above, where I found the same attention on the enemy's side, and great difficulties on ours, arising from the nature of the ground, and the obstacles to our communication with the fleet. But what I feared most, was, that if we should land between the town and the river Cape Rouge, the body first landed could not be reinforced before they were attacked by the enemy's whole army.

Notwithstanding these difficulties, I thought once of attempting it at St. Michael's, about three miles above the town; but perceiving that the enemy were jealous of the design, were preparing against it, and had actually brought artillery and a mortar, (which, being so near to Quebec, they could increase as they pleased) to play upon the shipping: and it must have been many hours before we could attack them, (even supposing a favourable night for the boats to pass by the town unhurt) it seemed so hazardous that I thought it best to desist.

However, to divide the enemy's force, and to draw their attention as high up the river as possible, and to procure some intelligence, I sent a detachment under the command of Colonel Carleton, to land at the Point de Trempe, to attack whatever he might find there, bring off some prisoners, and all the useful papers he could get. I had been informed that a number of the inhabitants of Quebec had retired to that place, and that probably we should find a magazine of provisions there.

The colonel was fired upon by a body of Indians the moment he landed, but they were soon dispersed and driven into the woods: he searched for magazines, but to no purpose, brought off some prisoners, and returned with little loss.

After this business, I came back to Montmorenci, where I found that Brigadier Townsend had, by a superior fire, prevented the French from erecting a battery on the bank of the river, from whence they intended to cannonade our camp. I now resolved to take the first opportunity which presented itself, of attacking the enemy, though poised to great advantage, and every where prepared to receive us.

As the men of war cannot (for want of a sufficient depth of water) come near enough to the enemy's intrenchments, to annoy them in the least, the admiral had prepared two transports (drawing but little water) which upon occasion could be run up a ground, to favour a descent. With the help of these vessels, which I understood would be carried by the tide close in shore, I proposed to make myself master of a detached redoubt near to the water's edge, and whose situation appeared to be out of musket-shot of the intrenchment.

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ment upon the hill: if the enemy supported this detached piece, it
would necessarily bring on an en-
gagement, what we most wished for; and if not, I should have it in
my power to examine their situa-
tion, so as to be able to determine
where we could best attack them.

Preparations were accordingly
made for an engagement. The 31st
of July in the afternoon, the boats
of the fleet were filled with grenadi-
ers, and a part of General Monck-
ton's brigade from the point of Le-
v: the two brigades under the bri-
gadiers Townshend and Murray,
were ordered to be in readiness to
pass the ford, when it should be
thought necessary. To facilitate the
passage of this corps, the admiral had
placed the Centurion in the chan-
nel, so that the might check the fire
of the lower battery which com-
manded the ford: this ship was of
great use, as her fire was very judi-
ciously directed. A great quantity of
artillery was placed upon the emi-
nence, so as to batter and enslave the
left of their intrenchments.

From the vessel which ran ag-
ground neared in, I observed that
the redoubt was too much com-
manded to be kept without very
great loss; and the more, as the two
armed ships could not be brought
near enough to cover both with their
artillery and musquetry, which I at
first conceived they might. But as
the enemy seemed in some confu-
sion, and we were prepared for an
action, I thought it a proper time
to make an attempt upon their in-
trenchments. Orders were sent to
the brigadiers general to be ready
with the troops under their com-
mand Brigadier Monckton to land,
and the Brigadiers Townshend and
Murray to pass the ford.

At a proper time of the tide, the
signal was made, but in rowing to-
wars the shore, many of the boats
grounded upon a ledge, that runs
off a considerable distance. This
accident put us in some disorder,
left a great deal of time, and obliged
me to send an officer to stop Briga-
dier Townshend's march, whom I
then observed to be in motion.
While the seamen were getting the
boats off, the enemy fired a number
of shells and shot, but did no con-
derable damage. As soon as this
disorder could be set a little to
rights, and the boats were ranged
in a proper manner, some of the offi-
cers of the navy went in with me to
find a better place to land: we took
one flat-bottomed boat with us to
make the experiment, and as soon
as we had found a fit part of the
shore, the troops were ordered to
dismount, thinking it not yet too
late for the attempt.

The thirteen companies of grena-
diers, and 200 of the second royal
American battalion, got first on
shore. The grenadiers were ordered
to form themselves into four distinct
bodies, and to begin the attack,
supported by Brigadier Monckton's
corps, as soon as the troops had pass-
ed the ford, and were at hand to
assist. But whether from the noise
and hurry at landing, or from some
other cause, the grenadiers, instead
of forming themselves as they were
directed, ran on imputerously to-
wards the enemy's intrenchments in
the utmost disorder and confusion,
without waiting for the corps which
were to sustain them, and join in the
attack. Brigadier Monckton was not
landed, and Brigadier Townshend
was at a considerable distance, tho'
upon his march to join us, in very
great order. The grenadiers were
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checked by the enemy's first fire, and obliged to shelter themselves in or about the redoubt, which the French abandoned upon their approach. In this situation they continued for some time, unable to form under so hot a fire, and having many gallant officers wounded, who (careless of their persons) had been solely intent upon their duty. I saw the absolute necessity of calling them off, that they might form themselves under Brigadier Monkton's corps, which was now landed, and drawn up on the beach, in extreme good order.

By this new accident, and this second delay, it was near night, a sudden storm came on, and the tide began to make; so that I thought it most advisable, not to persevere in so difficult an attack, left (in case of a repulse) the retreat of Brigadier Townshend's corps might be hazardous and uncertain.

Our artillery had a great effect upon the enemy's left, where Brigadiers Townshend and Murray were to have attacked; and it is probable, that if those accidents I have spoken of had not happened, we should have penetrated there, whilst our left and center (more remote from our artillery) must have borne all the violence of the musquetery.

The French did not attempt to interrupt our march. Some of their savages came down to murder such wounded as could not be brought off, and to scalp the dead, as their custom is.

The place where the attack was intended, has these advantages over all others hereabout. Our artillery could be brought into use. The greatest part, or even the whole, of the troops, might act at once; and the retreat (in case of a repulse) was secure, at least for a certain time of the tide. Neither one nor other of these advantages can any where else be found. The beach upon which the troops were drawn up, was of deep mud, with holes, and cut by several gullies. The hill to be ascended, very steep, and not every where practicable. The enemy numerous in their intrenchments, and their fire hot. If the attack had succeeded, our loss must certainly have been great, and theirs inconsiderable, from the shelter which the neighbouring woods afforded them. The river of St. Charles still remained to be passed, before the town was invested. All these circumstances I considered; but the desire to act in conformity to the King's intentions, induced me to make this trial, perfuaded that a victorious army finds no difficulties.

Immediately after this check, I sent Brigadier Murray above the town with 1200 men, directing him to assist Rear-Admiral Holmes in the destruction of the French Ships, (if they could be got at) in order to open a communication with General Amherst. The brigadier was to seek every favourable opportunity of fighting some of the enemy's detachments, provided he could do it upon tolerable terms, and to use all the means in his power to provoke them to attack him. He made two different attempts to land upon the north shore, without success; but in a third was more fortunate. He landed unexpectedly at De Cham-baud, and burnt a magazine there, in which were some provisions, some ammunition, and all the spare stores, clothing, arms, and baggage, of their army.

The prisoners he took, informed him of the surrender of the fort of Niagara.
Niagara; and we discovered by intercepted letters, that the enemy had abandoned Carillon and Crown Point, we retired to the Isle Aux Noix; and that General Amherst was making preparations to pass the lake Champlain, to fall upon M. Bourlamaque's corps, which consists of three battalions of foot, and as many Canadians as make the whole amount to 5000.

The admiral's dispatches and mine would have gone eight or ten days sooner, if I had not been prevented from writing by a fever. I found myself so ill, and am still so weak, that I begged the general officers to consult together for the public utility. They were all of opinion, that (as more ships and provisions have now got above the town) they should try, by conveying up a corps of 4 or 5000 men, (which is nearly the whole strength of the army, after the points of Levi and Orleans are left in a proper state of defence) to draw the enemy from their present situation, and bring them to an action. I have acquiesced in their proposal, and we are preparing to put it into execution.

The admiral and I have examined the town, with a view to a general assault; but, after consulting with the chief engineer, who is well acquainted with the interior parts of it, and, after viewing it with the utmost attention, we found, that though the batteries of the lower town might be safely silenced by the men of war, yet the business of an assault would be little advanced by that, since the few passages that lead from the lower to the upper town, are carefully intrenched; and the upper batteries cannot be affected by the ships, which must receive considerable damage from them, and from the mortars. The admiral would readily join in this, or in any other measure for the public service; but I could not propose to him an undertaking of so dangerous a nature, and promising so little success.

To the uncommon strength of the country, the enemy have added (for the defence of the river) a great number of floating batteries and boats. By the vigilance of these, and the Indians round our different posts, it has been impossible to execute any thing by surprize. We have had almost daily skirmishes with these savages, in which they are generally defeated, but not without losses on our side.

By the list of disabled officers (many of whom are of rank) you may perceive, Sir, that the army is much weakened. By the nature of the river, the most formidable part of this armament is deprived of the power of acting, yet we have almost the whole force of Canada to oppose. In this situation, there is such a choice of difficulties, that I own myself at a loss how to determine. The affairs of Great Britain, I know, require the most vigorous measures; but then the courage of a handful of brave men should be exerted only, where there is some hope of a favourable event. However, you may be assured, Sir, that the small part of the campaign, which remains, shall be employed (as far as I am able) for the honour of his majesty, and the interest of the nation, in which I am sure of being well seconded by the admiral, and by the generals. Happy if our efforts here can contribute to the success of his majesty's arms in any other parts of America. I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, Sir, your most obedient, and most humble servant,

J. Wolfe.
Articles of capitulation agreed on, between General Townshend and M. de Ramzay, Commander of Quebec.

ARTICLE I.

M. DE RAMZAY demands the honours of war for his garrison, and that it shall be conducted back to the army in safety by the shortest road, with their arms, baggage, six pieces of brass cannon, two mortars, or howitzers, and twelve rounds. — The garrison of the town, composed of land forces, marines, and sailors, shall march out with their arms and baggage, drums beating, lighted matches, with two pieces of cannon, and twelve rounds, and shall be embarked as conveniently as possible, in order to be landed at the first port in France.

II. That the inhabitants shall be maintained in the possession of their houses, goods, effects, and privileges.—Granted, provided they lay down their arms.

III. That the said inhabitants shall not be molested on account of their having borne arms for the defence of the town, as they were forced to it, and as it is customary for the inhabitants of the colonies of both crowns to serve as militia.—Granted.

IV. That the effects belonging to the absent officers, or inhabitants, shall not be touched.—Granted.

V. That the said inhabitants shall not be removed, nor obliged to quit their houses, until their condition shall be settled by a definitive treaty, between their most Christian and Britannic majesties.—Granted.

VI. That the exercise of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman religion shall be preserved, and that safe-guards shall be granted to the houses of the clergy, and to the monasteries, particularly to the bishop of Quebec, who, animated with zeal for religion, and charity for the people of his diocese, desires to reside constantly in it, to exercise freely and with that decency, which his character, and the sacred mysteries of the Catholic, Apostolic, and Roman religion require, his episcopal authority in the town of Quebec, whenever he shall think it proper, until the possession of Canada shall have been decided by a treaty between their most Christian and Britannic majesties. —The free exercise of the Roman religion, safe-guards granted to all religious persons, as well as to the bishop, who shall be at liberty to come and exercise freely and with decency the functions of his office whenever he shall think proper, until the possession of Canada shall have been decided between their Britannic and most Christian majesties.

VII. That the artillery and warlike stores shall be delivered up bona fide, and an inventory taken thereof.—Granted.

VIII. That the sick, wounded, commissaries, chaplains, physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, and other persons employed in the hospitals, shall be treated agreeable to the cartel settled between their most Christian and Britannic majesties on Feb. 6, 1759.—Granted.

IX. That before delivering up the gate, and the entrance of the town to the English forces, their general will be pleased to send some soldiers to be placed as safe-guards at the churches, convents, and chief habitations.—Granted.

X. That the commander of the city of Quebec shall be permitted to send advice to the Marquis de Vaudreuil, governor-general, of the reduction of
the town; as also that this general shall be allowed to write to the French ministry, to inform them thereof.—Granted.

XI. That the present capitulation shall be executed according to its form and tenor, without being liable to non-execution, under presence of reprisals, or the non-execution of any preceding capitulation.—Granted.

The present treaty has been made and settled between us, and duplicates signed at the camp before Quebec, Sept. 18, 1759.


Killed in the battle of the 13th. One general, one captain, six lieutenants, one ensign, three serjeants, forty-five rank and file.

Wounded. One brigadier general, 4 staff-officers, 12 captains, 26 lieutenants, 10 ensigns, 25 serjeants, 4 drummers, 566 rank and file.

Artillery. One engineer wounded, 1 gunner killed, 1 bombardier, 1 gunner, 5 matrofles wounded.

An account of the guns, &c. found in Quebec, on its surrender to his majesty's troops.

Brafs guns 6 pd. 1 Brafs mer. 15 in. 1
4 3 7 howitzers. 8 3
2 7 Iron mort. 13 9

Iron guns 56 10
24 45
18 18
12 13 shells 15 in. 770
8 43 10 150
9 66 8 and 2
4 50 6 390
3 7 Brafs petards 2
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Memorial presented to the States General on the 19th of October of this year, by the Count d'Affry, ambas-
dador from France.

High and mighty Lords, THERE are at this time at Amsterdam, iron cannon and balls of different fizes belonging to the King my master. Upon the report which I made to his majesty, that your High Michtinefles made a difficulty of suffering them to be carried out of your country, he has commanded me to represent how contrary this refusal is to the neutrality which your High Michtinefles have embraced.

Your High Michtinefles will be pleased to remember, that during the whole course of this war, the King has required nothing from your friendship that was inconsistent with the strictest impartiality; and if his majesty has departed from the engagements that subsisted between him and your High Michtinefles, it was by granting the most essential and lucrative favours to the commerce of your subjects, who would now have been in position of the immense advantages which the prudence of your resolutions had procured for them, had they not been disturbed in it, in violation of the faith of the most solemn treaties, by the enemies of the King my master, and your rivals in trade.

I shall not enter into a circumstan-

with a considerable quantity of powder, ball, small arms, and in-
trenching tools, &c. the number of which cannot be ascertained.

There have been also 37 guns and one mortar found, on several batteries between St. Charles river and Beaupre.
tial detail of the assistance which our enemies, notwithstanding their behaviour to your republic, have derived from the trade of your subjects, and the protection which their effects have found in the territory of the republic. I cannot, however, forbear taking notice, High and Mighty Lords, that the artillery, stores, and gunpowder, that was at Weisel, were deposited in the United Provinces; that every body knows how little the Hanoverian army respected the territory of the republic on occasion of their passing the Rhine, and the circumstances that preceded and follow'd that event.

It is also known, that when that army was obliged to repass the Rhine, it had recourse to the only method of saving a great part of their sick and wounded, whom they were obliged to leave behind, from falling in our hands, by putting them into boats, and sending them to places whither they knew that our respect for the neutrality of the republic would not suffer us to follow them. It was at this time that the Hanoverian army saved most of the grain, that was in the magazines, a part of which is still laid up in some towns of the republic. Our enemies have also purchased and contracted for very considerable quantities of gunpowder in the United Provinces.

These and several other circumstances might have been made the subject of the justest complaints; but the king did not think it proper to require that the freedom and independence of the subjects of the republic should be restrained in branches of trade, that are not inconfident with its neutrality, because he is persuaded, that the faith of an engagement ought to be inviolably preserved, notwithstanding some accidental and transient disadvantages. Add to this, that his majesty, being informed of the present critical state of the republic, was desirous of giving your High Mightinefles an essential proof of his friendship, by ordering the generals of his army carefully to avoid encroaching on the territory of the republic, and transferring thither the theatre of war, when the enemy's generals, before they were forced to repass the Rhine, seemed to shun the King's army.

Your High Mightinefles will certainly acknowledge, that after such marks of regard on the part of the King, his majesty would have the justest ground of complaint, if, contrary to expectation, he should hear that the cannon and balls belonging to him, which are at Amsterdam, were detained there; and that he could not help regarding such a proceeding as a violation of the neutrality which your High Mightinefles have solemnly engaged to observe, whilst the enemy, under cover of this neutrality, draw from the subjects of your republic the succours they want.

I therefore demand, in the name of the king my master, that your High Mightinefles will be pleased to give the most efficacious orders, that the artillery and balls in question, may be carried without delay, by the canals of Amsterdam, and the inland navigation to Flanders. Your High Mightinefles will doubtless not hesitate about this just demand, so agreeable to your known equity and your grateful sense of repeated marks of invariable friendship given you by the King my master;
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after; disregarding the imperious and groundless pretensions of a neighbouring and jealous power, which, not content with interrupting your navigation and commerce, pretends to give law in the bosom of your state, and whose national system tends to ruin your subjects, if it cannot make them share in the calamities and dangers of the war. England will not accomplish this; and your High Mightinesses will prove to all Europe, that nothing can make them depart from that most impartial neutrality which they have embraced, by giving the King my master the speediest and most ample satisfaction where he is so much intitled to it; by leaving to your subjects that liberty which is necessary to their trade; and by granting them that protection which the system and proceedings of the English render indispensable.

THE enemies of his Prussian majesty having complained of the treatment of their prisoners of war in the Prussian territories, that monarch, who suffers no unjust calumny to prevail against him, has caused the following justification of his conduct to be sent to his ministers at foreign courts.

"It is known to all Europe, that I have provided for all the officers who are my prisoners of war, as well Swedes, as French and Austrians, and lately for the Russians, the best accommodations, and every convenience; having, for that end, permitted them to pass the time of their captivity in my capital. Nevertheless, as some of them have grossly abused the liberty allowed them, by keeping up illicit correspondences, and by other practices, with which I could not avoid being offended; I have been obliged to cause all of them to be removed to the town of Spandau, which must not be confounded with the fortres of that name, from which it is entirely separate, and where they will enjoy the same ease as at Berlin, but will be more narrowly observed. This is a resolution no one can blame. I am sufficiently authorized in it by the law of nations, and by the powers who are league against me; the court of Vienna having never suffered any of my officers, that have fallen into their hands, to go to Vienna, and the court of Russia having sent some of them even to Cahan. However, as my enemies hit upon no opportunity of blackening my most innocent proceedings, I have thought proper to acquaint you with my reasons for making this alteration, with regard to the officers who are my prisoners, &c."

Saturday, Oct. 20. This day the right hon. the lord mayor, aldermen, and common of the city of London, waited on his majesty, and being introduced by the right hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, made their compliments on the late successes of his majesty's arms, in the following address.

May it please your Majesty,

TO accept the most humble but warmest congratulations of your majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the lord mayor, aldermen, and common council of the city of London, in common council assembled, upon the rapid and uninterrupted series of victories, and successes, which, under the divine blessing, have attended your majesty's arms.
by sea and land, within the compass of this distinguished and ever memorable year.

The reduction of Fort du Quefne, on the Ohio; of the island of Goree, in Africa; and of Guadalupe, with its dependence, in the West Indies; the repulse and defeat of the whole French army by a handful of infantry, in the plains of Minden; the taking of Niagara, Ticonderoga, and Crown Point; the naval victory off Cape Lagos; the advantages gained over the French nation in the East Indies; and above all, the conquest of Quebec, (the capital of the French empire in North America) in a manner so glorious to your majesty's arms, against every advantage of situation and superior numbers, are such events, as will forever render your majesty's auspicious reign the favourite era in the history of Great Britain.

But whilst we reflect with surprise and gratitude upon this last and most important conquest, permit us, most gracious sovereign, to express our regret for the immense (though almost only) loss which has attended it, in the death of that gallant general, whose abilities formed, whose courage attempted, and whose conduct happily effected the glorious enterprise in which he fell, serving to future times as an heroic example of military skill, discipline and fortitude.

Measures of such national concern, so invariably pursued, and acquisitions of so much consequence to the power and trade of Great Britain, are the noblest proofs of your majesty's paternal affection and regard for the true interest of your kingdoms, and reflect honour upon those whom your majesty has been pleased to admit into your councils, or to intrust with the conduct of your fleets and armies.

These will ever command the lives and fortunes of a free and grateful people, in defence of your majesty's sacred person, and royal family, against the attempts of all your enemies. And we humbly trust, that Almighty God will bless your majesty's salutary intentions, with a continuance of success, and thereby in time lead us to a safe and honourable peace.

To which address his majesty was pleased to return this most gracious answer.

I receive with particular satisfaction, this most dutiful and loyal address, as an additional mark of your affection to my person, and of your signal zeal for the honour of my government, in this just and necessary war. Our successes are, under the blessing of God, the natural and happy fruit of union amongst my people, and of ability and valour in my fleets and armies. I have an entire confidence in this truly national spirit; and the city of London may depend on my tender care for the rights, trade, colonies, and navigation of my faithful subjects.

Abstr. of the report made to his Catholic majesty by the physicians appointed to examine the Prince Royal, his eldest son, in consequence of which his royal highness has been declared incapable of succeeding to the throne of Spain. Translated from the original, published at Naples, Sept. 27.

1. Though his royal highness Don Philip is 13 years old, he is of low stature, and yet the King his father, and the Queen his mother,
mother, are both of a very proper height.

2. His royal highness has some contraction in his joints, though he can readily move, and make use of them on all occasions.

3. His royal highness is apt to stoop, and to hold down his head, as people of weak eyes often do.

4. The prince most evidently squints, and his eyes frequently water and are gummy, particularly his left eye; though we cannot say he is blind, but are rather certain of the contrary, as his royal highness can without doubt distinguish objects, both as to their colour and situation.

5. In his natural functions, and the most common sensations, he is sometimes indifferent to things that are convenient for him, and at other times is too warm and impetuous. In general, his passions are not restrained by reason.

6. The prince has an obstinate aversion to some kind of common food, such as fruits, sweetmeats, &c.

7. All sorts of noise or found disturbs and disconcerts him, and it has the same effect whether it be soft and harmonious, or harsh and disagreeable.

8. The impressions that he receives from pain or pleasure, are neither strong nor lasting, and he is utterly unacquainted with all the punctilio's of politeness and good breeding.

9. As to facts and places, he sometimes remembers them, and sometimes not; but he seems not to have the least ideas of the mysteries of our holy religion.

10. He delights in childish amusements; and those which are most boisterous please him best. He is continually changing them, and shifting from one thing to another.

Signed by Don Francis Beniore, chief physician to the King and kingdom; Don Emanuel della Rosa, physician to the Queen; and the physicians Caesar Ciribee, Don Thomas Pinto, Don Francis Sarrao, and Don Dominique Juan Severino.

Abdication and settlement of the crown of the Two Sicilies by his most Catholic Majesty, in favour of his third son, and in prejudice to the natural right of the elder.

W E Charles, &c. &c. &c. The manifest weakness of mind under which the Prince royal, our eldest son, most unhappily labours, has greatly increased the anxiety occasioned by the important affairs and concerns of the monarchy of Spain and the Indies, devoted to us by the death of our well-beloved brother, his Catholic Majesty, Ferdinand VI. According to the spirit of the treaties of this age, Europe requires that the sovereignty of Spain should be separated from that of Italy, when it can be effected without transgressing the rules of justice. As we are resolved then to provide a legal successor to our dominions in Italy before we set out for Spain, it is necessary before we proceed to the choice of one of the many sons bestowed on us by heaven, to determine which of our youngest sons shall be found qualified to govern the people, and succeed to the states of the Two Sicilies, without uniting them with the
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those of Spain and the Indies. This reason of convenience for the tranquility of Europe (which we are desirous of adopting, left it should take the alarm on fearing by our leaving this affair undecided, the sovereignty of Spain united in our person with the Italian monarchy) demands that we immediately take our resolution, with regard to the succession of Italy.

A considerable body which we have composed of our counsellors of state, the privy counsellor of Castile, the chamber of St. Clair, the chamber of the finances, and the whole junto of Sicily, to whom we have added six of our most eminent physicians, have reported to us, that, notwithstanding all the examinations, and all the experiments which they have made, they have not been able to find in the unfortunate prince royal, either the principles of reason, reflection, or judgment, and that as he has been in that state ever since his infancy, he is not only incapable of any act of religion or reason, but there is not even the least shadow of hope that he can ever acquire the use of his faculties; unanimously concluding from thence, that we could not think of disposing of it in his favour, though it might be agreeable to nature, and our paternal duty and affection. Being constrained then by the divine will, for this time to pass by the right of our eldest son, in favour of the infant Don Ferdinand, our third son, according to the order of nature, his minority obliges us, when we shall resign the sovereignty of Italy, to visit the management of these realms in a regency, as it is impossible for us to act as a guardian to a son who shall be King of the Two Sicilies immediately on our departure for Spain.

Having therefore put Don Ferdinand, our third son, in a condition of receiving the cession of the Italian kingdoms, we previously declare, though perhaps it is unnecessary, that we emancipate, and let him at liberty by this present act (which we ordain to be solemnly observed, and have all the force of a legal act, nay even of a law) and that he is, from this time, freed, not only from all obedience to our paternal power, but even from all submission to our supreme and sovereign authority.

In the next place, we establish and appoint a council of regency, for the time of the minority of our above mentioned third son (who is to be sovereign of our Italian kingdoms, and lord of all the states formerly possessed by us) in order, that this council may exercise the sovereignty during that time, according to the orders prescribed by us in an ordinance of this day's date, signed with our own hand, sealed with our own seal, and countersigned by our counsellor and secretary of state for the department of state and palace royal; desiring that this ordinance shall be regarded as an essential part of this present act, as if it were inserted therein, and repeated word for word, to the end that it may have equally the force of a law.

In the third place, we fix and determine (according to the perpetual and established law of our states and dominions of Italy) that the minority of the princes, who succeed to the kingdom of the Two Sicilies, shall expire when they have
have accomplished their sixteenth
year, and that then they shall act
as sovereigns, and have the entire
power of the administration.
In the fourth place, we establish
likewise, as a constant and perpe-
tual law, with regard to the suc-
cession of the infant Don Ferdi-
nand, and for the more ample ex-
planation of the foregoing arrange-
ments, that this succession be re-
gulated, according to primogeni-
ture, with right of representation
in the masculine line, from male
to male. In case the last representa-
tive of the direct line should die
without children, the eldest of the
males of the nearest branch shall
succeed to him, whether it be his
uncle by the father's side, or his
brother; or in a more distant de-
gree, provided he is the eldest of
the line, (according to the form be-
fore specified) and sprung from that
branch, which shall become, or has
already become, the nearest to the
eldest and direct line of the infant
Don Ferdinand, or the immediate
preceding reigning prince.
We establish the same order in
default of all the male issue of the
males of the masculine line of the
above mentioned Don Ferdinand
(from male to male) in course, to
the infant Don Gabril, our son, to
whom the succession shall then de-
volve, and to his descendants from
male to male, as it is before set
forth. If the said Don Gabril, or
his descendants, shall fail of issue,
(proceeding from males) the suc-
cession shall pass, in the same order
as above, to the infant Don Antho-
ny, and to his male descendants
(proceeding from males;) and in
failure of male issue (proceeding
from males) of this last, and his
posterity, the succession shall de-
vote, always after the same me-
thod, to the infant Don Xavier,
and after him and his masculine
descendants, (as before specified) to
those infants, which it shall please
God hereafter to grant us, accord-
ing to the order of nature, and, in
course, to their issue male.
In case of the extinction, in our
posterity, of all the males (pro-
ceeding from males;) the succession
shall belong to the female issue of
the same blood. (descending in a di-
rect male line) who shall be living
at the time of this extinction (the-
ner it be our daughter, or the
daughter of any other prince of
our posterity, proceeding from the
male line) who shall be nearest to
the reigning king, or to the last
of the males (descended from males)
who fails of issue, or to the imme-
diately preceding prince, who shall
die without issue; always under-
standing, nevertheless, that the
right of representation be constant-
ly observed, and that the prox-
imity, and quality of the eldest fe-
male be adjusted accordingly, with
respect to the male descent, in re-
gard to which, as well as the mas-
culine descendants of the male issue
of her who shall succeed, the order
above established shall be observed.
In default of all which the suc-
cession shall devolve to the infant
Don Philip, our very dear brother,
and to his descendants, from male
to male, ad infinitum; and if this
branch should likewise fail, the
said succession shall likewise pass to
our very dear brother the infant
Don Lewis, and to his descendants,
from male to male; and in short,
if these should likewise fail, to the
heirs female in direct male line,
following therein the order above
prescribed; observing always, that
accord-
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according to the order of succession before set forth, the monarchy of Spain shall never be united with the sovereignty of the kingdom of the Two Sicilies.

That the males or females descended from us, above specified, may never be admitted to the sovereignty of the states of Italy, in case they shall be, or ought to be declared Kings of Spain or Princes of Asturias, another male must be appointed, who, in virtue of this present disposition, may succeed to the Italian kingdoms: but if such is not to be found, the King of Spain shall be obliged to transfer the dominions in Italy to a younger son, a nephew, or a nephew's son, if any he has.

Having thus established the succession of our descendants in the kingdoms of the Two Sicilies, we humbly recommend to God the infant Don Ferdinand, giving him at the same time our paternal benediction, recommending to him the Catholic religion, justice, clemency, vigilance, and a love for the people, who deserve our sincere acknowledgments for the unfeigned fidelity they have always manifested for us, and for our royal family. We cede, transfer, and make over to the said Don Ferdinand, our third son, according to the order of nature, the kingdoms of the Two Sicilies, and all the other estates, pretensions, rights, titles, goods, and stocks, which we possess in Italy, making from this moment, a full and compleat delivery, without reservation of the smallest particle; to the end that from the infant of our departure from this capital, the said infant may, with advice of the council of state and the regency, administer and govern all that which we have just now assigned, transferred, and made over. We hope that this law of emancipation, the constitution for the age of majority, the appointment of the tutelage and curatage for the King, during his minority, the succession of the estates and jurisdictions of Italy, the cession and donation, will turn out for the advantage of the people, the tranquillity of our royal family, and that in short it will contribute to the repose of all Europe.

The present ordinance is signed by us, and by our son the infant Don Ferdinand, and sealed with our arms, and countersigned by the counsellors, and secretary of state, who undersigned it likewise, in quality of members of the regency, and tutors of the above named infant Don Ferdinand.

At Naples, Oct. 6, 1759.

Charles-Ferdinand.

This law has been read in presence of the chamber royal of St. Claire, the Syndic, &c. of the city of Naples, the deputies of the senate and cities of Palermo, &c. &c.

Translation of a memorial presented to the States General, by Major Gen. York, on the 28th of September, of this year.

I am expressly commanded by the King my master, to acquaint your High Mightinesses, that his majesty hath received repeated advices of a contraband trade carried on by some merchants residing in these provinces, in favour of France. This trade consists in cannon and warlike stores which are brought from the Baltic to Holland in Dutch.
Dutch vessels: and his majesty hath too much confidence in the friendship of the republic, to entertain the least doubt that your High Mightinesses will not suffer his enemies to be aided by your subjects, and still less permit them to make arsenals of your towns. Such a trade is, on the one hand, wholly repugnant to the connections, which, by treaty, ought to subsist between the King and your High Mightinesses, and on the other to every idea of neutrality, whether formal or tacit. Your High Mightinesses are informed, not only by the public voice and the immense preparations making on the coast of the ocean, but also in an authentic manner, by the French ambassador residing here, that his court intends to invade his majesty’s kingdoms; and your High Mightinesses will easily perceive that such an acknowledgement authorizes the King to take his measures, on every side, for his security; and the demand I have this day the honour to make to you, is much less than his majesty is intitled by treaty to reclaim in such a conjuncture.

The vigilance of the English squadron hinders warlike stores from being openly carried to the ports of France, and lays that crown under a necessity of procuring them by the most secret methods, which it hopes to do under the borrowed names of private persons, by bringing them on the rivers and canals of this country, and through the Dutch fortresses to Dunkirk, and other places.

Your High Mightinesses will easily perceive how hurtful this conduct is to the King; and I doubt not but you will make him easy on that head, and immediately put a stop to it.

The attention which his majesty hath lately given to the representations of your High Mightinesses, against the excesses of the English privateers, by confining their cruises and their searches, by an act of parliament, gives his majesty a good title to the fame regard on your part.

The trading towns of your provinces feel the good effects of it, and that freedom of navigation which your subjects enjoy, amidst the troubles by which Europe is distracted, hath augmented your commerce much above what it hath been for several years past. Some return ought to be made for such a solid proof of the King’s friendship and moderation; at least the merchants who are so ready to complain of England, ought not to be permitted to give into excesses which would have justified the most rigorous examination of their conduct. Accordingly, his majesty hath no doubt that your High Mightinesses will give all possible attention to this matter. Permit me, High and Mighty Lords, to recall to your memories, that, during the course of the present war, the King hath several times applied, through me, to your High Mightinesses and to your ministers on the liberty given to carry stores through the fortresses of the republic, for the use of France, to invade his dominions; and if his majesty hath passed over in silence many of these instances of complaisance to his enemy, his majesty was not the least sensible of them; but he chose rather to be a sufferer himself, than to increase the embar-
barrassment of his neighbours, or extend the flames of war.

Even the court of Vienna has, on more than one occasion, employed its interest with your High Mightinesses, and lent its name to get paffes for warlike stores and provisions for the French troops, under pretence of the Barrier treaty, which it no longer observes; and after having put France in possession of the ports of Oostend and Nieuport, in manifest breach of that treaty, and without any regard to the rights which your High Mightinesses, and the King my master, have acquired in that treaty, at the price of their treasures, and the blood of their subjects, all the world knows that that treaty was never made to serve France against Great Britain.

The underfigned flatters himself, that from the equity of your High Mightinesses, and the value you fet on the friendship of the King my master, you will soon be able to make his majefy easy by the wise measures you shall take to prevent any thing from being done for the fake of private intereft, that may prejudice the King's caufe, and the treaties subfifting between his majefy and you.

J. Yorke.

Hague, Sept. 28, 1759.

This piece may be deemed curious, inasmuch as it favours the independence of the States of the United Provinces of each other.

Hague, Nov. 8.

The following placart has been fubck up in all the towns of this province.

"The States of Holland and Vol. II.

Well-frieeeland, to all whom these presents shall come, greeting: Whereas the States of the town of Groninguen and Ommelander did, in former times, negotiate, in behalf of their province, large fums of money on annuities, which were furnished to them by many inhabitants of this province, as letters delivered to the persons concerned do testify: the said Lords the States were at first very negligent in fulfilling their promises, and afterwards, from time to time, fell fo much in arrear, that, since the year 1685, the greatest part of the said annuities have remained unpaid; so that the total of the just claims on them amounts to several hundred thousand florins.

Though the said Lords the States could not controvert the authenticity of the debt, nevertheless the frequent just complaints made by the parties concerned of default of payment, and the divers repeated representations and solicitations which we caufed to be made, and which were often supported by their High Mightinesses themselves, have not had any effect (except a small payment made several years ago, when vigorous proceedings were begun in this province;) inasmuch as the said Lords the States, who always found methods to content their own subjects, have never wanted pretexts to protrude this affair, as far as the inhabitants of this province were concerned, tho' they made continual promises to take the spedieft and most effectual resolutions to remove all subject of complaint. But all these solemn promises have had no effect, and we are fully perciuaded that they were not made with an intention to be fulfilled; of which we had S

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lately a palpable proof: for his late most serene highness, of glorious memory, having in 1749, by virtue of powers given him by the said Lords the States, put the political and juridical affairs of the said province upon a solid and equitable footing, by a law and regulation that was never to be repealed; and in conformity thereto, the parties concerned having sued the said Lords the States for the arrears they owed, and after the suit had lasted some years, the said Lords the States seeing no way to avoid being call'd, did, in contempt of the laws they themselves had made, exclude the said concerned from the courts of justice; without regarding the powerful intercession of his late royal highness of glorious memory, and his repeated instances to them to discharge this just debt, or at least to take proper measures in behalf of the said concerned.

The affair being thus managed, and brought into a situation that ill suited between allies, and was even inconsistent with all justice, or even common honesty; we have judged upon the whole, that according to law and equity, as well as precedents, nothing remained for us but to grant the parties concerned our protection, and permission to make use of open force, in such a manner as the said parties have already employed it, as the only method of recovering the arrears justly due to them: and this step was not taken by us, till after giving notice thereof long before-hand to the said Lords the States, that they might prevent it by reasonable measures; but as they paid no regard thereto, and contented themselves with offering, in a disobligeing and indecent respect, 15 per cent. of the said arrears, which would scarce pay the costs the parties had been at in so many years to obtain payment: and moreover, we having heard with great surprise, that the said Lords the States of Groninguen, instead of being thereby induced to make some amicable regulations with regard to a debt which they themselves acknowledge to be unjust, and afterwards to make us equitable proposals to prevent further broils, and hinder the province and its inhabitants from receiving other detriment, they were, on the contrary, greatly piqued at our manner of proceeding, to which they themselves forced us; and sought to blacken it, by alleging that it was contrary to all law, to revive old claims, to the prejudice of their inhabitants; from this idea they have proceeded to measures, which we, in order to shew our moderation towards our allies, deferred taking till we should see what other turn might be given to affairs, and of all with which the province of Groninguen charges us, there is not one thing which did not take its rise from themselves, who ought to have granted redress: and as we are by no means disposed to drop our legal proceeding, till we obtain proper satisfaction, we find ourselves forced to oppose the unjust conduct of the States of Groninguen, and to grant the most efficacious protection to our inhabitants who are so much injured.

For these causes, we have thought proper to grant permission, as we do by these presents, that the parties concerned in the said annuities on the province of Groninguen (besides the attachment they
they have already, in consequence of our permission, laid on some vessels, effects, or merchandise belonging to the said province, or some of its inhabitants, or the attachment they may hereafter lay) seize all other effects, actions, debts, and sums of money, without exception, which the inhabitants of the province of Groningen may possess or be entitled to in this province; the inhabitants whereof we enjoin not to make, in any manner whatever, any remittances of money or effects to those of the province of Groningen, nor to make them any payments or transfer, but to keep the whole in their possession; we moreover will, that those who, contrary to this present prohibition, shall make these sorts of payments or transfers, be not only judged to have violated those attachments; but farther that, in case those sums of money or effects should be demanded of them a second time, the receipts they may have for such payments or deliveries shall not be judged valid; but they shall be bound to deliver such sums of money and effects to the persons appointed by a judge, in the same manner as if they had paid nothing; the whole to the end that in case the said States of Groningen should, contrary to expectation, pervert in refusing to give the said concerned proper satisfaction, by this or other methods hereafter to be employed, payment of the said arrears may be procured, with some indemnification for the farther damage caused to our inhabitants by the proceedings begun by the States of Groningen, and all other losses resulting from a conduct, not only so unjust in itself, and so unusual among allies, but also repugnant to the laws and principles of right and equity.

We moreover give notice by these presents to all our trading inhabitants, and all others whom it may concern, that on occasion of the violences committed by the States of Groningen, contrary to all right and reason, and merely to elude the payment of a debt acknowledged to be just, against the states and effects of the inhabitants of this province, that they abstain from sending any effects or merchandizes to the province of Groningen, that they may not be exposed to suffer loss: the whole provisionally, and until we give further orders.”

The humble address of the right honourable the Lords spiritual and temporal in parliament assembled, presented to his majesty on the fourteenth day of November, 1759.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We your majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords spiritual and temporal in parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your majesty with the warmest sentiments of duty, and with hearts full of the most sincere joy, to congratulate your majesty upon the great and signal successes, with which it has pleased Almighty God to prosper your majesty’s unwearied endeavours for the safety, welfare, and honour of your people.

We acknowledge, with all thankfulness and humility, the goodness of the divine providence, in the many glorious events, which will for ever distinguish this memorable year.

We entirely rely upon your majesty’s constant regard and attention.
to the true interest of your subjects, from the full experience which we have had of the wife and effectual use, which your majesty has made of all the extensive powers, with which the confidence of parliament has, from time to time, strengthened your majesty's hands. But we must, in a particular manner, gratefully acknowledge the extraordinary vigilance, vigour, and wisdom of your majesty's measures, in the steady and successful direction of so many various operations in different parts of the world.

The happy progress of your majesty's arms, from the taking of Goree on the coast of Africa, and some of the French sugar islands in the West Indies, to the acquisition of many important places in America, and the defeat of the enemy's army in Canada, with the reduction of the capital city of Quebec, against the greatest disadvantage of situation and numbers, has exceeded the most sanguine hopes of your majesty's faithful subjects: nor has the good effects of your majesty's prudent measures been less conspicuous, in the disappointment of the dangerous designs of your enemies in the East Indies; in the effectual blocking up the principal part of the French fleet in their own ports; and the important advantage gained off Cape Lages; while your majesty's care has preferred your own kingdoms from any hostile attempt, and has protected the navigation and commerce of your own subjects, in almost as full a security as during the time of profound peace.

The memorable victory gained over the French near Minden, cannot but make a deep and lasting impression upon every British mind. Whether we consider the great and able conduct of your majesty's general Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, the valour of your majesty's troops, the inequality of force, or the imminent peril of that important crisis; the happy deliverance wrought by that action, and the glorious consequences of it, must ever be the subject of our praise and thankfulness.

It is matter of just exultation to us, that the British officers and private men, both by sea and land, have given so many shining instances of personal bravery and military conduct. Their example will animate others: their reputation is national strength, and will convince the enemy what they have to apprehend from a brave and gallant people, fired with zeal in defence of their King and country.

We beg leave to express the high sense we have of the magnanimity and transcendent abilities of the King of Prussia; which have, in a surprizing manner, prevented the mischiefous effects of the united force of so many considerable powers, by which he has been attacked and surrounded on all sides; against whom he has bore up and supported himself by the fortitude and inexhaustible resources of his own mind, and the courage and discipline of his troops.

Permit us to declare, how highly we applaud your majesty's moderation and true greatness of mind, in restraining every impulse of resentment, and desiring to prevent the farther effusion of christian blood, by putting an end to the war, into which your majesty entered, not from views of ambition, but solely from the defence of the laudable rights, possessions, and commercial
mmercial interests of your kingdoms) as soon as such terms of peace can be established, as shall be just and honourable for your majesty and your allies; and by procuring such advantages, as, from the success of your majesty's arms, may in reason and equity be expected, shall bring with them full security for the future.

In order to the attainment of this great and desirable end, we beg leave to assure your majesty of our utmost readiness to concur in the effectual support of such further measures as your majesty, in your great wisdom, shall judge necessary or expedient, for carrying on the war with vigour in all parts, and for disappointing and repelling any desperate attempts which may be made upon these kingdoms.

Our prayers are sincere and fervent for the prolongation of your majesty's most precious life; our endeavours shall never be wanting to continue and confirm that affection to your majesty's sacred person, that confidence in your government, that zeal for the protestant succession in your royal family, and that union and harmony so conspicuous amongst all your subjects, which is so essential to their own security and happiness, and to the frustrating the designs of your majesty's enemies.

His Majesty's most gracious answer.

My Lords,

I thank you for this very dutiful and affectionate address. The satisfaction you do unanimously express in the success with which it has pleased God to bless my arms by sea and land, and the assurances you give me of your further support, are extremely agreeable to me; and cannot fail to produce the best effects in the present conjuncture. The humble address of the house of Commons to the King.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We, your majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in parliament assembled, return your majesty our most humble thanks for the speech delivered, by your majesty's command, to both houses of parliament.

Permit us, Sir, with the sincerest zeal and duty, to congratulate your majesty on the glorious and uninterrupted series of successes and victory, which hath attended your majesty's arms, during the whole course of this distinguished and memorable year.

With the deepest reverence, and most devout gratitude to divine providence, we acknowledge that manifold blessing and protection, which God hath vouchsafed to bestow upon your majesty's counsels and arms, and offer up our most ardent vows and prayers for its continuance.

Your majesty's faithful Commons will not attempt to enumerate all the advantages and glories derived to your majesty, and these kingdoms, from the various successes, which have been extended into every quarter of the world; but we humbly beg leave to assure your majesty, that our hearts are filled with the most grateful and lively sense of the happy consequences, which, under God, are owing to the wisdom, vigilance, and vigour, of your majesty's measures in the prosecution of this just and necessary war: particularly the taking of the island of Goree, and the extension of our commerce on the coast of Africa.

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Africa: the defeat of the French fleet in the East Indies, and the repulse of their land forces before Madras, whereby the dangerous designs of our enemies there have miscarried, and protection hath been given to our trade and settlements in those countries: the valuable conquest of Guadeloupe and Marie-galante in the West Indies: the reduction of so many forts and places in North America, completed and crowned by that glorious and decisive victory over the French army in Canada, and the surrender of their capital city Quebec, effected with so much honour to the courage and conduct of your majesty’s officers both by sea and land, and with so much lustre to your intrepid forces: the important success of your majesty’s fleet, in pursuing, taking, and destroying a considerable part of the French squadron off Cape Lagos; and blocking up, for so many months, the reft of the navy of France, in their own ports, which had greatly augmented the diftreffes of our enemies, whilst it has protected and secured our commerce and navigation.

Nor can we ever forget that critical, signal, and memorable defeat of the French army near Minden, so judiciously the subject of lafitng admiration and thankfulness. If we consider the superior numbers of the enemy, the great and able conduct of his serene highness Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick, or the unconquerable valour of your majesty’s troops.

When we reflect upon this continued train of successes, part of which would have been sufficient to have signalized this long and active campaign, it is impossible for us not to express the highest satisfaccion at the great ability, resolution, and perfect harmony, so conspicuous in your majesty’s admirals and generals throughout the execution of your commands; and at the ardent courage, which hath manifested itself in the behaviour of the officers and forces by sea and land, with such personal and national glory. Nothing but this spirit could have enabled them to surmount every difficulty arising from the superior number, and advantageous situation of the enemy; and we are fully persuaded, that the like resolution, ardour, and zeal, excited and animated by these best incentives, your majesty’s gracious acceptance and royal approbation of their eminent services, followed by the warmest and most universal applause of their country, will continue to give terror to the enemies, and confidence to the allies of Great Britain.

We view, with the highest admiration, the magnanimity and unexampled efforts of that great prince, your majesty’s ally the King of Prussia, whose consummate genius, unwearied activity, and unshaken constancy of mind, seconded by the bravery of his troops, have been able, in every situation, to supply resources sufficient to reftit the united forces of so many and such formidable powers.

Your majesty’s faithful Commons feel, with due gratitude, your paternal care and concern for the peace and happiness of your people; and cannot too much admire that true greatness of mind, which disposes your heart, in the midst of prosperities, to wish that a fall may be put to the effusion of Christian blood, and that public tranquillity may be restored.

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We entirely rely on your majesty's known wisdom and firmness, that this desirable object, whenever it shall be attained, will be on such terms as shall be just and honourable for your majesty and your allies; and shall bring along with them full security for the future, on solid and durable foundations, by procuring such advantages as may, in reason and equity, be expected from the success of our arms, and which will fix, in the minds of a grateful people, the lafting remembrance of this happy æra, and of the benefits derived to them, under your majesty's glorious and auspicious government.

In order to effect this great end, we are thoroughly sensible that ample provision must be made for carrying on the war, in all parts, with the utmost vigour: and we assure your majesty, that we will cheerfully grant your majesty such supplies, as shall be found necessary to sustaine, and prese with effect, all our extensive operations against the enemy, and at the same time, by the bleffing of God, to repel and frustrate their daring designs against these kingdoms; convinced from the long experience we have had of the wisdom and goodness of your majesty, that they will be applied in such a manner, as will best answer these great purposes.

We cannot sufficiently testify our grateful sense of the high satisfaction, which your majesty has been pleased to express, in that perfect union and good harmony, which so happily subsists amongst your faithful subjefts, the flattering effects of which have been most conspicuous; and the pleasing experience we have had of them, joined to your majesty's paternal recommendation, must be the most powerful motives to enforce the continuance of those dispositions, so essential to the full exertion of our utmost strength, as well as to the tranquility, good order, and happiness, of your majesty's people.

His majesty's most gracious answer.

I return you my hearty thanks for this most dutiful and affectationate address, and for your unanimous zeal for the defence of my crown, and for the support of my allies. You may always rely on my constant care for the lafting welfare of my people.

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Extract of a letter published in the Paris Gazette, from Marshal Conflans to Comte St. Florentin, Secretary of marine, dated at Vannes in Bretagne, Nov. 22, 1759.

Pursuant to his most chrillian majesty's orders, having received a reinforcement of men out of M. Bompart's squadron, I failed from Brest the 14th instant, with a design to give battle to the British fleet, who had been making their bravadoes all the last summer of our harbour; but was deceived in my expectation; for the enemy (as I imagine) being informed of our design, had abandoned the coast. I cruized two days in hopes of their return, but to no purpose. At last I formed a resolution to cut off Commodore Duff's squadron, consisting of twenty sail of the line, moored in Quiberon Bay. Upon the 20th in the morning, being a little S. W. of Belleisle, the weather hazy, and a fresh gale at N. W. I saw to windward a fleet of ships, which I took to be a convoy of victuallers for M. Duff's squadron, not judging it possible for the enemy's fleet to be so near: neverthe-
lefs, whatever might happen, I made
the signal for a line of battle. We
were not half formed, when the
weather clearing up, we could
 plainly see it was the enemy's fleet,
consisting of forty full of the line of
battle, besides frigates, advancing
in three divisions; so that we were
in a manner surrounded. I judged
it most conducive to the good of
his majesty's service to avoid ha-
Zarding a general engagement at
that time; and rather to train on
the enemy through the shoals and
rocks in the entrance of the river
Vilaine. At half an hour past two
in the afternoon, the enemy's van
came up with our rear, and were
warmly received by Monf. Verger,
who commanded that division: but
he and all his officers being killed,
there being no less than twelve of
the enemy's ships engaged with him,
his ship, the Formidable, struck at
half to Admiral Hawke. The The-
see and Superbe were overset by a
squall of wind. At half an hour
past four, a ship of three decks car-
ying a flag, which I took to be
Monf. Hawke's, came alongside
the Soleil Royal, where I com-
manded; but he met with such a
warm reception, that he was obliged
to cease off in a little time; though
our rigging and sails were so shat-
tered, that the ship not answering
the helm, was obliged to run ashore
in the night; as did the Hero in
the same condition: nor could we
hinder the enemy from burning
both ships next morning. Mean-
time the Orient alone drove two
of their capital ships ashore upon a
sand called Le Four. Next day
we had the misfortune to lose the
Juliet upon a rock in the mouth of
the river Loire. The remainder of
our fleet got safe into Rochfort
and the river Vilaine: and as they
have not sustained more damage
than maybe soon repaired, I expect,
by the junction of Monf. Bampart's
squadron, to be soon able to give
a good account of the enemy, not-
withstanding they have the boldness
to moor upon our coast.

St. James's, Friday, Nov. 23.

THE humble address of the
chancellor, masters and schol-
sars of the university of Oxford, was
presented to his majesty by the Rev.
Doctor Brown, vice-chancellor, and
provost of Queen's college; which
his majesty received very graciously.
And they all had the honour
of killing his majesty's hand.
To the King's most excellent
majesty.

Most gracious Sovereign,
"We the chancellor, masters
and scholars of your majesty's most
loyal and faithful university of Ox-
ford, beg leave, amidst the gen-
eral acclamations of a joyful and
united people, to approach your
sacred person with hearts full of
duty and affection, most humbly
to congratulate your majesty on the
many glorious and happy events of
this memorable year.

The uninterrupted and unparal-
leled series of successes which have
attended your majesty's plans of op-
eration, during the course of a war
so uncommonly complicated and
extensive, will ever stand distingui-
ished with a peculiar lustre in the
annals of Great Britain: successes,
equally remarkable for the num-
ber, variety and importance; every
quarter of the globe having afford-
ed scenes for your majesty's signal
triumphs both by sea and land,
and been a witness of the repeated disappointments and defeat of your subjects and ambitious enemies.

Among the numerous and happy effects of your majesty's prudent and vigorous measures; whether concerted for the support of the protestant religion and the liberties of Europe; or more immediately directed towards the preservation and advancement of the commercial interest of your British dominions; the truly difficult and glorious conquest of Quebec (attempted in vain more than once by your royal predecessors) doth, on many accounts, demand more particularly our warmest congratulations. So valuable and important an acquisition seems to have been referred by providence to compleat and crown all the preceding glories of your majesty's most auspicious reign.

In this and many other arduous and successful enterprises, we cannot but see, and, after your majesty's great and pious example, devoutly adore the hand of divine providence, which hath on all occasions so visibly supported the justice of your cause, and the progress of your arms.

And we doubt not, but that, under the protection of the same good providence, the utmost efforts of an enraged and desponding enemy, will be baffled and frustrated through your majesty's known wisdom and experience, through the abilities and activity of your ministers, the courage and conduct of your commanders, the intrepidity of your forces, and that perfect harmony and union, which happily subsists among all your subjects.

May your enemies themselves perceive at length, and acknowledge the interposition of heaven, to confpicuous in your majesty's favour; and, by entertaining more serious sentiments of equity and moderation, give your majesty an opportunity of accomplishing the desires of your heart, by dispensing to contending nations the greatest and most comprehensive of all temporal blessings, a general and lasting peace!

May your majesty long live to enjoy such glorious fruits of your unwearied labours for the public good! and may there never be wanting in your royal house a succession of illustrious princes, inheriting your majesty's crown and virtues, and reigning, like your majesty, in the hearts of all their subjects!

Given at our house of convocation, this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1759.

DUBLIN.
The following address of the Roman Catholics of the city of Cork, having been transmitted to the Earl of Shannon, has by his lordship been presented to his grace the Lord Lieutenant.
To his grace, John, Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant General, and Governor of Ireland.
The humble address of the Roman Catholics of the city of Cork.

May it please your Grace,

Yours is majesty's dutiful and
faithful subjects, the Roman Catholics of the city of Cork, humbly beg leave to congratulate your grace on the unparalleled success which have attended his majesty's arms, in the prosecution of this just and necessary war.

We are truly sensible of his majesty's paternal care and tenderne
for his kingdom of Ireland. And it is with the deepest sense of grati-
tude, we acknowledge the protec-
tion and indulgence we have expe-
rienced under his majesty's most
mild and auspicious reign.

With the greatest indignation do
we hear of the threatened hostile in-
avasion of this kingdom, (particu-
larly intended against these coasts)
by an enemy, who grown desperate
from repeated defeats, may possibly
make that attempt as a last effort,
vanily flattered with the imagina-
ry hope of afliance here, from the
former attachments of our deluded
predecessors. But so inconstant are
such schemes with our principles
and intentions, that we affure your
grace, in the most solemn manner,
we will to the utmost exertion of our
abilities, with our lives and fortunes,
join in the defence and support of
his majesty's royal person and go-

germent, against all invaders what-
soever. And will be always ready
to concur in such measures, and to
act such parts in the defence of this
kingdom, in common with the rest
of his majesty's subjects, as your
grace in your great wisdom shall
be pleased to appoint. And we
think ourselves particularly happy,
to be under the direcHon and com-
mand of so known an affietor of
liberty, and so important and dis-
finguished a governor as your
grace.

We most earnestly wish that his
majesty's arms may be crowned
with such a continuance of suc-
cess, as may enable him to defeat the
de
cies of all his enemies, and obtain
a speedy and honourable peace."

It must be a great pleasure to all
true lovers of his majesty's person
and government, to find so much
loyalty amongst all the subjects of
this kingdom, the Roman Catho-
lics of this city as well as of Corke,
having offered large loans in cafe
of necessity, to support our present
happy establishment, against all our
enemies, which is the strongest test
of their fidelity.

Admiral Boscawen's letter, in relation
to some complaints of his stepping
and searching Dutch ships.

"SIR,

In answer to your's of the 4th
instant, concerning a memorial
of Messrs. Hepp, Boreel, and Meer-
man, complaining that I caused some
Dutch merchantmen to be searched
near Cape Palos, who were under
convoy of the Prince William
man

of war, Captain Bettyng; and far-
thersd alleging, that notwithstanding
the representations of this captain,
I detained some of them; I must
obserr, that having certain advice,
that the Dutch and Swedes carried
cannon, powder, and other warlike
fiores to the enemy, I gave particu-
lar orders to the captains of all the
ships under my command, careful-
ly to examine all the fessels of
those nations bound to the ports of
France. On the day mentioned in
the memorial, and near Cape Pa-
los, I made the signal for the War-
spite, Swiftsure, America, and Jer-
sey, to intercept some fessels then
in fight; and which, on their ap-
proach, were found to be some of
the Dutch ships under convoy of
the Prince William, and bound to
different parts of the Mediterrane-
an, particularly two to Marselles,
and two to Toulon. They were as
strictly searched as could be done,
at sea, in the space of an hour;
but as no pretext was found for de-
taining
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The various reports that have been propagated to my disadvantage, and the many falsehoods which have been asserted to ruin my character, lay me under the necessity of remaining not entirely silent, though I am debarred at present from stating my case to the public, as I should have done, had I not had assurances of obtaining a court-martial for my trial, the only legal and effectual method of convincing the world, how little foundation there has been for the torrent of calumny and abuse, which has been so maliciously thrown out against me.

I had rather, upon this occasion, submit myself to all the inconveniences that may arise from the want of files, than borrow assistance from the pens of others, as I can have no hopes of establishing my character, but from the force of truth. I shall therefore, as plainly, and distinctly, as possible, relate a few circumstances.
circumstances, which will at least shew that nobody could be more desirous than I was to bring truth to light, and subject my conduct to the strictest scrutiny.

The instant I found by the implied cenfure given out in orders, the 2d of August, that my conduct had appeared in an unfavourable light to Prince Ferdinand, on the day of action, I endeavoured to inform myself what particular I had either failed in, or neglected my duty; I heard in general of disobedience of orders, but I could fix no certain period of time to my supposed crime, till Colonel Fitzroy acquainted me with what had passed between his serene highness and him upon this subject, in regard to the orders delivered to me by him (Colonel Fitzroy) that day: whenever my trial comes, I shall endeavour to clear up that point to the satisfaction of the public: my own assertions may have little weight, but the oaths of witnesses, whole veracity cannot be called in question, will, I trust, prove my innocence beyond the possibility of doubt.

Under these circumstances, I immediately applied for his majesty's permission to return to England, that I might answer any accusation that should be brought against me; for, as commander in chief of the British forces in Germany, no person there could order a court-martial for my trial, had there been an accusation laid; the power of summoning courts-martial and approving their sentences, was vested in me by my commission, and no British officer or soldier could be tried by any other authority.

As soon as I arrived in London, on Friday evening the 7th, I instantly wrote the following letter to the secretary of state.

My Lord,

"I have the honour of acquainting your lordship with my arrival in England, in pursuance of his majesty's permission, sent to me, at my request, by your lordship.

I thought myself much injured abroad, by an implied cenfure upon my conduct: I find I am still more unfortunate at home, by being publicly represented as having neglected my duty in the strongest manner, by disobeying the positive orders of his serene highness Prince Ferdinand. As I am conscious of neither neglect nor disobedience of orders; as I am certain I did my duty to the utmost of my abilities; and as I am persuaded that the prince himself would have found, that he had no just cause of complaint against me, had he condescended to have enquired into my conduct, before he had expressed his disapprobation of it, from the partial representation of others: I therefore most humbly request, that I may at least have a public opportunity given me of attempting to justify myself to his majesty, and to my country, by a court-martial being appointed; that if I am guilty, I may suffer such punishment as I may have deserved; and, if innocent, that I may stand acquitted in the opinion of the world: but it is really too severe to have been condemned before I was tried, and to be informed neither of my crime, nor my accusers.

I am, my Lord, &c. &c. &c.

G. SACKVILLE."

I received an answer to this letter on Monday the 10th, in which I was assured, that a court-martial, upon my application, would be granted,
granted, as soon as the officers capable of giving evidence, could leave their posts; but previously to the receipt of that letter, I was dismissed from all my military employments: notwithstanding which dismission, I still hope, and am informed, that I may have the advantage of a legal trial.

In the mean time the only indulgence I have to ask is, that the public will suspend its judgment till such facts can be produced, from whence alone the truth can appear. But if plans of a battle are to be referred to, which can give no just idea of it; if dispositions of the cavalry and infantry are supposed, which never existed; if orders for attacks and purpuits are quoted, which never were delivered; and if disobedience to those imaginary orders, are ascribed as a crime, what can an injured officer, under such circumstances, have recourse to, but claiming that justice, which is due to every Englishman, of being heard before he is condemned? The sooner that happens, the happier I shall be, as I am conscious my innocence must appear, when real facts are truly stated and fully proved.

G. Sackville.

We shall likewise subjoin the following letters, which have been published under the title of A Vindication of his lordship's conduct.

Copy of Lord G—’s letter to Colonel Fitzroy.

Minden, Aug. 3, 1759.

Dear Sir,

The orders of yesterday, you may believe, affect me very sensibly. His serene highness has been pleased to judge, condemn, and censure me without hearing me, in the most cruel and unprecedented manner; as he never asked me a single question in explanation of any thing he might disapprove, and as he must have formed his opinion on the report of others, it was still harder he would not give me an opportunity of first speaking to him upon this subject: but you know, even in more trifling matters, that hard blows are sometimes unexpectedly given. If any body has a right to say that I hesitated in obeying orders, it is you. I will relate what I know of that, and then appeal to you for the truth of it.

When you brought me orders to advance with the British cavalry, I was very near the village of Halen, I think it is called; I mean that place which the Saxons burnt. I was there advanced by M. Malhorte’s order, and no farther, when you came to me. Ligonier followed almost instantly; he said the whole cavalry was to advance. I was puzzled what to do, and begged the favour of you to carry me to the duke, that I might ask an explanation of his orders.—But, that no time might be lost, I sent Smith with orders to bring on the British cavalry, as they had a wood before they could advance, as you directed; and I reckoned, by the time I had seen his serene highness, I should find them forming beyond the wood. —This proceeding of mine might possibly be wrong; but I am sure the service could not suffer, as no delay was occasioned by it.—The duke then ordered me to leave some squadrons upon the right, which I did; and to advance the rest to sup-
port the infantry. This I declare I did, as fast as I imagined it was right in cavalry to march in line.—I once halted by Lord Granby, to complete my forming the whole. Upon his advancing the left before the right, I again sent him to stop.—He said, as the prince had ordered us to advance, he thought we should move forward.—I then let him proceed at the rate he liked, and kept my right up with him as regularly as I could, till we got to the rear of the infantry and our batteries.—We both halted together, and afterwards received no order, till that which was brought by Colonel Webb, and the Duke of Richmond, to extend one line towards the morrow. It was accordingly executed; and then, instead of finding the enemy's cavalry to charge, as I expected, the battle was declared to be gained, and we were told to dismount our men.

This, I protest, is all I know of the matter; and I was never so surprised, as when I heard the Prince was dissatisfied that the cavalry did not move sooner up to the infantry. It is not my business to ask, what the disposition originally was, or to find fault with any thing.—All I insist upon is, that I obeyed the orders I received, as punctually as I was able; and if it was to do over again, I do not think I could have executed them ten minutes sooner than I did, now I know the ground, and what was expected; but, indeed, we were above an hour too late, if it was the duke's intention to have made the cavalry pass before our infantry and artillery, and charge the enemy's line.—I cannot think that was his meaning, as all the orders ran to sustain our infan-

try.—And it appears, that both Lord Granby and I understood we were at our posts, by our halting when we got to the rear of our foot.

I hope I have stated impartially the part of this transaction that comes within your knowledge. If I have, I must beg you would declare it, so as I may make use of it in your absence; for it is impossible to fit silent under such reproach, when I am conscious of having done the best that was in my power.—For God's sake let me see you before you go for England.

I am, dear Sir,

Your faithful humble servant.

Copy of Colonel Fitzroy's letter to Lord G— S—.

Minden, Aug. 3, 1759.

My Lord,

His serene highness, upon some report made to him by the Duke of Richmond of the situation of the enemy, sent Captain Ligonier and myself with orders for the British cavalry to advance. His serene highness was, at this instant, one or two brigades beyond the English infantry, towards the left.—Upon my arrival on the right of the cavalry, I found Captain Ligonier with your lordship. Notwithstanding, I declared his serene highness's orders to you: upon which you desired I would not be in a hurry,—I made answer, that gallopping had put me out of breath, which made me speak very quick.—I then repeated the orders for the British cavalry to advance towards the left, and at the same time, mentioning the cir-
cumstance,
cumstance, that occasioned the orders, added, "That it was a glorious opportunity for the English to distinguish themselves; and that your lordship, by leading them on, would gain immortal honour."

You yet expressed your surprise at the order, saying it was impossible the duke could mean to break the line. — My answer was, that I delivered his serene highness's orders, word for word, as he gave them. Upon which, you asked, which way the cavalry was to march, and who was to be their guide. — I undertook to lead them towards the left, round the little wood on their left, as they were then drawn up, where they might be little exposed to the enemy's cannonade.

Your lordship continued to think my orders neither clear nor exactly delivered; and expressing your desire to see Prince Ferdinand, ordered me to lead you to him; which order I was obeying when we met his serene highness. — During this time I did not see the cavalry advance. — Capt. Smith, one of your aids de camp, once or twice made me repeat the order I had before delivered to your lordship; and I hope he will do me the justice to say they were clear and exact. — He went up to you, whilst we were going to find the duke, as I imagine being sensible of the clearness of my orders, and the necessity of their being immediately obeyed. I heard your lordship give him some orders. — What they were I cannot say. — But he immediately rode back towards the cavalry.

Upon my joining the duke, I repeated to him the orders I had delivered to you, and appealing to his serene highness, to know whether they were the same he had honoured me with, I had the satisfaction to hear him declare, they were very exact. — His serene highness immediately asked, where the cavalry was, and upon my making answer, that Lord G—— did not understand the order, but was coming to speak to his serene highness, he expressed his surprise strongly.

I hope your lordship will think I did nothing but my duty as aid de camp, in mentioning to his serene highness my orders being so much questioned by your lordship.

I am, &c.

_Penalty of the declaration of Captain_ Smith, _aid de camp to Lord G——_

_Mindon, Aug, 3, 1759._

What I have to say with regard to the orders Col. Fitzroy brought, and to their not being put in execution, is,—I heard Lord G—— S—— say, on his receiving them, as they differed from those he had just before received by Captain Ligonier, he would speak to the Prince himself, and accordingly put his horse in a gallop to go to him. I immediately went up to Colonel Fitzroy, and made him repeat the orders to me twice. — I thought it so clear and positive for the British cavalry only to advance where he should lead, that I took the liberty to say to his lordship I did think they were so; and offered to go and fetch them, whilst he went to the prince, that no time might be lost. His answer was,
was, he had also an order from the prince, from Mr. Ligonier, for the whole wing to come away; and he thought it impossible the prince could mean that. I replied, that if he would allow me to fetch the British, they were but a part, and if it was wrong, they could sooner remedy the fault. — He said, then do it as fast as you can. — Accordingly I went, as fast as my horse could go, to General Mollyn. — He knows the rest. — This is all that past, as near as I can recollect. — It was spoke as we galloped, and could not be long about, as I have been on the ground since, and do not believe, when his lordship sent me back, I had above six hundred yards to go to General Mollyn.
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Charater of Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon.

We shall look upon this nobleman in two distinct lights; as a statesman, in which we shall consider his integrity and corruption; as a writer, in which we shall observe his genius or incapacity. And first, as a statesman; that he was a very able counsellor and a truly one to his prince, will appear from his great excellence in penning those several remonstrances, arguments, answers, and declarations, which tended to support the constitution of the people, in vindication of that just equilibrium between the King, Lords, and Commons, which was notoriously invaded by the usurpation of Cromwell and his partizans. The merit of these arguments has been hitherto given to his master Charles the first; and the enemies of Mr. Hyde have accused him of having led the King too far into non-compliance with the will of his parliament: this imputation, however, will appear groundless to any one who will please to remember, that he presumed so far as to advise the King to amend and soften the acrimony of his answers to the parliament, from whom he was one of the commissioners: if he had so great an inclination to prevent the King from non-compliance, as has been said by some, he had here a fair opportunity of making a fatal breach between them, by suffer ing the acrimony of that answer to have passed to the commons.

His tender concern for that important branch of the constitution, episcopacy, cannot be too much commended by those who have a regard for the religion of the church of England. He must be allowed to have well discharged his trust, in faithfully attending and instructing his pupil, the Prince of Wales; and to Lord Clarendon cannot be imputed any of his royal highness's excesses, who held them in the highest detestation, and by repeated and open advice endeavoured to depref them; which freedom often and greatly provoked the King, who said, that the lord chancellor was obfinate and imperious, and never liked any thing but what he proposed himself; a manifest symptom that he advised him well, but not gratefully; that the counsel was salutary, but not palatable. Indeed most of the allegations laid to his charge are so unreasonable at first sight, that we are apt to be surprized at the virulence of his too powerful enemies, who at length triumphed in his disgrace: and, to make that disgrace more contemptuous, caused his apology to the Lords to be burnt by the common hangman, which, with the punter, was certainly a burning shame and a fragrant ignominy.

Neither Charles the first or second were fools as to their understandings, and they both equally revered the counsels of Mr. Hyde and the lord chancellor; the son paid
paid a veneration to his advice, because he believed it to be just and wise, though to him not toothsome. His generosity to his most inveterate enemies, Coventry and Arlington, was illustrious; for when it was well known that a combination had been entered into by those gentlemen to undo the chancellor, under the mediation of the favourite lady, it is well known, that he was applied to by several members of the house of commons to accuse them, who told him, that they would accuse him, and be beforehand with him, if he did not. They said, "That there was but one way to prevent the prejudice against him, which was by falling first upon them, which they, the members, could and would affit him in, if he would join them in such information as it could not but be in his power to do if he pleased: that they were both grown very odious in general; the one for his supercilious behaviour towards all men, and for the manner of getting into his office, by having an old faithful servant turned away; and the other, for being formerly entrusted and employed by Cromwell, and as notoriously corrupt in filling all offices, when entrusted by the King." They further told the lord chancellor, "That he never said or did any word or action in the most secret council, but they two had declared to his prejudice; and that if he would now, as secretly as might be, give them such information and light as might furnish matter of impeachment against those two gentlemen, they would divert the storm which was gathering, and which threatened to break upon his head;" all which application he politely rejected.

As to the calumny of his having hoarded vast estates in his administration, by corruption and bribery, the badness of his fortune, at the time of his disgrace, very evidently proves the contrary; which could not be owing to dissipations of his own, from which he was very averse, being a temperate man, a great reader, and no way inclined to waste. Another imputation of being chief minister, and having the power and credit to do, or advise to be done, all he had a mind to, it must be urged in his defence, that he had no such weak makers, or joint privy counsellors, to deal with, as to be governed solely by him, or to be controlled or directed in their measures (often of a very delicate, dangerous, and extraordinary nature) by one man, he often having given up his opinion, particularly in the war, from which he was more adverse than any other man in the kingdom, whose conduct was fore, and whose pulse he had a right to feel and understand as well as most, and whose wealth, the fines of war, was no ways able to support, as there was little or no money in the nation, and no alliances made with the neighbouring princes; a war which, the chancellor foresaw, would be the greatest misfortune to the kingdom. Nor was it owing to his majesty's want of foresight, that alliances had not been made previously thereto, nor to his own want of care, nor to that of the other privy counsellors intrusted with him, as co-operators in the direction of state; but to the conjunct and complicated affairs which distracted France, Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, the Empire and England. As he did
from his soul abhor the entering into this war, so likewise did he never presume, when it was entered into, to give any advice or counsel, or any other way meddle in the conducting it, than merely as a privy councillor, leaving the other extrajudicial branches of it to those of the military department. He absolutely and determinately refused, with scorn, 10,000l. a year offered to him by the French King, to bring his majesty into a treaty with that monarch; and was so far from being sole manager in those affairs, that it was well known, and not to be denied, that he was not twice in any room alone with his majesty for one whole year, and very seldom for three whole years together; which could not very well have happened, if he had had the King's ear at his command.

The distraction and discomposure of those times were evidently and frequently amended, rather than made worse by his administration; and if he cannot, in the first place, be charged with invading the constitution with Cromwell, so neither can he be charged with defecting or prejudicing the regal authority, to which he was a professed friend. The number of illicit grants to which he refused to let the seal in Charles the second's time, the lady in favour with the King, her creature Mr. Bennet, and the duke's dangerous favourite Mr. Coventry, all together, with the accumulated weight of the unprecedented Duke of Buckingham, concurring at once to undo him, did really and effectually make him odious to the people, since to him this powerful junto imputed every miscarriage: we believe, and may affirm, that he was no ways instrumental in introducing those great calamities the plague and pestilence, which ruined the lives and connections of the people; nor will the fire of London be laid at his door; nor ought Brouneck's infamous treachery and cowardice, though never punished, but screened and protected, to be imputed against him; and yet these calamitous times gave many opens to his enemies towards exerting their power and improving their influence against him wherein he was no ways concerned; how then can he be charged with the more exorbitant accusations of a design, with the King, to establish absolute monarchy, to dissolve parliaments by supporting a flanding army, and overturning the establishment; who had a fair opportunity, in a more distracted time, to have joined ambitious men in such formidable projects? and with as little colour of reason can he be supposed so weak as to express himself, in the hearing of many of his majesty's subjects, that the King was in his heart a papist, admitting that he had so believed.

To the charges of venality and other articles, particularly that of his having advised the King to the sale of Dunkirk, the treatment which he received from the French King in his flight, and exile in that kingdom, was a sufficient testimony that that prince did never apprehend himself or crown any way obliged to the lord chancellor for that or any other service; nor were or could any of the seventeen articles of impeachment against him be proved; though, if it was possible to have been effected, it is notorious, he had enemies enough who would find out ways and means to prove any
any single one of them, much more all of them.

And now having as we apprehend, vindicated the lord chancellor from corruption, or foul administration as a flatefman, and proved his ability, integrity, and truth as a servant, we shall consider him as a genius and a writer; and a most excellent writer he is confessed to be by his worst enemies. His history of the civil wars stands a monumental proof of his being the best, the most accurate, and polite historian of his time, or indeed any other time. He does not, like other historians, trifle away his labour in a detail of facts, a dry narrative, and insipid relation, a minute circumstantial account of things, persons, times, or places; but he illustrates those points by throwing incidental lights upon them; and a fact, when he relates it, becomes like a precious brilliant, reflecting rays from every point of it. When he makes us acquainted with persons, he introduces them with the accuracy of a diligent observer, one who knew the utmost reccefs of the heart of man; he traverses their designs, and, like a lord chancellor, investigates, unravels and develops, all the windings, turnings, and evasions of the most subtle. How amiably does he handle a good character? we are enamoured with the virtuous, and lament the decay of goodness on the comparison with a vicious character, which he unmasks and lays open with the judgment of an artist. His colourings are of a moit vivid and glossy complexion. His features are admirable, whether extraordinary on the side of virtue or vice. In short, few will deny to join in commend-
ing the Lord Clarendon, as a very great man, but as a writer one of the best in the universe.

Character of the Stuart family, from Clarendon's life.

T H E Y were naturally credulous, and submitted, very often, their judgments, which were very good, to be imposed upon by those who were weak. They were naturally virtuous, but easily led over and corrupted by the inclinations of those who were vicious; too much inclined to like men at first sight; did not care for men much other than themselves; despised old acquaintance, for no other reason, than because they were old. They could not deny any thing, and left to strangers any thing to themselves; they were enamoured of royal prerogative over-much, and thought a King of England, contrary to the constitution of England, should be like the King of France, agreeable to the constitution of France, that is, despotic. They were bounteous and generous, not for the sake of bounty or generosity, (which last was a flower that never grew naturally in the hearts of the Stuart family, or that of Bourbon) but because they could not deny, or withstand importunity, and often consented, where they were convinced they ought to have denied. If the Duke of York was more fixed than his brother Charles II. it was owing to his obstinacy, not to his judgment; he hated debate; and, to avoid it, resolved very often what and when he should not: his judgment was more subject to persons, than to arguments, which weighed little with him; whereas the king's judgment was
was in greatest danger from quick
flights, and was to be taken by far
trike. The duke had both rever-
ence and love for the king, and
was in every respect more dutiful,
submissive, and obedient to him,
than any other subject the king
had, some of whom he permitted
to affront him unpunished: and to
extort things from him by violence
before his face, and contrary to his
judgment: for the king's good-
nature was excessive; he was over-
affected, over-familiar; and his
excess in good-nature begat his ex-
cess in every thing else.

A succinct account of the person, the
manner of living, and of the court of
the King of Prussia.

The King of Prussia is about
forty-seven years of age, in
figure about five feet six inches,
extremely well made, but somewhat
remarkable in his deportment, yet
very polite; his countenance is
agreeable and sprightly; his voice
musical and fine, even when he
swears, which he rarely does, except
when in a passion. He is better
versed in the French language, and
speaks it more fluent and correctly
than the German, and never makes
use of the latter, but to those whom
he knows to be ignorant of the for-
mer. His hair is of a dark fine chest-
nut colour, and always in queue; he
takes a pleasure in dressing it
himself, and never wears night-cap,
night-gown, or slippers, but only
puts on a linen clock when he
dresses his hair. Three times in
the year he has a new fit of the
uniform of the first battalion of his
guards, which is a blue cloth faced
with red, and silver Brandenburges,
after the Spanish manner; his waist-
coat is plain yellow, a point d'es-
pagne hat, and white feather. He
wears boots, and never appears in
shoes, even at his public court days;
this trifle gives him an air very con-
strained and particular to his for-
ign courtiers.

He always rises about five, and
is busy till three quarters after six;
at seven he dresses, and then receives
letters, petitions, and memorials,
and directs answers; and having dis-
patched these, at nine his ministers
(or rather his domestics) attend him
till eleven, at which time precisely
he relieves his guards, and sees
them perform their exercises; is
very exact in correcting any mistake,
and giving the word of command
himself, unless he is indisposed; 'tis
not therefore to be wondered, that
most of the generals of other princes
endeavour to imitate the Prussian
exercise and discipline, as they are
the best now in Europe: after this
is done, he returns, and continues
in the great hall of his palace, and
grants public audience to any of his
subjects, and permits them to present
their own petitions; and so defi-ri-
he to do justice, and relieve all
injuries and oppressions, that he
frequently commands his executive
officials, to hear, determine, and ad-
judge all disputes without delay.
Having dispatched his public affairs,
he returns to his closet; and, tho'
only his own domestics are present,
he has so habituated himself in bend-
ing his body in a bowing posture,
that he always retires bowing in the
most courtly manner. As soon as
he enters his closet, he resumes his
business alone, or finishes with his
ministers, if any thing remains un-
done before his going to the parade,
which frequently is the cafe; for let
the
the business be never so important, he is punctual in relieving his guards at the stroke of eleven.

He sits down to dinner at half an hour after twelve in general, accompanied with his own ministers, and those of foreign princes, who are at Potsdam, and the officers of his first battalion of guards. His table consists of twenty-four covers, though it frequently exceeds that number. He is very elegant and particular in his delicacies of fruit. The dinner-time does not exceed an hour; after dinner he walks about a quarter of an hour, conversing with some of the company, and then retires to his closet, bowing in his usual manner as he goes out.

He continues in private till five o'clock, when his reader comes to him and reads till seven, and his reading is succeeded by a concert, which lasts till nine. He takes great delight in, and understands music extremely well, and few can equal him upon the flute. His daily concert consists chiefly of wind instruments, and vocal music, which are the best in Europe; namely, three eunuchs, a counter-tenor voice, and Mademoiselle Afria, an Italian. These fingers cannot be equalled, for he will admit of none that are not superlatively excellent.

At nine some of the Voltaires, Algarottis, Maupertuis, and the other wits, never exceeding eight, including the King, and one or two of the King's favourites, who usually sup with him, meet in an apartment for that purpose: and supper is served up at half an hour after nine, which never consists of more than eight dishes, all introduced at the same time: from the time of supper wit flies about very freely till twelve, during which time the King lays aside his majesty, and is only distinguished from the rest of the company by his superior wit and bon mots: at the stroke of twelve the King withdraws to bed, and is so exact, that the most entertaining subjects never make him exceed the time above five or ten minutes. In this manner the twenty-four hours are spent throughout the whole year, particularly during the nine months which the King spends at Potsdam; unless something extraordinary intervene, such as the present, when his thoughts are diverted from his private pleasures and amusements, and directed to the business of war. . . . He has an utter aversion to all sorts of gaming, and in general to most rural amusements.

The daily expence of his table for the kitchen is fixed at 33 German crowns, or five guineas and a half English money. For this sum he has 24 dishes, 16 for dinner, and 8 for supper; the former consists of 24 covers, and the latter of eight; if there be more than 24 covers, he pays the overplus to the purveyor of the kitchen, at the rate of a crown a head: all the sea-fish and game is not included in this expence, but is charged to the King over and above the five guineas and a half. Out of the thirty-three crowns, the purveyor pays for wood and coals, and buys the kitchen furniture, such as tables, kitchen linen, and in general, every thing that belongs to it, the wages of the cooks excepted, which the King is charged with extraordinarily. There are four cooks employed in the kitchen, a Frenchman, Italian, Austrian, and Prussian, and each of them dresses four dishes for the dinner, and two for the supper; so that in this variety of cook-
ry, 'tis calculated that every man's palate may be pleased, which is the intent of the King in having four cooks of four different countries, of which his company generally consists. Whether the King be present or not, he gives a dinner all the year through to the officers of his battalion; and allows them a bottle of wine and a bottle of beer alternately each day, between two. There are also made ready every day at twelve o'clock, three large dishes of roast and boiled meat, bread and beer, for the officers of his two other battalions of foot-guards, and every one may take of this as he pleases; 'tis a sort of what before dinner, the price of which is also fixed with the purveyor of the kitchen, who provides at his own discretion a certain quantity.

The King has an universal knowledge; but excels in nothing so much as in the art of war, in which, by the mere natural strength and superiority of his judgment, he at once became a general and a hero. He distinguishes with precision, what inferior minds never discover at all, the difference between great difficulties and impossibilities, and being never discouraged by the former, has often seemed to execute the latter. He is indefatigably laborious and active, cool and intrepid in action, discerns as by intuition, feizes with rapidity, and improves with skill the short but favourable, and often decisive moments of battle. Modest and magnanimous after victory, he becomes the generous protector of the fabbeased and captive enemies. Refolute and undaunted in misfortunes, superior to dilates, and struggling with difficulties, which no courage nor constancy but his own would have resisted; or could have surmounted... He is a very good judge of composition, whether in verse or prose, in both which he has been an author himself with good success. He has a great deal of humour, and succeeds well in raillery, and is very satirical on those whom he has any dislike to.

He is a great politician, and very conversant on the nature of finances, and more so as to the value of commerce; and knows very well how to few in order to reap. He treats every body with great civility and respect, being extremely solicitous to oblige the meanest of his subjects, and makes his dignity familiar to them, by the modesty and simplicity of his behaviour, and never thinks himself too great for the lowest offices of friendship and humanity.

The salaries are but trifling which he annexes to the great officers of his court, and most of them in partibus. Through all his territories he has no governors of provinces or cities; he himself commands alone. The commanding officers of the regiments serve for governors, wherever they are in garrison; nor has he any establishment for a staff in any of his places. These three articles cost immense sums to other potentates. A soldier who distinguishes himself, and is observant of military discipline, generally meets with the King's particular favour, and very probably in twenty or thirty years, may rise through all the steps till he gets the command of a regiment.

His only ministers are justice and humanity, though he has an officer filed a chancellor, who does not open his mouth. A grand venur, who dare not kill a quail. A cupbearer, who knows not whether he has any wine in his cellar. A matter of the horie, who dare not order
one of them to be saddled. A chamberlain, who has never given him his shirt. A great matter of the wardrobe, who does not know his taylor. The functions of all these great officers are exercised by one single person, whose name is Frederickstoff, who is likewise valet de chambre, and private secretary in ordinary, and has filled all these nominal posts for several years. His own extensive mind forms all his plans of government, undeceived by ministerial interests and misrepresentations.

His whole household consists of eight gentlemen pages, as many footmen, fourteen running footmen, and sixteen men with dresses of different sorts, after the manner of the Eastern nations, all in robe colour with galloon lace. In all his apartments the furniture is very neat and plain, the hangings of robe colour pale lilies, both for himself, the two queens, and the rest of the royal family.

The late King his father loved hunting, and kept a very expensive equipage on that account; but his present majesty has an utter aversion to it; and on his advancement to the throne, lent for the grand venier (who was a great lover of the diversion) to lay before him an account of the annual expence of the chaise; who represented it as a great benefit to the King to continue it, and urged it so far as to tell him, that, if he suppressed it, he would lose 23,000 crowns a year by it: upon which the King told him, that he would give him all his game, and the fish in his rivers, in consideration of 20,000 crowns a year, and would pay him for all he had occasion for himself. The poor venier, who had assented by his own account that he must be a great gainer at this rate, durst not refuse the offer, and inadvertently laid a snare in which he was caught himself, and proved his ruin: for he was at last obliged to abscond, and had neither money nor game.

The queen comfort is as good a woman as lives, and greatly esteemed by the King for her virtues, tho' he seldom sees her, and never cohabits with her. The Princess Amelia is very agreeable and lovely, and possessed of every amiable qualification to render her accomplished. Prince Henry is very amiable, and extremely polite and generous. Prince Ferdinand has distinguished himself in such an extraordinary manner in Germany, that his great qualifications are too well known to need a recital here: therefore let it suffice to say, that he is loved and esteemed by all who know him...

Character of General Wolfe.

General Wolfe's reason for military greatness; his memory was retentive, his judgment deep, and his comprehension amazingly quick and clear; his constitutional courage was not only uniform, and daring, perhaps to an extreme, but he possessed that higher species of it, (if I may be allowed the expression) that strength, readiness, and activity of mind, which no difficulties could obstruct, nor dangers deter. With an unusual liveliness, almost to impetuosity of temper, he was not subject to passion; with the greatest independence of spirit, free from pride. Generous almost to profusion; he esteemed every little art for the acquisition of wealth, whilst he searched after ob-
jeals for his charity and beneficence: the deserving soldier never went unrewarded, and even the needy inferior officer frequently tasted of his bounty. Confident and distinguishing in his attachments: manly and unrestrained, yet gentle, kind, and conciliating in his manners. He enjoyed a large share of the friendship, and almost the universal goodwill of mankind; and, to crown all, sincerity and conduct, a true sense of honour, justice, and public liberty, seemed the inherent principles of his nature, and the uniform rule of his conduct.

He betook himself, when very young, to the profession of arms; and with such talents, joined to the most unwearied fidelity, no wonder he was soon regarded as a most rising military genius. Even so early at the battle of La-feldt, when scarce twenty years of age, he exerted himself in so masterly a manner, at a very critical juncture, that it drew the highest encomiums from the great officer then at the head of the army.

During the whole war he went on, without interruption, forming the military character; was present at every engagement, and never passed undistinguished. Even after the peace, whilst others lolled on pleasure's downy lap, he was cultivating the arts of war. He introduced (without one act of inhumanity) such regularity and exactness of discipline into his corps, that, as long as the six British battalions on the plains of Minden are recorded in the annals of Europe, fo long will Kingley's name amongst the foremost of that day.

Of that regiment he continued lieutenant-colonel, till the great minister who roused the sleeping genius of his country, called him forth into higher spheres of action. He was early in the most secret consultations for the attack of Rochfort: and what he would have done there, and what he afterwards did do at Louisbourg, are very fresh in every memory.

He was scarce returned from thence, when he was appointed to command the important expedition against Quebec. There his abilities shone out in their brightest lustrine; in spite of many unforeseen difficulties, from the nature of the situation, from great superiority of numbers, the strength of the place itself, and his own bad state of health, he persevered, with unwearied diligence, practising every stratagem of war to effect his purpose; at last, singly, and alone in opinion, he formed, and executed, that great, that dangerous, yet necessary plan, which drew out the French to their defeat, and will for ever denominate him The Conqueror of Canada. But there --- tears will flow --- there, when within the grasp of victory, he first received a ball through his writ, which immediately wrapping up, he went on, with the same alacrity, animating his troops by precept and example: but, in a few minutes after, a second ball, through his body, obliged him to be carried off to a small distance in the rear, where roused from fainting in the last agonies by the sound of they run, he eagerly asked, "Who run?" and being told, the French, and that they were defeated, he said, "Then, I thank God; I die contented;" and almost instantly expired.

On Sunday, November 17, at seven o'clock in the morning, his majesty's ship Royal William (in which this hero's corpse was brought from Quebec to Portsmouth) fired two
two signal guns for the removal of his remains. At eight o'clock the body was lowered out of the ship into a twelve-oar'd barge, towed by two twelve-oar'd barges, and attended by twelve twelve-oar'd barges to the bottom of the point, in a train of gloomy silent pomp, suitable to the melancholy occasion, grief shutting up the lips of the fourteen barges crews. Minute guns were fired from the ships at Spithead, from the time of the body's leaving the ship to its being landed at the point at Portsmouth, which was one hour. The regiment of invalids was ordered under arms before eight, and being joined by a company of the train in the garrison at Portsmouth, marched from the parade there, to the bottom of the point, to receive the remains. At nine the body was landed, and put into a travelling hearse, attended by a mourning coach (both sent from London) and proceeded through the garrison. The colours on the fort were struck half flag staff; the bells were muffled, and rung in solemn concert with the march; minute guns were fired on the platform from the entrance of the corpse to the end of the procession; the company of the train led the van with their arms reversed; the corps followed; and the invalid regiment followed the hearse, their arms reversed. They conducted the body to the Land port gates, where the train opened to the right and left, and the hearse proceeded through them on their way to London. Although there were many thousands of people assembled on this occasion, not the least disturbance happened; nothing to be heard but murmuring broken accents in praise of the dead hero.—On the 20th at night, his body was deposited in the burying place belonging to his family, at Greenwich.

Some particulars of the life of Dr. Halley.

Edmund Halley was the only son of a soapboiler in Winchester-street. He was born in London, Oct. 29, 1656, and educated at St. Paul's School, under the tuition of Dr. Gale. In his early years he discovered an uncommon genius for learning, and before he was fifteen had made a considerable progress in mathematics, more particularly in those branches that led to the knowledge of heavenly bodies. In his seventeenth year he was entered a commoner in Queen's College; and before he was nineteen published, in the Philosophical Transactions, a direct and geometrical method of finding the Aphelia and Eccentricity of the planets, by which the hypothesis advanced by Kepler was reduced to demonstration. Some observations which he made on an eclipse of the moon, June 27, 1675, and upon a spot in the sun the year following, determined the motion of the sun round its own axis, which was not till then sufficiently ascertained. The same year he observed at Oxford an occultation of Mars by the moon, which he afterwards had occasion to refer to in settling the longitude of the Cape of Good Hope.

Astronomy now became his favourite study. He had in his youth, by unwearyed application, an uncommon share of classical learning; and this in his riper years gave him the more leisure to pursue his pro-
gref in the sciences. He had accurately observed the motions of Jupiter and Saturn, and had corrected some errors in the tables of those planets; and he had taken some pains to complete the catalogue of fixed stars, a task which he soon found upon enquiry, was in other hands. He then formed his great design of perfecting the whole scheme of the heavens, by the addition of those stars which lie near to the South pole, that they could neither be seen by Mr. Flam- steel at Greenwich, nor Hevelius at Dantzick, the two astronomers who had undertaken to complete the catalogue. Full of this project he left the university, and with the consent of his father, and the royal recommendation, he embarked for St. Helena on board one of the East-India company's ships, in November 1676, before he had acquired, by his residence, any title of those degrees of university honours, that are alike conferred on wise men and fools.

After his arrival he lost no time in pursuing his task, and having finished it to his own satisfaction, in 1678 he returned to London, and delineated a planisphere, on which he laid down the exact place of all the stars near the South pole, and presented it to his majesty, who had already honoured him with his patronage, and who, as a further mark of his royal favour, gave him a letter of mandamus to his university for the degree of master of arts, in compliance with which the degree was conferred Dec. 3, 1678, and the same year he was chosen a fellow of the royal society.

By the tables, which he soon after published, he showed, from his own observations, that former astronomers had been defective in calculating the motions of the heavenly bodies; that Saturn moved much slower, and Jupiter more swiftly than had been before imagined; and that the obliquity of the ecliptic was no less erroneous.

About this time a contest had arisen between our countryman Mr. Hook, and the renowned Hevelius, already mentioned, about the preference of plain or glass lights in astronomical instruments; and Mr. Halley, who was scarce two and twenty, was pitched upon by the royal society to go over to Dantzick, to terminate the dispute. Mr. Halley was charmed with the old gentleman's manner, who had been an observer above forty years, and he was no less so with his conversation and the politeness with which he was received. From May 26, till July 18, the two astronomers continued their observations at most every night, and on taking leave, Mr. Halley gave a testimony of the accuracy of the old astronomer's apparatus, which not a little pleased him, and disapproved Mr. Hook. It would be foreign to our design to enter into the merits of this dispute, and therefore we shall only take notice that the learned Dr. Wallis took upon him, in some measure, to justify Mr. Halley, by declaring thus far in his favour, that if he had been too lavish in his commendations of Hevelius, Mr. Hook had been the same in his reprobations; and thus the matter rested.

In 1680 Mr. Halley, accompanied by his friend and school-fellow, the pious Mr. Robert Nelson, set out for France, and about the midway between Calais and Paris he was the first who discovered the remarkable comet of that year, in its return from the
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the fun. He had already observed it in its descent, and had now the satisfaction of a complete gratification of his curiosity, in viewing that extraordinary phenomenon from the royal observatory, which was then but just erected in France; and at the same time an opportunity of establishing a friendly correspondence between the royal astronomers of Paris and Greenwich, the celebrated Cassini and Flamstead.

From Paris the travellers continued their journey, with a view to make what is commonly called the grand tour; and passing through Lyons, arrived in Italy, where they spent the greatest part of the year 1681: Mr. Halley’s affairs calling him home, he left his companion at Rome, and returning by the way of Paris, he had a second opportunity of visiting Signior Cassini, whom he assisted in reforming his instruments, which he found very difficult to manage; and having communicated to one another their former observations upon this comet, as well those made at Greenwich, as those made at Paris, a foundation was laid for settling the path of it, and of the establishing a new astronomy with respect to these celestial bodies.

It was not, however, till two years after, that he predicted the comet which now appears, and which must now be universally acknowledged, to the honour of his memory, to have been foretold by an Englishman*.

Upon his return to England he married Mary the daughter of Mr. Tooke, at that time auditor of the Exchequer, a young lady amiable in her person, and of excellent endowments, with whom he lived happy fifty-five years.

The following year, 1682, he settled at Illington, and published his theory of the variation of the magnetic compass, in which he supposes the whole globe of the earth to be one great magnet, having four poles or points of attraction, by which the needle is successively governed as it approaches nearest to either. But this hypothesis, tho’ well received at first, by reason of its novelty, was afterwards found irreconcilable to practice, and rejected by himself for one that appeared to many no less whimsical than the former; but this he persisted in with great obstinacy, and the rather, as it solved all the appearances of the variation, without absolutely giving up the four poles on which rested the credit of his first conjectures. He supposed the outer surface of the earth to be a shell like that (for illustration fake) of a cocoa nut: that within this shell was a smaller shell, not occupying the whole hollow space, but admitting a floating medium between the inside of the outer, and the outside of the inner shell; that both these, having the same common center and axis of diurnal rotation, would, by continual turning, vary a little; and by that means the

* This comet in 1682 was accurately observed at Greenwich by Mr. Flamstead, when it came to its perihelion, Sept. 4; and Mr. Halley having traced it back to its appearance in 1607, when the time of its perihelion was Oct. 16; and thence to 1531, when it came to its perihelion Aug. 25; ventured to foretell, that it would appear again about the end of 1758, or the beginning of 1759; a prediction which reflects immortal honour upon the memory of this great man, and upon the country in which he was born.
poles would in time become different; but that both the inner and outer poles, having the same power of attraction, would produce the greater or lesser variation as they happened to be at a greater or lesser distance from each other: this amendment is by some disregarded; by none that we know of adopted; and yet some late experiments, made both by the French and English in different parts of the world, seem now to favour it.

Mr. Halley spared no pains to establish his theory by repeated experiments, and he had so much credit with King William after the revolution, that he obtained the command of the Paramour Pink to complete his observations. In his first attempt, his men proving sickly, and his first lieutenant refusing to obey orders, he returned without effecting any thing; but having suspended his lieutenant, and procured of the government another ship of less burthen to attend him, he took his departure from the coast of England in September 1699, and having traversed the vast Atlantic ocean from one hemisphere to the other, as far as the ice would permit, in his way back he touched at St. Helena, the coast of Brazil, Cape Verd, Barbadoes, Madeira, the Canaries, the coast of Barbary, and in many other latitudes, till at length he arrived in England in 1700, and published a general chart, shewing, at one view, the variation of the compass in all those seas where the English navigators were acquainted; by which he laid a foundation for the discovery of the laws of that variation, so different in different parts of the world.

The method of finding the longitude at sea, by the motions of the moon, was first projected by Mr. Halley, who took great pains to reduce it to practice; but at the very time when he was most intent upon perfecting his observations, his father's death, and the unexpected reverse of fortune that happened to him on that occasion, put a period to his pleasurables studies, and obliged him to turn his thoughts to the support of a numerous family. His father, who, before the fire of London, was possessed of an estate in houses of 1000. a year, partly by imprudence in marrying a second wife, and partly by misfortunes, died insolvent.

Mr. Halley, disappointed of his paternal inheritance, began to think seriously of converting that knowledge and experience, which had cost him so much labour and study, to his own more immediate advantage; and it was fortunate for him that he made himself acceptable to Sir Isaac Newton, by applying to him for the solution of a problem which had baffled the skill of Sir Christopher Wren and Mr. Hook, who were at that time celebrated all over Europe for their great skill in the mechanical powers, and for their knowledge in the sciences; which Mr. Newton answered without hesitation. Mr. Newton was then at Cambridge, and employed in his Principia, a work now so well known, that it is scarce necessary to mention more of the title: he was pleased with the application made to him by Halley, and ever after conceived a friendship for him.

In the interval between his first voyage and his father's death, Mr. Halley had made many useful discoveries, which are omitted in their place, particularly a method of measuring the elevation of very high
high mountains and other eminences, by the barometer, and the physical causes of the trade winds and monsoons, which he illustrated by a chart, representing their direction, wherever they blow, in every part of the globe; he accounted also for the equality of height in the Mediterranean sea, notwithstanding the continual accumulation of waters to it by nine large rivers, and the constant setting in of the current in the mouth of the Straits, without any visible discharge by any canal whatever.

We should likewise have taken notice, that Mr. Halley was chosen assistant secretary to the royal society, on the resignation of Dr. Muffgrave, in 1685; and in 1691, he was dis-appointed of the Savilian professorship at Oxford, by the jealousy of Mr. Flamsteed, who took it in his head that he had suffered in the estimation of Sir Isaac Newton, by Mr. Halley's growing friendship with that great man.

Soon after this mortification, he published his tables, shewing the value of annuities for lives, calculated from the bills of mortality at Breslau in Silezia; and the same year came out his famous universal theories for finding the foci of optic glasses.

In 1695 he resigned the office of assistant secretary, and was appointed comptroller of the Mint at Chester in 1696. Here his active genius gave no way to idleness. He employed himself during the two years that this subsisted, in philosophical experiments, and physical diquisitions, and his hypothesis concerning the cause of the universal deluge by the approach of a comet, which Mr. Whiston adopted in his new theory of the earth, was about this time produced.

We have already related the success of his voyages in the Paramour Pink, before which he was employed by King James II. to observe the course of the tides in every part of the British channel, and to take the latitude and longitude of the principal headlands, which he performed with great accuracy, and in 1702 published a large map of the British channel. The same year he was sent by Queen Anne to the Emperor to view the coast of Dalmatia, and to construct a safe harbour for shipping, as commodious as possible for the trade of the Adriatic sea; but some objections being made to this project by the Dutch, the execution of the design was deferred, and Mr. Halley returned home, with very singular marks, however, of the Emperor's favour, who gave him from his own finger a ring of considerable value. 'Not long' after his arrival in England, he was again sent upon the same errand, and in his way to the Emperor's court, had the honour to sup with his late majesty King George I., at his palace of Herenhauen, where he was entertained with great marks of respect. On his arrival at Vienna, he was again presented to the Emperor, who ordered his chief engineer to attend him to Iliria, where they added some new works to the fortifications of Trieble, the port of Boccari being found capable of receiving ships of all burdens with the greatest safety.

In the year 1703, just before the great storm, he returned to England, and Dr. Wallis being then dead, he was now appointed Savilian Professor at Oxford without opposition, and was complimented with
with the degree of doctor of laws by that university. Here he was employed in translating, and reviving some ancient authors on the abstruser parts of mathematics, particularly Apollonius de sectione rationis and Serenus's Conics.

In 1713 he succeeded Sir Hans Sloane in the post of secretary to the royal society; and, as perfecting the theory of the moon's motion was always uppermost in his thoughts, though prevented from it by the multiplicity of public business, he now applied all his leisure hours to that subject, and in 1715 he was able by that means to predict the central eclipse of the sun to a few minutes, and to project a map of the extent of the moon's shadow to such a degree of exactness, as advanced his reputation in that article of astronomy beyond the reach of party opposition. On the death of Mr. Flamîlead in 1719, he was appointed to succeed him. By this new employment he was not only enabled to pursue his favourite studies without interruption, but he was also possessed of a competency to support his family without that anxiety of mind, to which, by the uncertainty of his income, he had long been subject.

When he was advanced to Greenwich he was in the 64th year of his age; notwithstanding which he attended the telescope with uncommon application for 18 years without any assistance; in all which time a meridian view of the moon scarce ever escaped him whenever the disposition of the heavens would permit. In 1721, he resigned the post of secretary to the royal society, that nothing might interrupt the business of his new employment. Upon the accession of his present majesty to the throne, the late Queen Caroline made a visit to the royal observatory, and being highly delighted with the polite reception the met with, was pleased to add to his salary the half-pay of a captain of the navy, to which, by his former commission, he had an undoubted claim; but he declined the offer that was made him of being appointed mathematical preceptor to the Duke of Cumberland, as incompatible with his years, and the ordinary attendance of his duty at Greenwich.

In August 1729 he was admitted a foreign member of the academy of sciences at Paris, in the room of Signior Branchini; and in 1731 he published a proposal for finding the longitude at sea within a degree, having perfected his tables for one whole period of the moon's apogee, in which time he had observed the right ascension of the moon at her transit over the meridian near 1500 times, a number not less than Tycho Brahe, Hevelius, and Flamîlead's, added together.

In 1737 he was seized with a paralytic disorder in his right hand, an attack the more alarming as it was the first he had ever felt upon his constitution; which gradually increasing, he came at length to be wholly supported by such cordials as were ordered by his physicians, till being tired with these, he asked for a glass of wine, and having drank it, expired as he sat in his chair, on the 14th of January, and in the 82d year of his age, without a groan. He was interred at Lee, near Greenwich, in the same grave with his beloved comfort. And as he was a member whose name reflected honour upon the
the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris. Mr. Mairan, according to custom, pronounced his eulogy, from which these further particulars are extracted. "He, says Mairan, possessed all the qualifications necessary to please princes who are desirous of instruction, great extent of knowledge, and a constant presence of mind; his answers were ready, and at the same time, pertinent, judicious, polite, and sincere. When Peter the Great, Emperor of Russia, came into England, he sent for Mr. Halley, and found him equal to the great character he had heard of him. He asked him many questions concerning the fleet he intended to build, the sciences and arts which he wished to introduce into his dominions, and a thousand other subjects which his unbounded curiosity suggested; he was so well satisfied with Mr. Halley's answers, and so pleased with his conversation, that he admitted him familiarly to his table, and ranked him among the number of his friends; a term which we may venture to use with respect to a prince of his character: a prince truly great, in making no distinctions of men but that of their merit. But Mr. Halley, continues this writer, possessed still more of the qualifications necessary to obtain him the love of his equals. In the first place he loved them; naturally of an ardent and glowing temper, he appeared animated in their presence with a generous warmth, which the pleasure alone of seeing them seemed to inspire; he was open and punctual in his dealings, candid in his judgment, uniform and blameless in his manners, sweet and affable, always ready to communicate, and diffident. He opened a way to wealth by all that he effected for the improvement of navigation: to the glory of which he has added, that of having done nothing to enrich himself: he lived and died in that mediocrity so much extolled by philosophers, the free choice of which implies a great degree both of virtue and wisdom. The only more lucrative place he ever had, was that in the mint at Chester, which soon determined, and he never defined another. He was generous, and his generosity exerted itself even at the expense of vanity, from which the learned are no more exempted than other men, and which perhaps they more frequently betray. I am furnished, proceeds Mr. Mairan, with an instance of this, by a letter which accidentally came into my hands about six years ago, written by him to an author whom he knew only by reputation. Mr. Halley, in his letter, with equal sagacity and politeness, points out an error in a very critical calculation which that author had fallen into, in treating on the principal point of a question in astronomy and physics. It must not however be concealed, that Mr. Halley never published that letter, although it would certainly have done him honour; but we must not too particularly reveal a secret, from the concealment of which he derives still more.

The reputation of others gave him no uneasiness, a reflexes jealousy and anxious emulation were strangers to his breast. He was equally ignorant of those extravagant prejudices in favour of one nation, which are injurious to all others. The friend, countryman, and disciple of Newton, he spoke of Des Cartes.
Cartes with respect; and successor to Dr. Wallis, he did justice to the memory of our ancient geometers. To conclude, these uncommon and valuable qualifications were tempered in Mr. Halley with a vein of gaiety and good humour, which neither his abstracted speculations, the infirmities of old age, nor the palsy itself, which seized him some years before his death, could impair: and this happy disposition, the gift of nature, was the more perfect, as it was still attendant upon that peace of mind, which is the noblest endowment of virtue. Since his death, his long expected tables of the sun and planets were published in 1752, in 4to, with this title, Astronomical tables, with precepts both English and Latin, for computing the places of the sun, moon, planets, and comets.

An account of Baron Holberg, extracted from An enquiry into the present state of polite learning in Europe.

The history of polite learning in Denmark, may be compiled in the life of one single man; it rose and fell with the late famous Baron Holberg. This was, perhaps, one of the most extraordinary personages that has done honour to the present century. His being the son of a private gentleman, did not abate the ardour of his ambition; for he learned to read, though without a master. Upon the death of his father, being left entirely destitute, he was involved in all that distress which is common among the poor, and of which the great have scarce any idea. However, tho' only a boy of nine years old, he still persisted in pursuing his studies, travelled about from school to school, and begged his learning and his bread. When at the age of seventeen, instead of applying himself to any of the lower occupations, which seem best adapted to such circumstances, he was resolved to travel for improvement from Norway, the place of his birth, to Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark. He lived here by teaching French, at the same time avoiding no opportunity of improvement, that his scanty funds could permit. But his ambition was not to be restrained, or his thirst of knowledge satisfied, until he had seen the world. Without money, recommendations, or friends, he undertook to set out upon his travels, and make the tour of Europe on foot. A good voice, and a trifling skill in music, were the only nances he had to support his undertaking so extensive; to he travelled by day, and at night sung at the doors of peasants houses, to get himself a lodging. In this manner young Holberg passed through France, Germany, and Holland, and, coming over to England, took up his residence for two years in the university of Oxford. Here he fulfilled by teaching French and music, and wrote his Universal History, his earliest, but work performance. Furnished with all the learning of Europe, he at last thought proper to return to Copenhagen, where his ingenious productions quickly gained him that favour he deserved. He composed not less than eighteen comedies; those in his own language are said to excel, and those which are wrote in French have peculiar merit. He was
was honoured with nobility, and enriched by the bounty of the
King; so that a life begun in contempt and penury, ended in opu-

tence and esteem.

To this account we shall subjoin the following extract from a work of
Mons. Beaumelle, written originally in French, and published a
few years since under the title of

Mes Pensées, giving a farther ac-
count of Baron Holberg, and the
present state of the Danish flage.

The Danish comedy owes its
birth and progress to the Ba-
ron Holberg: this learned and in-
genious gentleman has drawn from
his fruitful vein seven or eight vo-
olumes of dramatic performances;
his manner is exact, dry, natural,
at least if one can judge by the
German translation; every where
as correct as Terence, and some-
times as pleasant as Plautus; the
reading of the modern French co-

mic writers has not spoiled him;
no insipid dialogues, no metaphy-


cical scenes, no over exquisite and
fine-fpun sentiments. It is easier
for a foreigner to say what he is not,
than to guess what he is; among
his countrymen, such as are deli-
cate and nice judges object to him
his low jests, and a profusion of
that gross humour proper only to
please the taste of the mob; they
say that Mr. Holberg has not the
language of the polite world; that
he makes choice only of the low and
trivial in manners; that he should
have made more brilliant foibles
the objects of his humour; that he
might have found in high life per-
fons, characters, and follies more
interesting; in a word, they com-
pare him to those painters who

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copy nature exactly, but who never
study nature in her beauties. But
these cenfures are too severe; be-
cause the professor Holberg de-
serves some indulgence, for his
being not only the father of the
flage, but besides that he has no
successor, not to mention that he
is the first professor of a college
who has obliged the world with
valuable comedies.

Melampus, The Honest Ambi-
tion, The Whimsical Lady, Henry
and Perine, are not farces: we
translate every day English plays
that are much inferior to them: this
author had without doubt excelled
in polite comedy, if the pit had
permitted him to follow his own
taste; it was this pit that extorted
from him the Political Pewterer,
Plautus and Ulysses.

The flage might be easily per-
fected: we ought first to proscribe
all the French farces which painful
translators turn into Danish, at ten
crowns a-piece: there is in every
country more than wit enough to
compose good farces; what occa-
sion therefore is there for translat-
ing any? We ought to be exceeding
delicate in the choice of transla-
tions: in this kind their list of plays
should offer only what are wrought
in the highest perfection; good
economy requires that in matters
of pleasure nothing should be bor-
rrowed from foreigners, but what
is excellent and exquisitely finished.
A flage should translate only to form
itself; it should therefore copy
only great models: The Mifer,
the Misanthrope, the Gambler, the
Booster, will perfect the taste of
authors and of the pit. The Mock
Doctor, the Felim de Pierre, and
Nanine, are enough to vitiate both
the one and the other.

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To have good original pieces, it is necessary to encourage the authors; and to encourage them, we must solicit them with the temptation of gain: the stage should be the patronage of men of parts and wit, and every performance paid according to the number of the representations. If authors confounded their interest, they would not print their pieces till after the first fire of the public curiosity was somewhat abated. The custom observed in Denmark of printing the piece at the same time with the playbill, irritates the spirit of criticism, and blunts the edge of our curiosity. The self-love of the poet cannot pay too great a regard to the delicacy of the spectators.

The Danish stage will be imperfect as long as there are no tragedies performed there; it will be, if I may be allowed the expression, a limping stage. The Danes have only some few scenes of the Cid translated by Mr. Rodriger, the boast of their poets. Some persons charge their language for not being proper for tragedy; but is it credible that a tongue, whole tone is so plaintive and so moving, should not be proper to convey the pathetic, and express sentiments? Others pretend that the character of the nation is repugnant to it: but is it conceivable, that a haughty, noble, and generous nation, cannot produce authors that can treat of the most highly interesting subjects; that are acquainted with the human heart, and are capable of moving the passions? If the Danes have no tragedies, 'tis neither the fault of their language, nor their want of genius; but is purely to be ascribed to circumstances: their stage is but in its infancy; and the language of the poets among them is not yet become the language of the gods. Be this as it will, they never will have excellent comedies, till they have, at least, bad tragedies.

I forgot to observe, that their comedies are all in prose. At Paris, it is found infinitely difficult to keep up the spirit of the piece, in prose, for five acts: at Copenhagen they judge it infinitely more so to keep it up in verse, without reckoning that the mechanism of poetry seems ridiculous in the mouths of people who should speak naturally, simply, and without any preparation.

The actors are as good as the pieces they perform. As the profession of a comedian in Denmark is neither stigmatized by the law, nor by religion, nor by the customs of the country, this occupation is exercised by young persons, who for the most part have had a liberal education, who have natural and improved understandings. In France players are despised by the people, and cared for by the nobility: in Denmark they are not, 'tis true, cared for by the men of quality, but neither are they despised by the commonalty. It were to be wished, for the perfection of the stage, that they should be admitted into the best company; they would soon catch their manner, and amuse the public by copying them. Their Harlequin is tolerable: a tour to Paris would quite form him. Their Fop is such as suits a country where no such character is found in perfection.

As to the actresses, they are less handsome than pretty, more pretty than agreeable, more agreeable than good. The public is divided between Mademoiselle Shilo and Mademoiselle
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...other is better loved. Paris would look upon the first as a very delicate morrel.

Some people complain that the actors want taste in dress: this re-proach falls with more justice upon the actresses. Yet, I must declare my sentiments, even at the risk of lying under the imputation of rudeness: their ornaments are without elegance, and their dresses without imagination. The flage that should give the tone to fashions, receives them from the court, the court borrows them from the city, the city has them from Hamburgh, which imports them from Paris, from Berlin, from Dresden, and from Hanover, and spoils them all, by mixing with them that clumsy spirit which the heavy air of trade throws upon every thing.

Methinks the directors are not attentive enough to procure new subjeifs; they never have the first appearance of an actress, or setting out of a new actor. This is, however, the only means of putting the flage upon a solid footing, and of keeping continually alive the curiosity of the public.

The salaries of the actors are not very considerable, nor are those of the actresses proportionable either to their talents or to their conduct.

The room of the play-house is built with judgment, the seats distributed withconomy, the machines composed with a great expense and simplicity: the flage is almost as large as the pit; which is a sensible defect. They say that the music of the orchestra is very good; it may be so; but the interludes are so long, that it has always consideraby tired me.

This company has its directors: would it not be better that they directed themselves; and that they had, as in France, the gentlemen of the bed chamber for their superiors?

Nothing of what tends to the perfection of the public spectacles and sciences can be indifferent to the public good; and I should be glad that Denmark, which distinguishes itself in so many particulars, would distinguish itself in every thing.

There is at Copenhagen a company of French comedians; they have a pension from the King. It would be an easy matter to take proper measures to put them in a condition to represent all the good pieces, and to represent them with success.

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**Characters of Magliabechi, and Hill on English taylor, with a parallel, by Mr. Spence.**

The Italian, who forms one part of this companion, is Signior Antonio Magliabechi, librarian to the Grand Duke of Tuscany. This man was born at Florence, Oct. 29, 1633. Such was the poverty of his parents, that they forced themselves happy in getting him into the service of a man who sold herbs and fruit. Here he took every opportunity, though he could not tell one letter from another, to pore on the leaves of some old books that served for waffle paper, declaring that he loved it of all things. A neighbouring bookseller, who observed this, took him into his service. Young Magliabechi soon learned to read; and his inclination for reading became his ruling passion; and a prodigious memory his distinguishing...
ed talent. He read every book that came into his hands, and retained not only the sense of what he read, but often all the words, and the very manner of spelling, if singular. To make trial of the force of his memory, a gentleman lent him a manuscript he was going to print. Some time after it was returned, the gentleman came to him, with a melancholy face, and pretended it was lost. Magliabechi being requested to recollect what he remembered of it, wrote the whole, without mulling a word, or varying the spelling. He was consulted by all the learned who proposed to write on any subject. If a priest, for instance, was going to compile a panegyric on a saint, Magliabechi would tell him every author, to the number of an hundred sometimes, who had said any thing of that saint, naming the book and the page, and the very words. He did this so often, and so readily, that he came at last to be looked upon as an oracle; and Cosimo III. Grand Duke of Florence, made him his librarian, the most suitable office to Magliabechi's genius. In the latter part of his life, when a book came into his hands, he would read the title page all over, dip here and there in the preface, dedication, and prefatory advertisements, if there were any; and then call his eyes on each of the divisions, sections, or chapters. After this, he could tell at any time what the book contained.

Though Magliabechi must have lived a very solitary life, yet he attained to the age of 81. He died July 14, 1715, in the midst of the public applause, after enjoying, during all the latter part of his life, such an affluence as very few persons have ever procured by their knowledge or learning. By his will he left a very fine library collected by himself, for the use of the public, with a fund to maintain it; and the overplus of the fund to the poor. It had been usual for every author and printer to make him a present of a copy of every thing they published.

Though he was not an ecclesiastic, he would never marry. He was quite slovenly in his dress. He received his friends, and those who came to consult him on any point of literature, in a civil and obliging manner; though in general he had almost the air of a savage, and even affected it; together with a cynical or contemptuous smile. In his manner of living, he affected the character of Diogenes: three hard eggs, and a draught or two of water, were his usual repast. When any one went to see him, they most usually found him lolling in a sort of flat wooden cradle in the middle of his study, with a multitude of books, some thrown in heaps, and others scattered about the floor, all around him; and this his cradle or bed, was attached to the nearest pile of books by a number of cobwebs. At their entrance he commonly used to call out to them, "Not to hurt his spiders."

Mr. Spence feels it to compare with this very extraordinary man, ROBERT HILL, born Jan. 11, 1669, at Milwell, near Tring, in Hertfordshire. His mother left her husband within the year; and about five years after married another at Buckingham. This child was left with his grandmother, who
who taught him to read, and sent him to school for seven or eight weeks, to learn to write; which was all the schooling he ever had. At the age of eleven he was set to drive the plough: but his constitution being weakly, he was bound apprentice, in 1714, to his father-in-law, whose name was Robinson, a taylor at Buckingham. Two years afterwards he got part of an accidence and grammar, and about three fourths of Littleton's dictionary. He conceived a violent passion for reading, and wanted greatly to learn Latin, for no other reason, that he remembers, but that he might be able to read the Latin epitaphs in the church. As his master would not allow him time from his work by day, he used to procure candles as privately as he could, and read for good part of the nights. In 1717, the small-pox coming into Buckingham, he was sent to Tring-grove, and employed in keeping his uncle's sheep. The happy days of the Arcadian swains of romance writers was not equal to Robin's, while he could lie under an hedge, and read all day long; though his library consisted only of the Practice of Piety, the Whole Duty of Man, and Mauger's French Grammar.

Returning to Buckingham in 1719, he had the satisfaction of meeting with his old friend the Latin grammar, and by the assistance of the boys at the free-school, attained to read the Latin Testament, and Cæsar's Commentaries. A Greek Testament being soon after added to his books, he resolved to learn Greek. In the mean time, his wife proving a very good breeder, his income became deficient: he therefore, in 1724, set up for a school-master, as well as a taylor. In this new employment he was brought into a terrible dilemma: a boy from a neighbouring school, who had learned decimal fractions, came to Hill's school, when Hill himself had got but a little way in division. He set his new scholar to copy the tables of decimal fractions in Wingate, which engaged him about six weeks; and in the mean time, by fitting up the greatest part of every night, he made himself master of decimal fractions before that time was expired. About 1716 he maintained a controversy for two years with a popish bishop, who endeavoured to reduce one of his scholars. Two years after this, he lost his wife, and in 1730, married a second, who proved a bad woman in all respects. The debts she brought upon him, obliged him, at the end of two years, to leave Buckingham, and to travel and work about the country as a taylor and flay-maker. Some time before he set out, upon seeing some Hebrew quotations in the works of Mr. Weemse, prebendary of Durham, he became extremely desirous of learning that language. For want of proper helps he laboured several years in this study with little success: and the difficulty of distinguishing between the pronunciation of the two vowels so alike, Camæz and Cæmatæater, at last quite tired his patience, and he parted with all his Hebrew books. This was only a sudden gulf of passion: his eagerness to master the Hebrew returned; and having bought (in 1737) Stennit's grammar, it immediately cleared up his grand difficulty; and after this he went on successfully.

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All this while, as it was necessary his place of residence should be concealed, he kept up no correspondence at Buckingham, so that death had kindly removed his greatest trouble, two or three years before he heard of it. She had, as he himself allows, one child, and, as he used to affirm, two by him: but the parentage of the latter was very equivocal. However, they both died soon after the mother, and Hill returned to Buckingham in the end of January, 1744, N.S. He maintained himself for four or five years, by his first occupation of miller and tax-maker; but marrying a third wife, in 1747, who proved as good a breeder as his first, this, with the dearness of provisions, and hardships of the times, reduced him to inexpressible distress.

Though his modesty had always made him keep his acquisition of the learned languages as secret as possible, it was rumoured about the country, "That he could read the bible in the same books, and the same strange figures as the travelling Jews did." A neighbouring clergyman, finding it to be true, took a liking to him, and has been his friend ever since. This gentleman some time after, let him to write remarks on the Essay on Spirit, which appeared in 1733, and was the first piece of Mr. Hill's that was printed. The next thing the same gentleman employed him about was, a tract against the papists, shewing that the favourite doctrines of the church of Rome are novel inventions. About the same time he wrote The Character of a Jew, when the bill for naturalizing that people was in agitation. This, he says, was the best thing he ever wrote, and was the least approved of. And, latterly, he has written Criticisms on Job, in five sheets, which is the largest of all his works.

He says, he would now engage to teach Hebrew to any body of tolerable parts, and with very moderate application in six weeks at an hour each morning; and another each afternoon. He is writing a Hebrew grammar, on which sort of subject he will probably succeed better than in any other, because it has been the most general study of his life. Mayr's grammar he thinks much the best of twenty Hebrew grammars he has read; he therefore intends to build his chiefly on Mayr's; as Mayr himself did on that of Cardinal Bellarmine. He says, It is very hard work sometimes to catch a Hebrew root; but that he never yet hunted after one which he did not catch in the end. He might affirm the fame of every thing he has attempted, for his application and attention exceed what any one can conceive, who hath not observed the procefs of his studies. He is a vast admirer of St. Jerom, whom he equals to Cicero. He says, he has had more light from father Simon, than from all our other writers put together. He thinks the Hutchinsonians wrong in almost every thing they advance. He is a most zealous son of the church of England. Of the poets, his chief acquaintance have been Homer, Virgil, and Ogilvy. The Iliad he has read over many times. The Odyssey being put into his hands, in 1758, both in the original, and in Mr. Pope's translation, he was charmed with both; but said
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said that it read finer in the latter, than in Homer himself. Pope's Essay on Criticism charmed him still more: he called it "The wifest poem he had ever read in his whole life."

Hill seems to have been the better citizen, in marrying three times; and Magliabechi, perhaps, was the wifest student, in not marrying at all.

I am very sorry that there is still one point remaining, in which Hill is as unlike Magliabechi, as many of the preceding. Magliabechi lived and died, as has been already said, in very great affluence: he abounded in money, and his expences were very small, except for books; which he regarded as his truest treasure: whereas poor Mr. Hill has generally lived in want, and lately more than ever. The very high price, even of the most necessary provisions, for this and the last year, [that is 1758 and 1757] have not only made it often difficult for him to provide bread for himself and his family; but have in part flopped up even the sources for it, in lefSening his business. Buckingham is no rich place at best; and even there his business has chiefly been among the lowest sort of people; and when these are not able to purchase the food that is necessary for them, they cannot think of buying new cloaths. This has reduced him so very low, that I have been informed, that he has passed many and many whole days, in this and the former year, without taling any thing but water and tobacco. He has a wife and four small children, the eldest of them not above eight years old; and what bread they could get, he often spared from his own hunger, to help towards satisfying theirs.—People that live always at their ease, do not know, and can scarce conceive, the difficulties our poor have been forced to undergo in these late hard times. He himself assured me, upon my mentioning this particular to him, that it was too true.—"But, alas! (added he) it is not only my cafe, but has been that of hundreds in the town and neighbourhood of Buckingham, in the last, and for the former part of this year (1758); and I fear we must make many more experiments of the same kind, before it is at an end."

If any one in this age, so justly eminent for charities of almost all kinds, shall be so far moved with the distresses and necessities of so worthy and industrious a poor man, as to be inclined to help towards relieving him; they are humbly intreated to send any present which they might wish in his hands, either to Mr. Richardson, in Salisbury-court, Fleet-street, or Mess. Dodifley, booksellers, in Pallmall, London; Mr. Prince, at Oxford; Mr. Thurlbourn, at Cambridge; Mess. Hamilton and Balfour, at Edinburgh; Mr. Faulkner, at Dublin; Mr. Owen, at Tumbridge; Mr. Leake, at Bath; Mr. Cadell, at Bifflol; Mr. Hinxman, at York; Mr. Richardson, at Durham; Mr. Creighton, at Ipswich; Mr. Chafe, at Norwich; Mr. Burdin, at Winchester; Mr. Collins, at Salisbury; and Mr. Seeley, at Buckingham: and they may be assured, that whatever may be thus collected, shall be put to the proper ufe for the service of him and his family.

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THE duke, says Mr. Fairfax, inherited from his father the greatest title, and from his mother the greatest estate of any subject in England; and from them both so graceful a body, as gave a lustre to the ornaments of his mind.

The duke and his brother Francis were sent to Trinity college, Cambridge, whence they repaired to King Charles I. at Oxford; and there, says this their panegyrist, they chose two good tutors to enter them in the war, Prince Rupert, and my Lord Gerard; and went with them into a very sharp service, the skirmishing of the Close at Lichfield. For this the parliament feized on their estates; but by a rare example of their compassion, restored it again, in consideration of their non-age.

They were now committed to the care of the Earl of Northumberland, and were sent to travel in France and Italy, where they lived in as great state as some of those sovereign Princes. Florence and Rome were the places of their residence, and they brought their religion home again, wherein they had been educated, under the eye of the most devout and belit of Kings. The duke did not, as his predecessor, in the title of Lord Rofs, had done before him, who changed his religion at Rome, and left his tutor, Mr. Mole, in the

inquisition, for having translated King James's book, his Admonition to Princes, in Latin; and Du Plessis Mornay's book of the mass into English.

Their return into England was in so critical a time, as if they had now chosen the last opportunity, as they had done the first, of venturing all in the King's service.

In the year 1648, the King was a prisoner in the Isle of Wight, and his friends in several parts of England, designing to renew the war; Duke Hamilton in Scotland, the Earl of Holland and others in Surry, Goring in Kent, many in London and Essex, and these were the last efforts of the dying cause.

The duke and brother, my Lord Francis, in the heat of their courage, engaged with the Earl of Holland; and were the first that took the field about Rygate in Surry.

The parliament, with their old army, knew all these designs, and despised them; till they grew so numerous in Kent, that the general himself was sent to suppress them, who found sharp service in skirmishing of Maidstone, and taking of Colchester.

Some troops of horse were sent under the command of Colonel Gibbons, to suppress them in Surry; and then drove my Lord of Holland before them to Kingston, but engaged his party before they got thither, near Non-fuch, and defeated them.

My Lord Francis, at the head of his troop, having his horse slain under him, got to an oak-tree in the high way, about two miles from Kingston, where he stood with his back against it, defending himself, scorning to ask quarter, and they
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barbarously refusing to give it; till, with nine wounds in his beautiful face and body, he was slain. The oak-tree is his monument, and has the two first letters of his name, F. V. cut in it to this day.

Thus died this noble, valiant, and beautiful youth, in the twentieth year of his age. A few days before his death, when he left London, he ordered his steward, Mr. John May, to bring him in a lift of his debts; and he so charged his estate with them, that the parliament, who seized on the estate, paid his debts.

His body was brought from King-

The duke, after the loss of his brother, fled to St. Neod's, where, the next morning, finding the house where he lay surrounded, and a troop of horse drawn up before the gate, he had time with his servants to get to horse; and then causing the gate to be opened, he charged the enemy, and killed the officer at the head of them, and made his escape to the sea-side, and to Prince Charles, who was in the Downs, with these ships that had deferted the Earl of Warwick.

And now again the parliament gave him forty days time to return to England: but he refused, and chose rather to stay with the prince, who was soon after King Charles the second, and to follow him in his exile.

The parliament seized on his estate, the greatest of any subject in England, having now his brother's estate fallen to him; the yearly value was above 25,000l.

It happened that the manor of Helmefiy, which was his brother's, was given to my Lord Fairfax, with York-house in the Strand, for part of his arrears, and this fortunately came to him by his marrying my Lord Fairfax's daughter.

All that he had to live on beyond sea, was the money he got at Antwerp for his pictures, which were part of that costly and curious collection his father got together from Italy, by the help of Sir Henry Wootton, and others, which adorned York-house, to the admiration of all men of judgment in pictures. A note of their names and dimensions is all that is now left of them. The Ecce Homo of Titian was valued at 5000l. being the figure of all the great persons in his time. The archduke bought it, and it is now in the castle of Prague. These pictures were secured and sent to him by his old trutiful servant, Mr. John Traylman, who lived in Yorkhouse.

The King (Charles II.) resolving to go into Scotland, the duke attended him, and now again the parliament offered him to compound for his estate for 20,000l. which was less than a year's value; but he chose to run the King's fortune in Scotland, worse than exile, came with him out of Scotland into England; and at Worcester his escape was almost as miraculous as the King's in the Royal Oak. He escaped again into France, and went a volunteer into the French army, and was much regarded by all the great officers, signifying his courage at the siege of Arras and Valentienne.

When he came to the English court, which was but seldom, the King was always glad to see him.
He loved his person and his company; but the great men about him desired rather his room than his company.

There then happened a great turn in the course of his life. My Lord Fairfax had part of his estate, about 500l. per annum, allotted him by the parliament, towards the payment of his arrears, due to him as general, and he remitted more than would have purchased a greater estate. They gave him the manor of Helmesley, the seat of the noble family of Rutland in Yorkshire, as a false for the wound he received there, being shot through the body. They gave him also York-house in London, which was also the duke's.

The duke heard how kind and generous my Lord Fairfax was to the countest of Derby, in paying all the rents of the life of Man, which the parliament had also assigned to him, for his arrears, into his own hands, and the confessed it was more than all her servants before had done.

The duke had reason to hope my Lord had the same inclinations as to this estate of his, which he never accounted his own, and the duke wanted it as much as the countesses.

He was not deceived in his hopes, for my Lord Fairfax wished only for an opportunity of doing it. He lived in York-house, where every chamber was adorned with the arms of Villiers and Manners, lions and peacocks. He was defended from the same ancestors, Earls of Rutland, Sir Guy Fairfax his two sons having married two of the daughters of the Earl of Rutland; which my Lord took frequent occasion to remember.

The duke resolved to try his fortune, which had hitherto been ad-
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cated, and then his liberty came of course.

This was the happiest time of all the duke's life, when he went to his father-in-law's house at Appleton, and there lived orderly and decently with his own wife: where he neither wanted, nor so abounded as to be tempted to any sort of extravagance, as he was after, when he came to possess his whole estate. He now understood the meaning of that paradox, *Dimidium plus tene*, with which he used to pose young scholars; and found by experience, that the half, or third part of his own estate which he now enjoyed, was more than the whole which he had at the King's restoration.

Now he lived a most regular life, no courtships but to his own wife, not so much as to his after-beloved and costly mistress, the philosopher's flone.

My Lord Fairfax was much pleased with his company, and to see him so conformable to the orders and good government of the family. If they had any plots together, they were to the best purposes, the restoration of the royal family.

My Lord Fairfax's maxim in politics was, that the old veteran army which he had commanded, was not to be beaten by any new raised force in England, and that the King's friends shewed more affection than discretion in their plots to reduce him, while they were united; and that this old army would never be beaten but by itself; as the event shewed, when Lambert and Monk divided them. But the most fatal influence of this opinion in my Lord Fairfax, was the night before the 30th of January, when some of his friends proposed to him to attempt the next day to rescue the King, telling him that 20,000 men were ready to join with him; he said he was ready to venture his own life, but not the lives of others, against the army now united against them.

The same appeared in the insurrection of Sir George Booth, which Lambert, with a brigade of this old army, did so easily suppress; the success whereof inspired him with the ambition of imitating Cromwell, in dissolving the parliament, and making himself Protector.

The duke had given sufficient testimony of his loyalty, and my Lord Fairfax of his affection and desire to see the royal family restored; and now was the time of doing it.

General Monk in Scotland declared against Lambert, who marched against him with a strong body of horse.

My Lord Fairfax, and the duke with him, declared for Monk in Yorkshire; but the duke was obliged to withdraw, because his presence gave a jealousy, that the design was to bring in the King, which was too soon to be owned.

What the event was, is well known. I shall only repeat the duke's words in an expolatory letter to King Charles some years after: "As to your majesty's return into England, I may justly pretend to some share; since without my Lord Fairfax his engaging in Yorkshire, Lambert's army had never quitted him, nor the Duke of Albermarle marched out of Scotland."

The King's restoration, *voluntar diei es en attulit ulbro, *restored the duke to his estate; but such a train of expense with it, as brought him acquainted with bankers and fervenets,
veners, that infected it with the gangrene of utiity, which it never recovered.

Farther anecdotes from Lord Clarendon, which helps to put in a very strong light the character of this extraordinary person.

The Duke of Buckingham has been mentioned before as a man of extraordinary conduct; the liveliness of his wit, and the fallacies of his imagination, bore him away; and indeed he paid as much submision to his passions as other men would or should pay to their reafon; but in nothing more conspicuous does this prodigy of a man appear, than in his behaviour with respect to the King, whom he often groftly insulted. If the King had faults, this nobleman multiplied and magnified them with great affiduity to the eyes of the people, who loved the duke to that excefs, that he was willing to believe that he had a defign of making him King. For proof of this Lord Clarendon gives us the following short history.

There was one Braythwaite, a citizen, who had been a great confident of Cromwell, and of the council of state. Upon the King’s return this man fled beyond sea; but, inominit, made several voyages backwards and forwards, from Hoftland to London. Sir Richard Browne, then lord mayor of the city, a very diligent magistrate, discovered the prefumption of Mr. Braythwaite, and informed the King of it; and having long endeavoured to apprehend him, he at length had an opportunity, but understood he was a confiant of the Duke of Buckingham, and in great trust with him, as indeed he was his fleward. The major-general told the King of this man, and confessed his furprise that the duke should retain so known and so virulent an offender, representing him to his majesty as a perfon of dangerous parts, one worthy to be suspected for all disfloyal pofposes, and as like to bring them to pafs as any man in England, of his condition. At this time the facetious duke, by thofe faculties towards mirth in which he excelled all other men of the age, had rendered himself very acceptable to the King, who delicited in nothing more than in thofe extravagancies of ridicule, with which the duke entertained himself and all other people, fo as to become their darling.

His majesty told the duke what he had heard concerning his fleward; the duke received the animadversion submiffively, and seemed to thank the King for his freedom; but begged him to hear what the man could fay for himself; for that he was a very faithful servant to his efates, and was convinced that he repented heartily for being concerned with Cromwell. The King admitted Braythwaite, heard him, and took him into favour. Some time after this he came privately to the King, and told him, that in duty he thought himself bound to acquaint his majesty with what he had obferved lately of the duke his master’s conduct, for that he was very much altered, and kept company with people of very mean conditions, and of as desperate intentions, whom he used to meet at very unfeafable hours, and that he believed the duke was falling off from his allegiance, and humbly hoped, that whatever unreasonable projects and extravagancies the duke should
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Should fall into, his majesty would not impute them to him, for that he designed to withdraw himself from his service. The Lord Arlington further confirmed this testimony; and it appeared that there was a poor fellow, who had a poorer lodging somewhere about Tower-hill, and who professed knowledge in horoscopes, or judicial astrology, and had, from a calculation of the duke's nativity, foretold him, that he would be king. Lord Arlington produced letters which he had intercepted between the duke and the fortune-teller, and the suspicion became fo flagrant, that the man and some others were committed to the Tower, where Lord Arlington examined them, and by full evidence proved the guilt and treason to the King. One letter produced was to this effect, "That the duke, whom he styles prince, was the darling of the people, who had set their hearts and affections, and all their hopes upon his highness, and what great things his stars had destined him to"—with many other such foolish and foolish expressions. His majesty was pleased to inform the chancellor, and told him in what places the duke had been since he abscended; that he played very little in any one place, and that he intended, on such a day, to be at the house of Sir Charles Wolesly, in Staffordshire, one of great eminence with Cromwell, of his council, and of those who had been sent by the house of commons to persuade that usurper to accept of the crown with the title of King. Upon the whole matter, which was evident enough, his majesty asked the chancellor, what way was the best to proceed with the duke; to which he answered, that he should be apprehended, and committed to the Tower; and the King issued out his warrant to apprehend him, which came to the duke's ears, who secreted himself in holes and obscure places. The serjeant at arms followed him into Northamptonshire, but was refused admittance into the house where he saw the duke enter; upon which information of the serjeant, he was immediately proclaimed, and removed from the privy-council, and from his place of gentleman of the bed-chamber, being succeeded by the Earl of Rochester. The duke, in so dangerous a situation, sent his own secretary, Mr. Clifford, to the lord chancellor, to intreat him to interpose with his majesty in his behalf; who sent for answer, that he would do well to surrender himself, and, if possible, purge himself of the foul crimes with which he was accused: the duke also wrote to the King, professing his innocence, desiring him to let him be heard in private, and imputing to his enemies the malice of his prosecution. The King soon became weary of the prosecution, and seemed to have much apprehension of the duke's interest in parliament; upon these favourable aspects, and the interposition of Sir Robert Howard, the duke surrendered himself, was committed to the Tower, examined at the council-board, forgiven, and the whole weight of the accusation and prosecution laid upon the shoulders of the chancellor, who about this time was little able to bear such an additional weight, having lost his wife, the severest blow that ever befel him. But as if this was not sufficient to bear him down, the Duke of York was sent by the King with many gracious expressions of condolence for his loss, to with
and desire that he would resign his seal of chancellor, for that his majesty was well informed, that the parliament was incensed so much against him, that they would, on their next meeting, have him impeached; and that it would be out of his power to save him; for that their rage was so great at the last prorogation, which they imputed to his advice, that to his majesty it appeared as if they were bent to take away his life. The chancellor was indeed as much amazed at this relation of the duke, as he could have been at the sight of a warrant for his execution; and though many eminent persons, particularly the Duke of York, together with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the general, went in person to sue for him, his majesty only answered, That what he did was for the lord chancellor's good, and the only way to preserve him from an enraged parliament: that his degradation would pacify them, and perhaps, by removing, would save him, whom they had vowed to destroy.

The lord chancellor had requested, that his majesty would visit him at his own house (Clarendon-house), and though the King promised to grant him that favour, he did not; and thereupon he begged to be permitted to wait on him at Whitehall, where the King did meet him, with the duke, and had a long conference with him on his sudden disgrace. The King granted that he had been ever a faithful servant, but that he must of necessity take this salutary expedient; for that his innocence would no more defend him or secure him from the power of his enemies, than it had in the case of the Earl of Strafford. The lord chancellor urged many pleas, not that he desired to keep his office, but that it should be taken from him in that ungracious manner by the King himself, which seemed a mark of his heavy displeasure, and would give room to his bitterest enemies to triumph in his disgrace, when they saw the King immediately instrumental in promoting it. These and other pleas were urg'd in vain; and the chancellor, on going into the coach, saw Sir William Coventry, his old and inveterate enemy, with Lord Arlington and the Lady, triumph, and looking together out of the window with great gaiety at the chancellor on his returning home, to him a sufficient and evident token from whence this unexpected shaft was shot. Some days passed without any farther resolutions as to the seal; but on the 50th day of August, 1667, the King sent Secretary Morrice with a warrant under the sign manual to require and receive the great seal; and as soon as the lord chancellor had delivered it to the secretary, and he to the King, Mr. May came into the King's closet, and falling on his knees to kiss his majesty's hand, said, You are now King, which you never was before.

The Lord Clarendon believed that now the storm was over, as he had no reason to have the least apprehension (innocent as he declares himself) from the displeasure of the parliament; but the Duke of Buckingham unmasked himself, and being now restored to all his places and honours, openly joined the constancy against Lord Clarendon; and the King himself, together with Lord Arlington, Sir William Coventry, the Lady, Mr. May, and Brounker, boasted that they had effected to great a step towards his ruin. The Duke of Buckingham was
was made to believe, that it was by the Lord Clarendon's means he was disgraced, proclaimed, and imprisoned, whereas Lord Clarendon assures us, that he concerned himself no more in that prosecution, than as a privy councilor for the King's service and safety.

The parliament met, and the King began his speech with notable reflections on the chancellor, he said, "That there had been some miscarriages lately, which had unjustly provoked them, and which led to create some differences between him and his parliament; but that he had now altered his councils, he made no question, but that they should agree for the future, and hoped they would supply his necessities, and provide for the payment of his debts, with an intimation, that what had been formerly done amiss was by the advice of the person whom he had removed from his councils, and with whom he should not hereafter advise." Not satisfied with this, he let the parliament know, that he expected their thanks expressly in terms, for his having removed the lord chancellor, but this was debated long, and warmly, by both houses. The King grew angry, and acquainted both houses he expected it, as his honour was concerned in it, and sent the Duke of York to demand it in his name; he sent the Archbishop of Canterbury to require it of the bishops, and that if they opposed him, they should sorely repent it. In consequence of which repeated solicitation, both houses agreed not to dilate the King, and they accordingly voted their thanks to his majesty, for having removed the lord chancellor from his councils. And now measures were entered into by the Duke of Buckingham, and the rest of the confederates, to furnish materials of impeachment against him.

Mr. Seymour, a young man of great confidence and boldness, stood up in the house of commons, and in a long invective accused him of high treason and corruption.

The Lord Clarendon gives us the fifteen articles of the charge against him. His friends repaired to him with intreaties, that he would fly or make his escape, which scandalous advice he rejected, as he knew his innocence, and was well satisfied of his probity and integrity, in relation to every article of the charge, which, indeed, is heavy and pregnant with plausible testimony against him; but which, however, Lord Clarendon as positively combats and redargues, particularly that one of having kept a correspondence with Oliver Cromwell while the King was in exile; a calumny so improbable and foolish, that the King had publicly at Paris refuted it. However Mr. Seymour conducted the prosecution with great virulence, both within and without doors, and accused him of high treason at the bar of the house of lords, who debated about committing him to the Tower; and the King was induced to send the Bishop of Hereford to him, to advise him to withdraw and leave the kingdom.

In this crisis, he was deprived of the Duke of York's interest, by his highness having taken the small pox. He declined the advice from his majesty without an absolute and positive command; the French ambassador wished him to retire to France, and the Kingsignified to him, by the Duke of York, who was now recovered, that it was his majesty's pleasure that he should be gone; and the Bishop of Winchester came from the duke, who told him it was the duke's own advice, and
that it was absolutely necessary for him speedily to be gone, which at length he unwillingly obeyed; and having, by the friendship of Sir John Wolftenholm, got a boat at Erith, he took coach at his house on Saturday night the 29th of November, 1667, when it was dark, with two servants, and being accompanied by his two sons, and two or three other friends on horseback, he found the boat ready, and so he embarked about eleven o'clock that night, and in three nights more arrived at Calais, all places out of England being to him indifferent.

An account of a dispute between the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Offory.

The Duke of Buckingham, who affirmed a liberty of speaking when and what he would, in a dialect unusual and ungrace, his similes and other expressions giving occasion of much mirth and laughter, one day held in the debate, "that whoever was against that bill, had either an Irish interest or an Irish understanding:" which so much offended the Lord Offory, who was eldest son to the Duke of Ormond, (who had very narrowly escaped the censure of the house lately, for reproaching the Lord Ashley with having been a counsellor to Cromwell, and would not therefore trust himself with giving a present answer) that meeting him afterwards in the court, he defined the duke "that he would walk into the next room with him," and there told him, "that he had taken the liberty to use many loose and unworthy expressions which reflected upon the whole Irish nation, and which he himself relented so much, that he expected satisfaction, and to find him with his sword in his hand;" which the duke endeavoured to avoid by all the fair words and shifts he could use, but was so far pressed by the other, whose courage was never doubted, that he could not avoid appointing a place where they would presently meet, which he found the other would exact to prevent discovery, and therefore had chosen rather to urge it himself, than to send a message to him. And so he named a known place in Chelsea fields, and to be there within less than an hour.

The Lord Offory made haste thereto, and expected him much beyond the time: and then seeing some persons come out of the way towards the place where he was, and concluding they were sent out to prevent any action between them, he avoided speaking with them, but got to the place where his horse was, and so retired to London. The duke was found by himself in another place, on the other side of the water, which was never known by the name of Chelsea-fields, which he said was the place he had appointed to meet.

Finding that night that Lord Offory was not in custody, and so he was sure he should quickly hear from him, and upon conference with his friends, that the mistake of the place would be imputed to him; he took a strange resolution, that every body wondered at, and his friends dissuaded him from. And the next morning, as soon as the house was past, the Lord Offory being likewise present that he might find some opportunity to speak with him, the duke told the house, "that he must inform them of somewhat that concerned himself; and being sure that it would come to their notice
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...tice some other way, he had therefore chose to acquaint them with it himself;" and thereupon related, "how the Lord Offory had the day before found him in the court, and desired him to walk into the next room, where he charged him with many particulars which he had spoken in that place, and in few words he told him that he should fight with him; which though he did not hold himself obliged to do, in maintenance of any thing he had said or done in the parliament, yet that it being suitable and agreeable to his nature, to fight with any man who had a mind to fight with him," (upon which he enlarged with a little vanity, as if duelling were his daily exercise and inclination) "he appointed the place in Chelsea-fields, which he understood to be the fields over against Chelsea; whither, having only gone to his lodging to change his sword, he hasted, by presently crossing the water in a pair of oars, and stayed there in expectation of Lord Offory, until such gentlemen," whom he named, "found him there, and said, They were sent to prevent his and the Lord Offory's meeting, whom others were likewise sent to find for the same prevention. Whereupon, concluding that for the present there would be no meeting together, he returned with those gentlemen to his lodging, being always ready to give any gentleman satisfaction that should require it of him."

Every body was exceedingly surprized with the oddness and unreasonableness of the discourse, which confuted, with some confusion, between aggravating the presumption of the Lord Offory, and making the offence as heinous as the violating all the privileges of parliament could mount unto; and magnifying his own courage and readiness to fight upon any opportunity, when it was clear enough that he had declined it by a gross shift: and it was wondered at, that he had not chosen rather that some other person might inform the house of a quarrel between two members, that it might be examined and the mischief prevented. But he believed that way would not so well represent and manifest the lucrare of his courage, and might leave him under an examination that would not be so advantageous to him, as his own information: and therefore no persuasion or importunity of his friends, could prevail with him to decline that method.

The Lord Offory seemed out of countenance, and troubled that the contest was like to be only in that place, and cared not to deny any thing that the duke had accused him of; only "wondered, that he should say he had challenged him for words spoken in the house, when he had expressly declared to him, when his grace infinit much upon the privilege of parliament to decline giving him any satisfaction, that he did not question him for any words spoken in parliament, but for words spoken in other places, and for affronts, which he had at other times choyen to hear, rather than to disturb the company. He confessed, he had attended in the very place where the duke had done him the honour to promise to meet him," and mentioned some expressions which he had used in designg ing it, which left the certainty of it not to be doubted.

When they had both said as much as they had a mind to, they were both required, as is the custom, to withdraw to several rooms near the house; and then the lords entered upon...
upon debate of the transgression; many insifting "upon the magnitude of the offence, which concerned the honour and safety of the highest tribunal in the kingdom, and the liberty and security of every member of the house. That if in any debate any lord exceeded the modest limits prescribed, in any offensive expressions, the house had the power and the practice to restrain and comprehend and imprison the person, according to the quality and degree of the offence; and that no other remedy or examination could be applied to it, even by the King himself. But if it should be in any private man to take exceptions against any words which the house finds no fault with, and to require men to justify with their swords all that they say in discharge of their conscience, and for the good and benefit of their country; there is an end of the privilege of parliament and the freedom of speech: and therefore that there could not be too great a punishment inflicted upon this notorious and monstrous offence of the Lord Offory, which concerned every lord in particular, as much as it did the Duke of Buckingham; who had carried himself as well as the ill custom and iniquity of the age would admit, and had given no offence to the house, towards which he had always paid all possible respect and reverence."

They who considered the honour and dignity only of the house, and the ill consequence of such violations as these, which way forever their affections were inclined with reference to their persons, were all of opinion, "That their offences were so near equal, that their punishment ought to be equal: for that besides the Lord Offory's denial that he had made any reflection upon any words spoken in parliament, which was the aggravation of his offence, there was some testimony given to the house by some lords present, that the Lord Offory had complained of the duke's comportment towards him, before those words used in the house by him, of the Irish interest, or Irish understanding, and resolved to expostulate with him upon it; so that those words could not be the ground of the quarrel. And it was evident by the duke's own confession and declaration, that he was as ready to fight, and went to the place appointed by himself for encounter; which made the offence equal." And therefore they moved, "that they might be brought to the bar, and upon their knees receive the sentence of the house for their commitment to the Tower."

Some who would shew their kindness to the duke, were not willing that he should undergo the same punishment with the other, until some lords, who were "known not to be his friends, were very earnestly of opinion, that the duke might receive no punishment, because he had committed no fault; for that it was very evident that he never intended to fight, and had, when no other turgivation would serve his turn, prudently mistaken the place that was appointed by himself;" which was pressed by two or three lords in such a pleasant manner, with reflections upon some expressions used by himself, that his better friends thought it would be more for his honour to undergo the censure of the house than the penalty of such a vindication: and so they were both sent to the Tower.

And during the time they remained there, the bill against Ireland remained
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Mained in suspense, and uncalled for by those, who would not hazard their cause in the absence of their strongest champion. But the same spirit was kept up in all other arguments, the displeasure, that had arisen against each other in that, venting itself in contradictions and sharp replies on all other occasions; a mischief that is always contrived from the agitation of private affairs, where different interests are pursued; from whence personal animosities arise, which are not quickly laid aside, after the affair itself that produced those passions, is composed and ended. And this kind of detemper never more appeared, nor ever lasted longer, than from the debate and continual upon this bill.

Those two lords were no sooner at liberty, and their displeasure towards each other suppressed or silenced by the King's command, but another more untoward outrage happened, that continued the same disturbance. It happened that upon the debate of the same affair, the Irish bill, there was a conference appointed with the house of commons, in which the Duke of Buckingham was a manager; and as they were sitting down in the painted chamber, which is seldom done in good order, it chanced that the Marquis of Dorchester sat next the Duke of Buckingham, between whom there was no good correspondence. The one changing his posture for his own ease, which made the station of the other the more uneasy, they first endeavoured by juggling, to recover what they had dispossessed each other of, and afterwards fell to direct blows; in which the marquis, who was the lower of the two in stature, and was less active in his limbs, lost his periwig, and received some rudeness, which nobody imputed to his want of courage, which was ever less questioned than that of the other.

The misdemeanour, greater than had ever happened, in that place and upon such an occasion, in any age, when the least reverence to government was preserved, could not be concealed; but as soon as the conference was ended, was reported to the house, and both parties heard, who both confessed enough to make them undergo the sentence of the house. The duke's friends would say have justified him, as being provoked by the other; and it was evident their mutual undervaluing each other, always dispossessed them to affect any opportunity to manifest it. But the house sent them both to the Tower; from whence after a few days they were again released together, and such a reconciliation made, as after such encounters is usual, where either party thinks himself beforehand with the other, as the marquis had much of the duke's hair in his hands to recom pense for his pulling off his periwig, which he could not reach high enough to do to the other.

The character of Ben. Johnson.

Ben. Johnson's name can never be forgotten, having by his very good learning, and the severity of his nature and manners, very much reformed the stage; and indeed the English poetry itself. His natural advantages were, judgment to order and govern fancy, rather than excess of fancy, his productions being now and upon deliberation, yet then abundant.
with great wit and fancy, and
will live accordingly; and surely
as he did exceedingly exalt the
English language in eloquence,
propriety, and masculine expres-
sions; so he was the best judge of,
and ftable to prescribe rules to
poetry and poets, of any man who
had lived with, or before him, or
since: if Mr. Cowley had not made
a flight beyond all men, with that
modesty yet, to ascribe much of
this, to the example and learning
of Ben. Johnson. His conver-
sation was very good, and with
the men of most note; and he had
for many years an extraordinary
kindness for Mr. Hyde, till he
found he betook himself to busi-
sness, which he believed ought
ever to be preferred before his
company. He lived to be very
old, and till the palsy made a deep
impression upon his body, and his
mind.

The character of Mr. Selden.

Mr. Selden was a person,
whom no character can flatter,
or transmit in any expressions
equal to his merit and virtue. He
was of so stupendous learning in
all kinds, and in all languages (as
may appear in his excellent and
transcendent writings) that a man
would have thought he had been
entirely conversant among all books,
and had never spent an hour but
in reading and writing; yet his
humanity, courtesy, and submis-
sibility was such, that he would have been
thought to have been bred in the
best courts, but that his good na-
ture, charity, and delight in doing
good, and in communicating all
he knew, exceeded that breeding.

Hi-file in all his writings seems
harmless, and sometimes obscure;
which is not wholly to be imputed
to the abstruse subjects of which he
commonly treated, out of the paths
trod by other men; but to a little
undervaluing the beauty of a file,
and too much propriety to the
language of antiquity; but in his
conversation he was the most clear
discourser, and had the best faculty
in making hard things easy, and
presenting them to the understand-
ing, of any man that hath been
known. Mr. Hyde was wont to
say, that he valued himself upon
nothing more than upon having
had Mr. Selden's acquaintance from
the time he was very young; and
held it with great delight as long
as they were suffered to continue
together in London; and he was
very much troubled always when
he heard him blamed, cen
tured, and reproached, for staying in
London, and the parliament, after
they were in rebellion, and in the
worst times, which his age obliged
him to do; and how wicked forever
the actions were, which were every
day done, he was confident he had
not given his consent to them;
but would have hindered them if
he could, with his own safety, to
which he was always enough in-
dulgent. If he had some infirmi-
ties with other men, they were
watched down with wonderful and
prodigious abilities and excellencies
in the other scale.

The character of Mr. Cotton.

Charles Cotton was a
gentleman born to a compe-
tent fortune, and so qualified in his
person, and education, that for
many
many years he continued the greatest ornament in the town, in the esteem of those who had been bred. His natural parts were very great, his wit flowing in all the parts of conversation; the superficiality of learning not reared to a considerable height; but having paffed some years in Cambridge, and then in France, and conversing always with learned men, his expressions were very proper, and significant, and gave great latitude to his discourse, upon any argument; that he was thought by those who were not intimate with him, to have been much better acquainted with books than he was. He had all those qualities which in youth raise men to the reputation of being fine gentlemen; such a pleasantness and gaiety of humour, such a sweetness and gentleness of nature, and such a civility and delightfulness in conversation, that no man in the court, or out of it, appeared a more accomplished person; all these extraordinary qualifications being supported by an extraordinary a clearness of courage, and fearlessness of spirits, of which he gave too often manifestation. Some unhappy faults in law, and wafe of his fortune in those faults, made some impression upon his mind; which being improved by domestic afflictions, and those indulgences to him, which naturally attend those afflictions, rendered his age less revered, than his youth had been; and gave his best friends cause to have wished, that he had not lived so long.

Character of Mr. Vaughan.

JOHN VAUGHAN was then a student of the law in the Inner Temple, but at that time indulged more to the polite learning; and was in truth a man of great parts of nature, and very well adorned by arts and books; and so much cherished by Mr. Selden, that he grew to be of entire trust and friendship with him, and to that owed the best part of his reputation; for he was of so magisterial and supercilious a humour, so proud and insolent a behaviour, that all Mr. Selden’s instructions, and authority, and example, could not file off that roughness of his nature, so as to make him very grateful. He looked most into those parts of the law, which disposed him to least reverence to the crown, and most to popular authority; yet without inclination to any change in government; and therefore, before the beginning of the civil war, and when he clearly discerned the approach to it in parliament (of which he was a member) he withdrew himself into the fastnesses of his own country, North Wales, where he enjoyed a secure, and as near an innocent life, as the iniquity of that time would permit; and upon the return of King Charles the second, he appeared under the character of a man, who had preferred his loyalty here, and was esteemed accordingly by all that party. His friend Mr. Hyde, who was then become lord high chancellor of England, renewed his old kind- nesses and friendship towards him, and was delectious to gratify him all the ways he could, and earnestly pressed him to put on his gown again, and take upon him the office of a judge; but he excused himself upon his long discontinuance (having not worn his gown, and wholly discontinued the pro-
SESSION FROM THE YEAR 1649, FULL TWENTY YEARS) AND UPON HIS AGE, AND EXPRESSLY REFUSED TO RECEIVE ANY PROMOTION: BUT CONTINUED ALL THE PROFESSIONS OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE IMAGINABLE TO THE CHANCELLOR, TILL IT WAS IN HIS POWER TO MANIFEST THE CONTRARY, TO HIS PREJUDICE, WHICH HE DID WITH CIRCUMSTANCES VERY UNCOMMENDABLE.

CHARACTER OF SIR KENELM DIGBY.

SIR KENELM DIGBY WAS A PERSON VERY EMINENT AND NOTORIOUS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COURSE OF HIS LIFE, FROM HIS CRADLE TO HIS GRAVE; OF AN ANCIENT FAMILY AND NOBLE EXTRACTION; AND INHERITED A FAIR AND PLENTIFUL FORTUNE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ATTAINER OF HIS FATHER. HE WAS A MAN OF A VERY EXTRAORDINARY PERSON AND PREFERENCE, WHICH DREW THE EYES OF ALL MEN UPON HIM, WHICH WERE MORE FIX'D BY A WONDERFUL GRACEFUL BEHAVIOUR, A FLOWING COURTESY AND CIVILITY; AND SUCH A VOLUBILITY OF LANGUAGE, AS SURPRISED, AND DELIGHTED; AND THOUGH IN ANOTHER MAN IT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED TO HAVE SOMETHAT OF AFFECTION, IT WAS MARVELLOUS GRACEFUL IN HIM, AND SEEMED NATURAL TO HIS SIZE, AND MOURN OF HIS PERSON, TO THE GRAVITY OF HIS MOTION, AND THE TUNE OF HIS VOICE AND DELIVERY. HE HAD A FAIR REPUTATION IN ARMS, OF WHICH HE GAVE AN EARLY TESTIMONY IN HIS YOUTH, IN SOME ENCOUNTERS IN SPAIN, AND ITALY, AND AFTERWARDS AN ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA, WHERE HE HAD THE COMMAND OF A SQUADRON OF SHIPS OF WAR, SET OUT AT HIS OWN CHARGE UNDER THE KING'S COMMISSION; WITH WHICH, UPON AN INJURY RECEIVED, OR APPREHENDED FROM THE VENETIANS, HE ENCOUNTERED THEIR WHOLE FLEET, KILLED MANY OF THEIR MEN, AND FUNK ONE OF THEIR GALLEYS; WHICH IN THAT DROLLY AND INACTIVE TIME, WAS LOOKED UPON WITH A GENERAL ESTIMATION, THOUGH THE CROWN DISFAVORED IT. IN A WORD, HE HAD ALL THE ADVANTAGES THAT NATURE AND ART, AND AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION COULD GIVE HIM; WHICH, WITH A GREAT CONFIDENCE AND PRESENSE OF MIND, BUOYED HIM UP AGAINST ALL THOSE PREJUDICES AND DISADVANTAGES, (AS THE ATTAINER, AND EXECUTION OF HIS FATHER, FOR A CRIME OF THE HIGHEST NATURE; HIS OWN MARRIAGE WITH A LADY, THOUGH OF AN EXTRAORDINARY BEAUTY, OF AS EXTRAORDINARY A NAME; HIS CHANGING, AND RE-CHANGING HIS RELIGION; AND SOME PERSONAL VICES, AND LICENCES IN HIS LIFE) WHICH WOULD HAVE SUPPRESSED AND SUNK ANY OTHER MAN, BUT NEVER CLOUDED NOR ECLIPSED HIM, FROM APPEARING IN THE BEST PLACES, AND THE BEST COMPANY, AND WITH THE BEST ESTIMATION AND SATISFACTION.

CHARACTER OF MR. MAY.

THOMAS MAY WAS THE ELDEST SON OF HIS FATHER, A KNIGHT, AND BORN TO A FORTUNE, IF HIS FATHER HAD NOT SPENT IT; SO THAT HE HAD ONLY AN ANNUITY LEFT HIM, NOT PROPORTIONAL TO A LIBERAL EDUCATION; YET SINCE HIS FORTUNE COULD NOT RAISE HIS MIND, HE BROUGHT HIS MIND DOWN TO HIS FORTUNE, BY A GREAT MODESTY AND HUMILITY IN HIS NATURE, WHICH WAS NOT AFFECTED, BUT VERY WELL BECAME AN IMPERFECTION IN HIS SPEECH, WHICH WAS A GREAT MORTIFICATION TO HIM, AND KEPT HIM FROM ENTERING UPON ANY DISCOURSE BUT IN THE COMPANY OF HIS VERY FRIENDS. HIS PARTS OF NATURE
tude and art were very good, as appears by his translation of Lucan (none of the easiest work of that kind) and more by his supplement to Lucan, which being entirely his own, for the learning, the wit, and the language, may be well looked upon as one of the best epic poems in the English language. He wrote some other commendable pieces, of the reign of some of our Kings, He was cherished by many persons of honour, and very acceptable in all places; yet (to shew that pride and envy have their influences upon the narrowest minds, and which have the greatest semblance of humility) though he had received much countenance, and a very considerable donative from the King; upon his majesty's refusing to give him a small pension, which he had designed and promised to another very ingenious person, whose qualities he thought inferior to his own; he fell from his duty, and all his former friends; and prostituted himself to the vile office of celebrating the infamous acts of those who were in rebellion against the King; which he did so meanly, that he seemed to all men to have lost his wits, when he left his honesty; and so shortly after died miserable and neglected; and deserves to be forgotten.

Character of Mr. Carew.

THOMAS CAREW was a younger brother of good family, and of excellent parts, and had spent many years of his youth in France and Italy; and returning from travel, followed the court; which the modesty of that time disposed men to do some time, before they pretended to be of it; and he was very much esteemed by the most eminent persons in the court, and well looked upon by the King himself; some years before he could obtain to be fewer to the King; and when the King conferred that place upon him, it was not without the regret even of the whole Scotch nation, which united themselves in recommending another gentleman to it; of so great value were those relations held in that age, when majesty was beheld with the reverence it ought to be. He was a person of a pleanant and facetious wit, and made many poems (especially in the amorous way) which for the sharpness of the fancy, and the elegancy of the language, in which that fancy was spread, were at least equal, if not superior to any of that time: but his glory was, that after fifty years of his life, spent with less severity or exactness than it ought to have been, he died with the greatest remorse for that licence, and with the greatest manifestation for Christianity, that his best friends could desire.

Character of Sir Lucius Cary.

He had the advantage of a noble extraction, and of being born his father's eldest son, when there was a greater fortune in prospect to be inherited (besides what he might reasonably expect by his mother) than came afterwards to his possession. His education was equal to his birth, at least in the care, if not in the climate; for his father being deputy of Ireland, before he was of age fit to be sent abroad, his breeding was
in his person and presence, which was in no degree attracting and promising. His stature was low, and smaller than most men; his motion not graceful; and his speech so far from inviting, that it had somewhat in it of simplicity; and his voice the worst of the three, and so untuned, that instead of reconciling, it offended the ear, so that no body would have expected music from that tongue; and sure no man was less beholden to nature for its recommendation into the world: but then no man sooner, or more disappointed the general and customary prejudice; that little person and small stature was quickly found to contain a great heart, a courage so keen, and a nature so fearless, that no composition of the strongest limbs, and most harmonious and proportioned person and strength, ever more dispossessed any man to the greatest enterprise; it being his greatest weakness to be too solicitous for such adventures: and that untuned tongue and voice, easily discovered itself to be supplied and governed, by a mind and understanding so excellent, that the wit and weight of all he said, carried another kind of luster, and admiration in it, and even another kind of acceptation from the persons present, than any ornament of delivery could reasonably promise it; if, or is usually attended with; and his disposition and nature was so gentle and obliging, so much delighted in courtesy, kindness, and generosity, that all mankind could not but admire, and love him.

In a short time after he had possession of the estate his grandfather left him, and before he was of age, he committed a fault against
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his father, in marrying a young lady, whom he passionately loved, without any considerable portion, which exceedingly offended him; and disappointed all his reasonable hopes and expectation, of redeeming and repairing his own broken fortune, and desperate hopes in court, by some advantageous marriage to his son; about which he had then some probable treaty. Sir Lucius Cary was very conscious to himself of his offence and transgression, and the consequence of it, which though he could not repent, having married a lady of a most extraordinary wit, and judgment, and of the most signal virtue, and exemplary life, that the age produced, and who brought him many hopeful children, in which he took great delight; yet he confessed it, with the most sincere and dutiful applications to his father for his pardon that could be made; and for the prejudice he had a'ot upon his fortune, by bringing no portion to him. he offered to repair it, by resigning his whole estate to his disposal, and to rely wholly upon his kindness for his own maintenance and support; and to that purpose, he caused conveyances to be drawn by council, which he brought ready engrossed to his father, and was willing to seal, and execute them, that they might be valid; but his father's passion and indignation so far transported him (though he was a gentleman of excellent parts) that he refused any reconciliation, and rejected all the offers that were made him of the estate; so that his son remained still in the possession of his estate against his will; for which he found great reason afterwards to rejoice; but he was for the present, so much afflicted with his father's displeasure, that he transported himself and his wife into Holland, resolving to buy some military command, and to spend the remainder of his life in that profession: but being disappointed in the treaty he expected; and finding no opportunity to accommodate himself with such a command, he returned again to England; resolving to retire to a country life, and to his books; that since he was not like to improve himself in arms, he might advance in letters.

In this resolution he was so severe (as he was always naturally very intent upon what he was inclined to) that he declared, he would not see London in many years, which was the place he loved of all the world; and that in his studies, he would first apply himself to the Greek, and pursue it without intermission, till he should attain to the full understanding of that tongue; and it is hardly to be credited, what industry he used, and what success attended that industry: for though his father's death, by an unhappy accident, made his repair to London absolutely necessary, in fewer years, than he had proposed for his absence; yet he had first made himself master of the Greek tongue (in the Latin he was very well versed before) and had read not only the Greek historians, but Homer likewise, and such of the poets as were worthy to be perused.

Though his father's death bro't no other convenience to him, but a title to redeem an estate, mortgaged for as much as it was worth, and for which he was compelled to sell a finer seat of his own; yet it
imposed a burthen upon him, of the title of a Viscount, and an in-
crease of expence, in which he was
not in his nature too provident, or
restrained; having naturally such a
generofity and bounty in him, that
he seemed to have his estate in truth,
for all worthy perfon, who flood
in want of supplies and encourage-
ment, as Ben. Johnfon, and many
others of that time, whose fortunes
required, and whose spirits made
them superior to ordinary obliga-
tions; which yet they were con-
tented to receive from him, be-
cause his bounties were so gene-
rously distributed, and so much
without vanity and ohtentation,
that except from those few perfon,
from whom he sometimes received
the characters of fit objeits for his
benefits, or whom he intrusted, for
the more secret deriving them to
them, he did all he could, that the
perfon themselves who received
them, fould not know from what
fountain they flowed; and when
that could not be concealed, he
fustained any acknowledgment from
the perfon obliged, with fo much
trouble and bafhfulness, that they
might well perceive, that he was
even ashamed of the little he had
given, and to receive fo large a
recommendation for it.

As foon as he had finished all
thofe transactions, which the death
of his father had made necefary to
be done, he retired again to his
country life, and to his severe
courfe of study, which was very
delightful to him, as foon as he
was engaged in it: but he was
want to fay, that he never found
relufancy in any thing he refolved
to do, but in his quitting London,
and departing from the converfa-
tion of thofe he enjoyed there;
which was in fome degree preferv-
ed, and continued by frequent let-
ters, and often visits, which were
made by his friends from thence,
whifl he continued wedded to the
country; and which were fo grate-
ful to him, that during their stay
with him, he looked upon no
book, except their converfation
made an appeal to fome book; and
truly his whole converfation
was onecontinued Con vitium Phi-
losophicum, or Convitium Theologi-
cum, enlivened, and refreshed with
all the facetiousnefs of wit, and
good-humour, and pleafantnefs of
difcourfe, which made the gravity
of the argument itfelf (whatever it
was) very delectable. His houfe
where he usually refided (Teuw, or
Burford in Oxfordshire) being with-
in ten or twelve miles of the uni-
versity, looked like the university
itfelf, by the company that was al-
ways found there. There were
Dr. Sheldon, Dr. Morley, Dr.
Hammond, Dr. Earles, Mr. Chil-
ingworth, and indeed all men of
eminent parts and faculties in Ox-
ford, befides thofe who retired
thither from London; who all
found their lodgings there, as rea-
dy as in the colleges, nor did the
lord of the house know of their
coming, or going, or who were
in his houfe, till he came to din-
nner, or supper, where all ftil met;
otherwife, there was no trouble-
some ceremony, or constraint to
forbid men to come to the houfe,
or to make them weary of flaying
there; fo that many came thither
to study in a better air, finding all
the books they could defire, in his
library, and all the perfonfs toge-
ther, whole company they could
with, and not find, in any other
fociety. Here Mr. Chillingworth
wrote,
wrote, and formed, and modelled his excellent book against the learned Jesuit Mr. Nott, after frequent debates upon the most important particulars; in many of which, he suffered himself to be over-ruled by the judgment of his friends, though in others he still adhered to his own fancy, which was sceptical enough, even in the highest points.

In this happy and delightful conversation, and restraint, he remained in the country many years; and until he had made so prodigious a progress in learning, that there were very few classic authors in the Greek, or Latin tongue, that he had not read with great exactness. He had read all the Greek and Latin fathers; all the most allowed and authentic ecclesiastical writers; and all the councils with wonderful care and observation; for in religion he thought too careful, and too curious an enquiry could not be made, amongst those, whose purity was not questioned, and whose authority was constantly, and confidently urged, by men who were further from being of one mind amongst themselves; and for the mutual support of their several opinions, in which they most contradicted each other; and in all those controversies, he had so dispassioned a consideration, such a candour in his nature, and so profound a charity in his conscience, that in those points, in which he was in his own judgment the most clear, he never thought the worse, or in any degree declined the familiarity, of those who were of another mind; which, without question, is an excellent temper for the propagation, and advancement of Christianity. With these great advantages of industriy, he had a memory retentive of all that he had ever read, and an understanding and judgment to apply it seasonably and appositely, with the most dexterity and address, and the least pedantry and affectation, that ever man, who knew so much, was possessed with, of what quality soever. It is not a trivial evidence of his learning, his wit, and his candour, that may be found in that discourse of his, against the infallibility of the church of Rome, published since his death, and from a copy under his own hand, tho' not prepared and digested by him for the press, and to which he would have given some corrections.

But all his parts, abilities, and faculties, by art and industriy, were not to be valued or mentioned, in comparison of his most accomplished mind and manners: his gentleness and affability was so transcendent and obliging, that it drew reverence, and some kind of compliance from the roughest, and most unpolished, and stubborn constitutions; and made them of another temper in debate, in his presence, than they were in other places. He was in his nature so fervent a lover of justice, and so precise a lover of truth, that he was superior to all possible temptations for the violation of either; indeed so rigid an exactor of perfection, in all those things which seemed but to border upon either of them, and by the common practice of men were not thought to border upon either, that many who knew him very well, and loved, and admired his virtue (as all who did know him, must love and admire it) did believe, that he was of a temper.
temper and composition, fitter to live in Republicæ Platonis, than in Facce Romulus: but this rigidness was only exercised towards him- self; towards his friend's infirmities no man was more indulgent. In his conversation, which was the most cheerful and pleasant that can be imagined, though he was young (for all I have yet spoken of him doth not exceed his age of twenty-five or twenty-six years) and of great gaiety in his humour, with a flowing delightfulness of language, he had so chaste a tongue, and ear, that there was never known a profane, or a loose word to fall from him, nor in truth in his company; the integrity and cleanliness of the wit of that time, not exercising itself in that licence, before persons for whom they had any esteem.

**Character of Mr. Edmund Waller.**

EDMUND WALLER was born to a very fair estate, by the patrimony, or frugality, of a wife father and mother; and he thought it so commendable an advantage, that he resolved to improve it with the utmost care, upon which in his nature he was too much intent; and in order to that, he was so much referred and retired, that he was scarce ever heard of, till by his address and dexterity, he had got a very rich wife in the city, against all the recommendation, and countenance, and authority of the court, which was thoroughly engaged on the behalf of Mr. Crofts; and which used to be successful in that age, against any opposition. He had the good fortune to have an alliance and friendship with Dr. Morley, who had affixed and in-
them, that they were not taken notice of to his reproach; viz. a narrowness in his nature to the lowest degree; an abjectness, and want of courage to support him in any virtuous undertaking; an infatuation, and servile flattery to the height, the vaineft, and most impetuous nature could be contented with; that it preferred and won his life from those, who were most resolved to take it; and in an occasion in which he ought to have been ambitious to have lost it; and then preferred him again, from the reproach and contempt that was due to him, for so preferring it, and for vindicating it at such a price; that it had power to reconcile him to those, whom he had most offended and provoked; and continued to his age with that rare felicity, that his company was acceptable, where his spirit was odious; and he was at least pitied, where he was most detested.

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Character of Mr. Hales of Eton.

Mr. John Hales had been Greek professor in the university of Oxford; and had borne the greatest part of the labour of that excellent edition and impression of St. Chryfosten's works, set out by Sir Harry Savile; who was then warden of Merton college, when the other was fellow of that house. He was chaplain in the house with Sir Dudley Carleton, ambassador at the Hague in Holland, at the time when the synod of Dort was held, and so had liberty to be present at the consultations in that assembly; and left the best memorial behind him, of the ignorance, and passion, and animosity, and injustice of that convention; of which he often made very pleasant relations; though at that time it received too much countenance from England. Being a person of the greatest eminency for learning, and other abilities, from which he might have professed himself any preference in the church, he withdrew himself from all pursuits of that kind, into a private fellowship in the college of Eton, where his friend Sir Harry Savile was provost; where he lived amongst his books, and the most separated from the world of any man then living; though he was not in the least degree inclined to melancholy, but on the contrary, of a very open and pleasant conversation; and therefore was very well pleased with the resort of his friends to him, who were such as he had chosen, and in whose company he delighted, and for whose sake he would sometimes, once in a year, resort to London, only to enjoy their cheerful conversation.

He would never take any care of souls; and was so great a counterfeiter of money, that he was wont to say, that his fellowship, and the burden's place (which for the good of the college, he held many years) was worth to him fifty pounds a year more than he could spend; and yet, besides his being very charitable to all poor people, even to liberality: he had made a greater, and better collection of books, than were to be found in any other private library that I have seen; as he had sure read more, and carried more about him, in his excellent memory, than any man I ever knew, my Lord Falkland only excepted, who I think aided him. He had, whether
ther from his natural temper and constitution, or from his long retirement from all crowds, or from his profound judgment, and discerning spirit, contrasted some opinions, which were not received, nor by him published, except in private discourses; and then rather upon occasion of dispute, than of positive opinion; and he would often say, his opinions he was sure did him no harm, but he was far from being confident, that they might not do others harm, who entertained them, and might entertain other results from them, than he did; and therefore he was very referred in communicating what he thought himself in those points, in which he differed from what was received.

Nothing troubled him more, than the brawls which were grown from religion; and he therefore exceedingly detested the tyranny of the church of Rome; more for their imposing uncharitably upon the consciences of other men, than for the errors in their own opinions; and would often say, that he would renounce the religion of the church of England to-morrow, if it obliged him to believe that any other christians should be damned; and that no body would conclude another man to be damned, who did not with him so. No man more strict and severe to himself; to other men so charitable as to their opinions, that he thought that other men were more in fault for their carriage towards them, than the men themselves were, who erred; and he thought that pride and passion, more than conscience, were the cause of all separation from each others communion; and he frequently laid, that that only kept the world from agreeing upon such a liturgy, as might bring them into one communion; all doctrinal parts upon which men differed in their opinions, being to have no place in any liturgy. Upon an occasional discourse with a friend, of the frequent, and uncharitable reproaches of heretic, and schismatic, too lightly thrown at each other, amongst men who differ in their judgment, he wrote a little discourse of schism, contained in less than two sheets of paper, which being transmitted from friend to friend in writing, was at last, without any malice, brought to the view of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Laud, who was a very rigid surveyor of all things which never so little bordered upon schism; and thought the church could not be too vigilant against, and jealous of such incursions.

He sent for Mr. Hales, whom, when they had both lived in the university of Oxford, he had known well; and told him that he had in truth believed him to be long since dead; and chid him very kindly for having never come to him, having been of his old acquaintance; then asked him, whether he had writ a short discourse of schism, and whether he was of that opinion, which that discourse implied. He told him, that he had, for the satisfaction of a private friend, (who was not of his mind) a year or two before, writ such a small tract, without any imagination that it would be communicated; and that he believed it did not contain any thing, that was not agreeable to the judgment of the primitive fathers; upon which, the archbishop debated with him upon some expressions of Irenæus, and the most ancient:
ancient fathers; and concluded with saying, that the time was very apt to set new doctrines on foot, of which the wits of the age were too susceptible; and that there could not be too much care taken, to preserve the peace and unity of the church; and from thence asked him of his condition, and whether he wanted any thing, and the other answering, that he had enough, and wanted, or desired no addition, so dismissed him with great courtesy; and shortly after sent for him again, when there was a prebendarie of Windfor fallen, and told him, the King had given him the prebendarie, because it lay so convenient to his fellowship of Eton; which (though indeed the most convenient prebendarie that could be thought of for him) the archbishop could not without great difficulty, persuade him to accept, and he did accept it, rather to please him, than himself; because he really believed he had enough before. He was one of the least men in the kingdom; and one of the greatest scholars in Europe.

Character of Mr. Chillingworth.

Mr. Chillingworth was of a stature little superior to Mr. Hales (and it was an age, in which there were many great and wonderful men of that size) and a man of so great a subtility of understanding, and so rare a temper in debate, that as it was impossible to provoke him into any passion, so it was very difficult to keep a man’s self from being a little discomposed by his sharpness, and quickness of argument, and inferences, in which he had a rare facility, and a great advantage over all the men I ever knew. He had spent all his younger time in disputations; and had arrived to so great a mastery, as he was inferior to no man in those skirmishes but he had, with his notable perfection in this exercise, contrasted such an irresolution, and habit of doubting, that by degrees he grew confident of nothing, and a sceptic, at least in the great mysteries of faith.

This made him from first wavering in religion, and indulging to scruples, to reconcile himself too soon, and too easily to the church of Rome; and carrying still his own inquisitiveness about him, without any resignation to their authority (which is the only temper can make that church fire of its presbytery) having made a journey to St. Omers, purely to perfect his conversion, by the conversion of the Bishop, who had the greatest name, he found as little satisfaction there; and returned with as much hate from them, with a belief that an entire exemption from error, was neither inherent in, nor necessary to any church which occasioned that war, which was carried on by the Jesuits with so great asperity, and reproaches against him, and in which he defended himself, by such an admirable eloquence of language, and clear, and incomparable power of reason, that he not only made them appear unequal adversaries, but carried the war into their own quarters; and made the Pope’s infallibility to be as much shaken, and declined by their own doctors, (and as great an acrimony amongst themselves upon that subject) and to be at least as much doubted, as in the schisms of the reformed or protestant, and forced them since, to defend and maintain those unhappy controversies in religion, with arms and weapons.
pons of another nature, than were died, or known in the church of Rome, when Bellarmine died; and which probably will in time undermine the very foundation that supports it.

Such a levity, and propensity to change, is commonly attended with great infirmities in, and no less reproach, and prejudice to the person; but the sincerity of his heart was so conspicuous, and without the least temptation of any corrupt end; and the innocence, and candour of his nature so evident, and without any perverseness, that all who knew him, clearly discerned, that all those reflexions motions and fluctuations proceeded only from the warmth and jealousy of his own thoughts, in a too nice inquisition for truth. Neither the books of the adversary, nor any of their persons, tho' he was acquainted with the bent of both, had ever made great impression upon him; all his doubts grew out of himself, when he alighted his scruples with all the strength of his own reason, and was then too hard for himself; but finding as little quiet and repose in those victories, he quickly recovered, by a new appeal to his own judgment; so that he was in truth, upon the matter, in all fallacies and retreats, his own convert; though he was not so totally divested of all thoughts of this world, but that when he was ready for it, he admitted some great and considerable churchmen, to be sharers with him in his public conversation.

Whilst he was in perplexity, or rather some passionate disinclination to the religion he had been educated in, he had the misfortune to have much acquaintance with one Mr. Lugar, a minister of that church; a man of a competency of learning, in those points most controverted with the Romanists, but of no acute parts of wit, or judgment; and wrought so far upon him, by weakening, and enervating those arguments, by which he found he was governed, (as he had all the logic, and all the rhetoric, that was necessary to persuade very powerful men of the greatest talents) that the poor man, not able to live long in doubt, too hastily deserted his own church, and betook himself to the Roman; nor could all the arguments and reasons of Mr. Chillingworth make him pause in the expedition he was using; or reduce him from that church after he had given himself to it; but he had always a great animosity against him, for having (as he said) unkindly betrayed him, and carried him into another religion, and there left him. So until are some constitutions to be troubled with doubts, after they are once fixed.

He did really believe all war to be unlawful; and did not think that the parliament (whose proceedings he perfectly abhorred) did in truth intend to involve the nation in a civil war, till after the battle of Edgehill; and then he thought any expedient, or stratagem that was like to put a speedy end to it, to be the most commendable: and so having too mathematically conceived an engine, that should move so lightly, as to be a breast-work in all encounters, and assaults in the field; he carried it, to make the experiment, into that part of his majesty's army, which was only in that winter season in the field, under the command of the Lord Hopton, in Hampshire, upon the borders of Suffex; where he was shut up in the
the castle of Arundel; which was forced, after a short sharp siege, to yield for want of victuals; and poor Mr. Chillingworth with it, falling into the rebels hands, and being most barbarously treated by them, especially by that clergy, broken with sickness, contracted by the ill accommodation, and want of meat, and fire during the siege, which was in a terrible season of frost and snow, he died shortly after in prison. He was a man of excellent parts, and of a cheerful disposition; void of all kind of vice, and endowed with many notable virtues; of a very public heart, and an indefatigable desire to do good; his only unhappiness proceeded from his sleeping too little, and thinking too much; which sometimes threw him into violent fevers.

Translation of a letter from Mary Queen of Scots to Queen Elizabeth.

Greeably to my promise and to your desire, I now acquaint you (with regret, that such things should be spoke of, and with the utmost sincerity and freedom from passion, which I call God to witness) that the countess of Shrewsbury told me of you what follows almost in these words. To the greatest part of which I protest to you I made answer, by reproving that lady for believing, or speaking with such liberty of you, as they were things I did not believe, nor do I believe them now, knowing the countess’s temper, and how much she was offended at you.

First she said, That a person, to whom you had promised marriage in presence of a lady of your bed-chamber, had lain with you an infinite number of times, with all the freedom and intimacy of a husband with his wife; but that certainly you were not like other women; and that therefore it was great folly to press your marriage with the Duke d’Anjou, as it never could take place; and that you would never part with the liberty of having love made to you, and of wantonly dallying, at any time, with new lovers; she, at the same time, regretted that you would not content yourself with Master Hatton, or some other of this kingdom: but that which vexed her most, for the honour of the country, was, that you had not only parted with your honour to a foreigner, one Simier (going in the night to meet him in the apartment of a lady, whom the countess greatly blamed on that account, where you kissed him, and used many indecent familiarities with him) but that you also revealed to him the secrets of state, thus betraying your own counsels; that you behaved in the same loose manner to the duke his master, who went one night to the door of your chamber, where you met him with nothing on but your shift and your bed-gown, and soon suffered him to come in, and he said with you near three hours.

That, as to Hatton, you followed him so, that the whole court took notice of your passion for him; and he himself was forced to leave the court; and that you gave Killicrew a blow on the ear, because he could not, as you ordered him, bring back Hatton, who had parted from
from you in anger for some abusive language you had given him, on account of some gold buttons he had on his cloaths.

That she had endeavoured to make a match between Hatton and the late countess of Lenox, her daughter; but that, for fear of you, he durst not listen to the proposal; that even the earl of Oxford durst not make up his differences with his lady, for fear of losing the favours he expected by making love to you: that you were lavish to all these persons, and to such as intrigued with you as they did; particularly one George, a gentleman of your bed-chamber, to whom you gave three hundred pounds a year for bringing you the news of Hatton's return: that to every body else you were most ungrateful and niggardly; and that you had never done any thing for above three or four persons in your whole kingdom.

She advised me (laughing at the same time most immoderately) to put my fon on making love to you; which she said would be of infinite service to me, and would make you shake off the duke of Anjou, who would otherwise do me a great prejudice. And upon my answering, that this would be taken for a piece of downright mockery, she replied, that you were so vain, that you had as high an opinion of your beauty, as if you were some celestial goddess; that she would, on pain of losing her head, undertake to make you believe that he was passionately in love with you; and would also keep him in a proper temper. That you were so delighted with the most extravagant flatteries, that you could bear to be told, that people could not look at you full in the face, because the brightness of your countenance was like that of the sun. That she and all other ladies of the court were obliged to talk to you in this strain; and that the last time she went to wait on you, with the late countess of Lenox, they durst not look at one another, for fear of bursting into laughter at the ridiculous and sullen bombast with which she loaded you; and at her return she desired me to chide her daughter, whom she never could prevail with to do the same; and that as to her daughter Talbot, she told me, she could scarce ever forbear laughing in your face. This lady Talbot, on returning from paying her compliments to you, and taking the oaths as one of your servants, told me of it as a thing done by way of mockery, and begged of me to receive from her the same homage, but paid with more sincerity; which I long refused, but at length moved by her tears, I suffered it. She said she would not for any thing be in your service to be near your person, so much was she afraid, that when you were in a passion, you would do to her, as you had done to her cousin Skedmur, whose finger you broke, and gave out at court, that it was done by the falling of a candlestick; and that another of your servants you cut cro's the hand with a great knife; that in short, for these things, and several others that were commonly reported, you were mimicked and made game of, as in a comedy, by my women; on hearing of which I swear to you, that I forbade them ever to do so any more.

Moreover,
Moreover, the countess formerly told me, that you wanted to appoint Rolston to make love to me, and endeavour to dishonour me, either in fact, or by reports, about which he had instructions from your own mouth. That Ruxby came here about eight years ago to make an attempt on my life, having spoken about it with yourself, who told him to do as Wallingham should recommend to him and direct him. When the countess was making up the match between her son Charles and one of Lord Paget's nieces, and that, on the other hand, you, of your own pure and absolute authority, would have her for one of the Knolles's, because he was your relation; she exclaimed loudly against you, and said that it was downright tyranny for you to dispose of all the heiresses of the country at your fancy; and that you had used Paget in a shameful manner by opprobrious words; but that some others of the nobility of the kingdom, whom she knew, if you should address yourself to them, would not put up with so tamely.

About four or five years ago, when you were ill, and I was ill at the same time, she told me that your illness proceeded from the closing of a running fore in your leg; and that as a great change in your habit of body had just preceded it, you would certainly die, at which she greatly rejoiced, from a vain imagination she had long conceived from the predictions of one John Lenton, and of an old book which foretold your death by violence, and the succession of another queen, who she interpreted to be me; regretting only that according to the aforesaid book the queen that should succeed you, would reign only three years, and die, like you, by violence, which was even represented in a picture in the said book, in which there was one leaf, the contents of which she would never tell me. She knows herself that I always looked on this as a foolish thing; but she made her account that she should be the first in my good graces; and even that my son should marry my niece Arabella.

As to the rest, I again solemnly declare to you, upon my word and honour, that what is said above is strictly true: and that what your honour is concerned in, it never once entered into my thoughts to injure you by revealing it; and that I shall never speak of it, as I look upon it to be very false. If I could have an hour to speak with you, I would tell you more particularly the names, time, place, and other circumstances, that you might know the truth both of this, and of other things, which I reserve till I be assured of your friendship, which as I wish for it more than ever, so if I could once obtain it, you never had relation, friend, or even subject, more faithful and affectionate to you, than I should prove. For God's sake secure to yourself her who is both willing and able to do you service. From my bed, putting a force upon my arm and my pains to satisfy and obey you.

MARIE, R.

From Lloyd's Evening Post.

SIR,

As the generality of judicious readers are curious and fond of meeting with the anecdotes of great men, I have collected some, relating
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relating to that admired genius, Dean Swift, which I am surprized have never yet transpired to the public knowledge: I am the more so, when I reflect that they have even escaped the penetration of Mrs. Pilkington, who certainly never was acquainted with them, or she would have enriched her memoirs with them; the few she did collected, being in my opinion, the most valuable part, if not the entire worth, of her memoirs. Mr. Thomas Sheridan, who published the posthumous volume of Swift's writings, has passed them by, tho' his father Dr. Sheridan was particularly acquainted with the dean. As for the Earl of Orrery, I have perused him, and he says nothing of the matter. In order, therefore, to rescue them from oblivion, and to preserve these anecdotes to posterity, I have collected them from papers of my own which have long since lain by me; and which, being an indigested miscellany of every thing which I could pick up, worthy my attention, for these thirty years past, among other things contained those anecdotes scattered in the collection, as they happened, by chance, to arrive at my knowledge. This is the truth, and as such you have them genuine from me; I say, Sir, genuine, as the wit of them will sufficiently prove they could come from nobody else.

I. In the reign of King William, to whom Swift was no friend, on account of a neglect he met with from that Prince, and therefore had connected himself with the opposite party, it happened, that the King had either chosen, or actually had taken, this motto for his state coach in Ireland,

Non Rapuit, sed Recepti,
I did not steal, but I received; alluding to his being called to the throne by the people, and to clear himself from the imputation of violence. This was indistinctly reported to Swift by one of his emissaries: and what, said he to the dean, do you think the Prince of Orange has chosent for his motto on his state coach? — Dutch cheese, said the dean, with a reluctant smile (for he scorned to laugh, and even a smile was extorted.) No, said the gentleman, but, Non rapuit, sed recepti. — Ay, says Swift — but there is an old saying and a truth, The receiver is as bad as the thief. An embittered reflection, not unworthy of his known misanthropy, and rather superior contempt of the degeneracy of the human species. I had the pleasure of knowing the dean, and of hearing him both in his pleasantries, and his peevish pets, and can picture to myself his manner of expressing himself at that moment.

II. He could never reply to a repartee, notwithstanding his ready wit, because it trod upon the corns of his pride. He was crossing over the ferry in Dublin, and he was remarkably fond of chatting with the most indifferent men, overlooking the better sort as below the notice of his dignity. Turning himself from the passengers in the stern of the boat, he addressed a poor man near him, ‘Well, friend, what profession are you of? I am a tailor, Sir, says the other (not knowing the dean.) ‘What, are you married, says Swift?’—Yes, Sir, replied the tailor, ‘And who wears the breeches, said the dean?’ My a — answered the other. Which retort so mortified the dean (as most in the boat knew him) that to save his pride, he gave the tailor a crown,
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III. Some person, I think it was Dr. Delany, having this motto on his coach;

Nam Avo$ et Pravos et quæ non fecimus ipsi,
Vix ea nostra voco.
For to boast of birth, and matters in which we have no merit, I scarce can call such things mine.
Swift seeing it, wrote under it,
By this grave motto be it known, Delany's coach is not his own.

IV. Lord S—— in Ireland having this motto on his coach;
Eques haud male notus.
A Nobleman not ill known.
And this gentleman not having the greatest alacrity in prompt payments of his tradesmen's bills, Dr. Swift very gravely observed, I think the Latin motto on Lord S——'s coach may be literally rendered, Better known than trusted.

V. The scholars of 'Trinity College, Dublin, had, in a gaité du cœur, invited themselves to supper with the dean one Friday night, on which night they never have any supper throughout the year, and therefore flung, as they call it, among their friends. The dean very pleasantly received them; and, to their surprie, supper was brought in before they could imagine it was ready. The table was laid out in the most neat manner, and the dean being seated, several servants brought in the dishes covered. Come, gentlemen, says he, uncover; which they did, and found the dishes contain nothing but ragouts of old books and mully rums; at which, though perhaps not well pleased with their fare, they forced their features into a grin of complaisance, as admiring the dean's wit, not doubting but that the second course would make amends for the inkindity of the first, and that Epicurus would follow Bargerflicius and Keckerman. The second course came in, covered also. They did as before, and found nothing but salt.—There, says the dean, there is a feast for Plato. There is Sales Attice for you; indulge, indulge.—This produced another laugh. The second course being removed, in came the third, which consisted of plates covered, in number tallying with the guests; each uncovered his plate, found half a crown. Some took them up, and others left them, and thus ended the entertainment; the dean ushering them to the door, in the waiter's phrase of, Kindly welcome, gentlemen.

VI. The dean was very fond of his servants, whom on any neglects he punished in a humourous manner, rather than with severity. His cook-maid Catharine had obtained leave to go to Rapharnam on a summer's evening, and being got half the way, a mile or so on the road, the dean dispatched a man and horse after her, with charge to bring her back directly to dinner suppers for some guests which he had not expected, but not to give her a lift on the horse. She was very fat, and the weather melting warm; and when she returned to the dean-ry-house she was all in a bath; and very gravely making a courtly, asked his reverence, what were his commands? 'Not much, Catharine, said the dean, only you forgot to
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Ann Daisy. You may go to Rafarnam. Poor Catharine, thus mortified, went down and undressing herself in tears, deferred her journey to another opportunity.

VIII. The dean was invited to a gentleman's house, where at dinner he observed some beautiful children of his friend's, and on his eagerly looking round, as if he wanted something, was asked what he would have; to which he, with too much ill nature, if not ill manners, replied, I am looking to see which is the handsomest footman here. For the gentleman was remarkably deformed, and ordinary both in person and features. I heard a gentleman oblige on this story being told, that he deserved to be kicked down stairs, had he been the archbishop of Canterbury.

VIII. The dean, in his lunacy, had some intervals of sense, at which time his guardians, or physicians, took him out for the air; when they came to the Park, Swift remarked a new building, which he had never seen, and asked what it was designed for; to which Dr. Kingfbury answered, That, Mr. Dean, is the magazine for arms and powder, for the security of the city. Oh! oh! says the dean, pulling out his pocket-book, let me take an item of that. This is worth remarking; my tablets, as Hamlet says, my tablets—memory put down that—which produced the following lines, being the last he ever wrote;

Behold! a proof of Irish sense!
Here Irish wit is seen,
When nothing's lost, that's worth defence,
We build a magazine.

And then put up his pocket-book, laughing heartily at the conceit, and clinching it with, After the herd's stolen, shut the stable door; after which he never said a sensible word; so that these lines may be said to have been the last speech, and dying words of his Wit.

An account of the hunting, economy, and trade of the Inlanders; as also of the state of agriculture in the Swedish colonies settled among those people. By M. de Juterbag.

[Extracted from the Journal Oeconomique.]

If necessity is the mother of these arts that are most necessary, as opulence produces those that are more frivolous, I imagine, that, in order to learn the secrets of a prudent economy, we cannot choose better masters than those people to whom nature seems to have refused all the conveniences of life. As the industry and frugality of these nations supply all their wants, and they are obliged to avail themselves of those things that are despised or neglected in wealthy countries, they may in some sense be said to owe more to themselves than to nature, which, with regard to them, seems to have been a little too unjust in the distribution of her benefits. Yet the economy of such people is a very instructive school even to those nations who are most favoured by nature. In the most flourishing countries of the world, there are some districts less happy than others, where the inhabitants may successfully imitate those nations which are in the same situation. Besides, some
some years occur, in which, thro' the
intemperance of the air, or other ac-
cidents fatal to fruit, the most fertile
lands will bear nothing but barren
heath; and then we may find re-
sources in the practice of people
who have been instructed by con-
tinual necessity; such are the Lap-
landers, a people otherwise little
known among us. Lapland, which
the nations call Sameaedna or Same-
ladde, is divided into Swedifh, Da-
nifh, and Rufian; its whole ex-
tent amounting to 480 leagues in
length, and pretty near as much
in breadth: but the number of its
inhabitants is so small, that the worst
inhabited province of France con-
tains more people than that vast nor-
thern country. It is not surprifing
that other nations should have
little temptation to fend colonies to
a country which is partly situated
beyond the arctic circle; and pro-
duces no forth of food for the inha-
bilants but fih and fome wild beafs;
and whose deferts never echo with
the fong of the lark or nightingale:
where, instead of an agreeable va-
riety of fruitful hills and laughing
meadows, almofl nothing is feen
but mountains covered with eternal
fnow, and miffes here and there
producing a few willows and fmal-
birches, that wither before they at-
tain the growth which is natural
to them in milder climates. Add
to these reafons, that in the nor-
thern parts of Lapland, night pre-
vails during a certain feafon, almofl
without intermiffion; that although,
after the month of March, their
days begin to be longer than coun-
tries fitude on this fide of the
arctic circle, the fun has not force
enough to produce an univerfal
spring in the icy climes; for,
there are fome mountainous diftricts
where, even while the fun appears
ten hours above the horizon, the
people crofs with carriages, lakes
and rivers frozen to the bottom,
which often are not thawed during
a fucceffion of years; and finally,
that in other diftricts, the extreme
heat of summer brings along with
it different kinds of gnats or
infects, every fpecies of which is
more infupportable than another,
and fo prodigiously numerous, that
sometimes they veil the fun, fo as
to caufe the darknefs of night at
mid-day. But as it is well known
that the finet countries which we
fee in the world, owed great part
of their fertility and goodnefs to
the indufly of the nations that in-
habited them; and it is plain that
the ancient Germans, and Scy-
thians, the firit inhabitants of
Thrace, and the Aborigenes of
Italy, would not have left a barren
and ungrateful country to other
descendents, if they had preferred
application and agriculture to idle-
nefs and rapine: the Swedifh na-
tion, to the dominion of which the
moft confiderable part of Lapland
is fubjeft, hath not yet loft hopes
of turning this great extent of coun-
try

* These are diftinguifhed into three fpecies; the firit is in Swedifh, called
Maygor, in the Lapland language Tjucika, and appears in the month of June;
the second, which is smaller than the firft, begins likewife to appear in the month
of June, being called Knatt, by the Swedes, and Muookir by the Laplanders;
the third called Hya by the Swedes, and Mueiva by the natives, is the smallest of
the three, the moft venomous and troublesome to travellers and the people who
work in the fields,
try to some account. There are means for draining the marshes and augmenting the good black mould; in some places grubbed by the Swedes, as well as in the lands adjoining to some personages, they have already fown and reaped rye; yet this success was deemed impossible when Scheffer published his description of Lapland.

This, it is to be hoped, will gradually excite the endeavours of the Laplanders, who are attached to their own country by a prejudice which in some forts constitutes their happiness: for they are fully convinced, that in the whole universe, they could not find a place of abode more secure and agreeable than their own. Besides, tho' the greatest part of Lapland is so floy that it seems incapable of any sort of agriculture, there are some spots so covered with a soft fat mould, that the natives, when they transport their habitation to those places, are obliged to carry along with them stones for the construction of their hearths. Scheffer is mistaken when he says, that rain is less frequent here than in other climates; and that from this scarcity, the barrenness of the country proceeds. Nor is this occasioned by the short duration of the summer; for when the heats begin, they are so powerful, that often in lakes which have been covered with fedges in the evening, there is not the least vestige of ice to be seen by next day. By this sudden change, the earth is dried and purified much sooner than in other countries, and herbs, plants and leaves appear all at once, where but a few days before, the rudest winter reigned. Every thing ripens with the same dispatch; and whereas in southern provinces, the people are sometimes obliged to wait for the harvest four months after the corn is fown, here the crop is gathered at the end of six, seven, eight, or at most nine weeks after feed time. Now, if the natives would apply themselves to the melioration of the ground, search after the spots proper for agriculture, and find out (as some people would make us hope) a kind of corn that would agree with the climate; we might, according to all appearances, reap as plentiful crops in this as in any other country. Nay, perhaps, there is no occasion to travel for that kind of corn which is wanted: who knows but some plant, a native of the country, and accustomed to the climate, may be ennobled by a careful cultivation? for it is certain that our greens and corn did not arrive at their present degree of perfection, without the care of mankind; and that they would soon degenerate, if by long neglect they were suffered to return to their original nature. But it will be more to the purpose, at first, to entertain our readers with what nature produces here of herself, without the assistance of human industry. The first thing that presents itself is a vast extent of heath all covered with moss. Now, this moss being the ordinary food of the rein-deer, which is almost the whole kind of cattle in Lapland, these heaths must be of great service. There are some places, especially in the valleys, on the banks of rivers and lakes, which bear pines, fir, birch, juniper-trees, willows, alders, poplars, &c. so that, in several districts, the natives would be under no necessity
necessity of living exposed to the air, as they are, and, dying of cold, if they would make use of the wood which nature offers. There is likewise a great number of meadows, which produce grass sufficient for maintaining the cattle of the Swedish colonies: sometimes it has been seen to grow at the very roots of mountains covered with ice; and it is very probable, that the marshy places, by draining, might be changed into meadow or labourable ground. Lapland, moreover, produces several kinds of berries or apples (a round soft fruit, usually covered with a smooth, thin skin) which the inhabitants know to use to advantage, tho' they are, for the most part, unknown every where but in the northern countries; and has likewise its own particular flowers and plants, the enumeration of which may be seen in the work of M. Linnaeus, entitled Flora Lapponica. Though here are no gardens planted by the hand of man, nature seems to have taken that charge upon herself; for at the feet of some mountains, we see trees so well distributed, that art could not invent a more agreeable disposition. Besides, the pine-forests are more useful to the Laplanders, and inhabitants of the western Bothnia, than the fairest orchards are to more fertile provinces; for, from the bark of those trees they are used to make bread, and this nourishment, bad as at first it may seem to be, maintains their bodies in full vigour. Here we see mountains of prodigious height and terrible aspect; but as they seem to have been raised as buttresses to resist the fury of the winds, which prevail in that country with such violence as would submerge nature in her original chaos, they are to be regarded as benefits. As for the tradition, importing that the clouds sometimes whirl aloft men and rein deer from these heights, it is no other than fable: but Linnaeus describes circumstantially, the profound darkness which sometimes suddenly envelopes the tops of these mountains. Those who are acquainted with Lapland, contradict the common opinion, that pretends there are no practicable roads even in summer, and that it is impossible to cross the country in that season: they affirm, on the contrary, that the mountains always leave between them, spaces large and convenient enough for the passage of travellers. But certain it is, that in long journeys they are obliged to carry with them small boats for crossing the lakes and rivers. The Swedes boast much of the admirable prospects that are here produced from the contrast of mountains wholly whitened with snow and ice, hills covered with moss, lakes full of islands, serpentine rivers, cascades, flat country and woods; but we have reason to observe with M. Maupertuis, that some of those countries would be too beautiful, if they were not situated in Lapland. The authors of that nation speak of certain things with extravagant exaggerations. Olaus Rudbeck, for example, goes so far as to say, that he has seen districts in Lapland, which he could very easily believe might have been the terrestrial Paradise.

With regard to metals contained in the earth, there is found at Skan-livare, in the march of Torno, a mineral which is a mixture of gold and silver; and at Kecklaflware, in the same march, another that contains lead mixed with silver. They work...
work iron mines at Gelliware, in
the march of Lullo, and at Jonuf-
vondo, in the march of Torno, where there is likewise a foundery as well as in some other parts. Copper is found in the mines of 
Swappaware, in the march of Tor-
no, and in those of Wordnacka in
the march of Lullo. Silver is 
extracted from the mines of Na-
faahel, in the march of Pito, which is purified in the foundery of Silbojock, and from those of Kindeware, in the march of Lullo, which is melted in the foundery of Quickjock. We shall lay no-
thing of the marks of mines that 
are found at Anuas-Jeria, Orta-
foiwe, &c. situated in the march of 
Lullo. The treasures of these places are not yet discovered, because of 
the bad direction of the Laplan-
ders, who had procured the first pieces of ore. We likewise see, in the mineralogy of Bromell, that there is no scarcity in Lapland, of very large and beautiful foïli crystals; and Scheffer gives us to un-
derstand, that heretofore the natives used them as flints to their sails. Here likewise are found amethysts of a purple colour, topazes, lead-
stones, quicksilver, and cinabar; but in all likelihood these things are not in great plenty. But we will add, that in certain places are found some marks of mineral waters.

Let us now proceed to the diffe-
rent kinds of animals which live in 
Lapland, barren as it appears; for this consideration is that in which we are chiefly interested. In furs con-
sist the principal trade of the 
country, and this is almost the only commodity from which it draws money. The principal game in 
this and the neighbouring countries is the elk. Some of these the na-
tives take by a trap, called in the

Swedish language lee, consisting of a
spring made of a brass wire, which when the elk passes over it, flies up, and drives an iron stake into his 
body. They are likewise caught in a kind of pit, like those that are 
made for taking wolves. The fleth 
of this animal is eaten either fresh or 
smeaked. In Jaepteland, a Swedish 
province in the neighbourhood of 
Lapland, it is the custom to carry a 
shoulder of every elk that is killed, 
to the minister of the parish. In 
certain districts, the bear as well as the elk, is taken in the lee; but it is likewise killed by means of cer-
tain hand guns, to which they fix 
a bait with a brass wire, in such a 
manner, that the gun fires as soon as the animal touches it; though the usual method is to shoot them with a fusti, when they approach 
those baits. Nevertheless, this ex-
pedient is attended with some dan-
ger, and for a long time the inhabi-
tants of countries infested by these 
powerful savages, have been advised 
to furnish their fusils with bayonets, 
that they may be in a condition to 
defend themselves when the bears, 
after having been mislead, come to 
attack them. The Laplanders have 
a particular fong, which they sing 
after having killed a bear. They 
begin by thanking the vanquished 
enemy, for his having been pleased to 
do them no mischief, and ex-
prefs their satisfaction at his arrival. 
Then they address their thanks to the 
Divinity which hath created 
beasts for the use of man, and given 
him strength and adresses to over-
come them. Moreover, it is said, 
that in consequence of a superstition univerfally received among 
the Laplanders, he, who has had the good fortune to kill a bear, is 
forbid to lie with his wife for three 
days after the exploit. Wolves are 
here,
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here in great numbers, and make terrible havock, especially among the elks and rein-deer. The manner in which they take the frit, is too singular to be suppressed. When the wolf, having pursued the elk until he is quite tired, lies down to take some rest, the elk repeats himself also; but the frit has no sooner recovered his strength, than he roufes the other anew, which soon becomes his prey; for the nerves of that poor animal grow stiff during his halt; so that, flying with great difficulty, his death becomes inevitable. The wolf-pits which we use, are the ordinary and surest means of catching these dangerous animals. It has been observed, that when a wolf-hole is destroyed, the old ones be- take themselves to flight at first, but return when they hear the diftreff and cries of their little ones, and that is the most convenient time for shooting them. This method of making the whelps cry, deserves our imitation. The glutton is pretty common in this country; but Schef- fer is mistaken when he says it can live in the water like an otter: for it always remains upon the land. This animal is so astonishingly voracious, that one is almost tempted to believe it discharges its food just as it is swallowed, and the fench of the creature is infupportable. In Lapland are found several kinds of foxes, white, red, black, &c.

Here the beaver builds his habi-
tation, as in Canada. Their houses
confift of four stories, and though they are made with stones that men would be at a loss to put to any fort of use, they are so well vaulted above, and built so firm, that they will last an hundred years. As the water rises, the beaver ascends from one story to another, so as that he is always level with the surface: but although the address of these ani-
mals is altogether surprizing, it can-
not secure them from that of man-
kind. Ermines and squirrels are
taken in some districts of the north, by a very simple kind of mante-trap. It is reported, that the Laplanders, for fear of piercing the skins of these animals, shoot them with blunt ar-
rrows, and are so dextrous as to hit them always on the head. If we add to the number of animals, which we have mentioned, the wild rein-
deer, hares, otters, and fables, which are likewise common enough, it must be owned, that the trade they carry on with their furs, some of which are very dear, becomes an object of great importance. The beft resource of the Laplanders, next to their tame rein-deer and hunting, is that which they find in their lakes and rivers, which are very nu-
merous. The chief lakes are, the Great Uma, the Great Windel, the Horeaven, the Storawan, the Great Lula, the lakes of Kartom, Kali,
Torno, Enara, and Kimi. Some of these extend fifty leagues in length, and contain a great number of islands. Schefler reports, that in Storawan there are as many islands as days in the year: and that the lake of Enara forms a kind of Ar-
chipelago, which contains islands so large, that no Laplander has lived long enough to visit all the different parts of them. The principal ri-
ers, great and small, which crois the different marches on every side, are
called Angermann; Uma, or Imans, Skellefia; Pito, or Pajeto, or Guer-
ra; Lula, or Leullius; Kali, or
Gallus; Torno or Taranus, or
Tarantus; and Kimi. In these
lakes and rivers are found salmon,
pike, tench, perch, smelts, red eyed
bays,
blays, breams, loaches, and some other sorts of fish, in such plenty, that a great number of Laplanders and Swedes who are settled among them, not only supply themselves with enough for their own consumption during the whole year, but likewise with a great quantity besides, which they sell to strangers. Over and above the fish we have mentioned, some rivers in Lapland yield pearls: and the Swedes, ever jealous of the productions of countries subject to their dominions, pretend they are the fairest in the universe. The birds that live in some provinces of Lapland, are either natives of the country, and remain always there, or fowls of passage, that stay only part of the year. Of the first kind are heath-cocks, woodcocks, hawks, &c. and, among the last, the most remarkable are swans, wild geese and wild-ducks. Tho' great flocks of swans, and wild-geese, which we see crossing the southern countries in spring and autumn, are either going to Lapland, or returning from it. In the spring, they choose their abode in the countries which the Laplanders have quitted, for reasons that shall be explained in the sequel, in order to repair to the coast of the western sea; and before these wandering people return in the autumn, these birds are gone, as if nature had ordained that those districts should be inhabited alternately by rational and irrational creatures, so as that they should never be altogether deserted. Besides, it is here observed, that some kinds of fowl, as well as other animals, love to make their abode in the neighbourhood of new colonies, where they are much more numerous than in any other parts of the country; whether it is, that nature has given them instinct to approach those for whose maintenance they seemed to have been destined, or (which is more probable) that they go thither to feed upon the labours of man. Upon the coast of the icy sea, or Mare Glaciale, the fowl is more scarce than in the southern provinces; but then those countries breed more beavers, wild rein-deer, and other land animals. The description we have given of Lapland plainly shews it has in effect real advantages, which may in some shape alleviate the ill conveniences to which the inhabitants are exposed; nay, we may affirm, that these inconveniences are not so rigorous as they appear to be from the simple recital. The gnats, which we have mentioned, do not constitute an inevitable evil: it is observed, that they usually make their abode in woods, and that they are much less troublesome upon the mountains, and in the best cultivated spots; so that they seem to be nothing more than the punishment of idleness. The continual light of the summer atones for the darkness that prevails during part of winter; and yet this darkness is not total; for the snow, together with the moon and stars, afford light enough for transacting the most necessary affairs. Besides, the Aurora Borealis, which is more frequent and bright in this than in southern countries, often supplies the want of day; and, in certain seasons, the natives avail themselves of the twilight, which begins four or five hours before the rising, and continues as long after the setting of the sun. Moreover, it will be sufficient to observe in general, that the Laplanders, as well as other nations that live on both sides of the torrid zone, have the greatest share of light in those
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those times, when it is most required. The winters, indeed, are here extremely rude; but, in order to secure themselves from their violence, are not the inhabitants on the spot, where they can provide themselves with furs? Nobody dies of cold, except some person, perhaps, who is bewildered in the woods, or who, being fatigued with hunger, or long journeys, has not strength enough left to return to his own home. The prodigious quantity of snow that yearly falls, instead of being a burden to the natives, forms the finest roads in the world for flegdes; and the Laplanders have contrived a kind of apparatus for their legs and feet, by means of which they traverse the snow with such amazing swiftness, that they are able to overtake and knock down a wolf at full speed. From whence, perhaps, the ancients have taken occasion to forge those fables of men, who surpassed the wild beafts in running.

We shall, doubtless, exceed the bounds we have prescribed to ourselves, by repeating what authors have said touching the origin and history of this people. The Laplanders are not to learn that the world had a beginning, but their tradition adds, that God, before he produced the earth, consulted with Perkel, which in their language signifies the evil spirit, in order to determine how every thing was to be ordained; that God proposed the trees should be of marrow, the lakes filled with milk, instead of water, and that all herbs, flowers, and plants should bear fruit; but that Perkel opposed this scheme, so that God did not make things so good as he intended they should be. They have some knowledge of a general deluge; and the tradition says, that all the earth was inhabited before God destroyed it; but in consequence of its being turned topsy-turvy, the waters rushed out of the lakes and rivers, overspread the face of the earth, and swallowed up the whole human race, except a brother and sister, whom God took under his arms, and carried to the top of the great mountain called Paffeware; that the danger of the inundation being past, these two separated, in order to search if there was any other remainder of people upon the earth; but after a journey of three years they returned, and recognized one another for brother and sister, upon which they parted again; and having known one another, after this second journey, they repeated the same expedition; but at the end of the other three years, they met again, without knowing each other; that they lived together, and procreated children, from whom are descended all the nations that now inhabit the earth. Their tradition concerning their origin is ludicrous enough. "The Laplanders and Swedes (say they) are descended from two brothers, who were very different in point of courage. A terrible tempest having arose one day, one of them was so frightened, that he crept for safety under a plank, which God, through compassion, changed into a house, and from him are the Swedes descended; but the other being more courageous, braved the fury of the tempest, without seeking to hide himself, and he was the father of the Laplanders, who to this day live without houses or shelter.

Although the Laplanders are universally reckoned the most cowardly people
people exiling upon earth, their tradition mentions divers battles with the Russians, whom they call Karul. And they relate, that the most considerable was fought in the march to Kaitom. To a small number of such traditional accounts is their knowledge of their own history and that of the world, reduced.

We have also observed, that the Laplanders are not the only inhabitants of this country. The Swedes and Finlanders have, within these eighty years, made several settlements in it; but, notwithstanding the privileges which have been granted to them, they have not met with such success, because the settlers ruin themselves at first by expensive experiments, which they are obliged to make, in order to know the nature of the soil, and the best manner of turning it to advantage: and indeed in all appearance, they cannot expect great success until the government shall defray the expense of the first cultivation. Yet, weak as these colonies are, the Laplanders can never accustom themselves to look upon them with a favourable eye. In effect, these new comers, by cutting down the forests, and often, through negligence or precipitated design, setting fire to the mois, as also by destroying the wild reindeer, partly deprive them of the means of subsisting, and reduce them to the cruel alternative of either quitting the place or becoming their slaves. For it rarely happens that a Laplander thinks of building an house, and engaging in agriculture: he never takes this resolution until he has sustained such a loss of his reindeer, that he cannot possibly retrieve it; and frequently even in that case, he chooses rather to gain his livelihood by fishing, or tending flocks, than subject himself to the labour of the ground.

As the greatest wealth of the Laplanders consists in their herds of reindeer, nature, which dispenses every thing with admirable sagacity, hath given them a country abounding with moss. It covers whole plains, and is, especially in winter, the only food of the reindeer; for in summer, these animals likewise eat leaves and grass. Although this production of the earth seems reserved for them, the people at Abo in Finland, and in some other places, have, during a scarcity of hay, endeavoured to make their cattle and sheep eat of it. I shall, by the bye, describe how it is managed, and I hope I shall be pardoned for this small digression, in favour of those to whom it may be of service.

This moss is collected towards Michaelmas, and laid in great heaps in the open field; for as it attracts a great deal of moisture, and preserves it a long time, it would rot in barns. They never take in more at a time than will serve them for eight days; and after having cleaned it from the sand which it may contain, it is washed in boiling water on the evening before it is given to the cattle. As the cows and sheep do not easily accustom themselves to such food, a little salt or meal is thrown into the hot water, with which it is moistened when presented to them; by which means the taste of the moss is improved, and the appetite of those animals excited. This is their food in the morning, and when they are watered, it is given to them by way of straw or hay. This kind of nourishment has been observed to render their flesh more juicy, and improve the ANNUAL REGISTER
the quality of their dung; but it can be used only in the winter, for in the spring, the too great moisture which it contains, would injure the health of the cattle.

But this is not the case with the reindeer, for whose sole benefit, as we have already observed, the moors seem to grow in the country. These animals are endowed with such a true instinct for knowing where it is, even under the snow, that when the Lapland herdsman perceives them browsing upon that which sticks to the trees, without digging beneath the snow, he takes it for granted that the ground in that district produces none, and drives his herd elsewhere to feed.

The reindeer are almost the only cattle of the Laplanders, require very little care, and answer almost all their occasions. They are very little, and are never housed; in summer, when the natives travel, they carry their cloaths, provisions and utensils; in winter they draw their flocks with great speed, in a night as to go eighteen or twenty of our leagues at one stage, without eating, drinking, or halting. Were they pushed, they would make still more way, but then they would be fatigued. After their most severe journies, they require no more feed than as much moss as a man can hold in both hands.

The flesh of the reindeer is the ordinary food of the Laplanders. They are clothed with their skins, from head to foot, and exchange the superfluity for summer habits and tents, which serve them instead of houses. They yield milk thro' all the year, and this in summer is dried in the stomachs and hides of these animals, and in autumn it is frozen in small casks; the cheets which they make of it being a delicacy not only for them, but also for their neighbours; but the blood and marrow of the reindeer are the most delicious dainties of the natives; they make in wine of their nerves, and offer up their horns to their idols; for, notwithstanding all the efforts which the Swedes have hitherto made, they have not been able to detach them from idolatry.

The Mountaineer-Laplanders possess the greatest herds of reindeer; some of them being owners of three thousand. These herds are apt to wander from the places where they are brought to feed; sometimes they run away of themselves, and sometimes they are debauched and carried off by the wild reindeer, which are continually traversing the country. In winter their keepers easily find them by tracing their footsteps in the snow; but they find more difficulty in summer, because in that season their track is necessarily extinguished. Another care of the Laplanders is to defend their reindeer from the attacks of the wolves, which, when they fall upon one of their herds, will triangle forty or fifty in one night.

It is sometimes pretty difficult to rear the reindeer, the success depending upon the temperature of the air. When the snow that falls in autumn turns into ice, the year becomes very severe to them, because they can no longer find the moss under it; and unless that of the trees be in greater plenty, a great number of them perish. Besides, all of them, great and small, are subject to a distemper that sometimes carries off a third part of the herd. As in France, the cattle and goats are attacked by the same ill-

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order, we imagine it will not be unufeful to describe it, together with the remedy, which M. Friewald has published in the Memoirs of the academy at Stockholm.

This distemper is, in the language of the country, called Curboma, con-fiding of large bumps formed upon the backs of the rein-deer, having in the middle an opening large enough to admit a goose-quill, if the bottom was not occupied by a black, tense skin, which is the extremity of a grub, contained in the bump. This grub, or chrysalis, white in every other part but just under the opening we have men- tioned, is about the size of an acorn, and has the figure of an egg, sur-rounded with small wreathed circles: it is produced by a fly resembling the gadbee and drone, which is very common in Lapland, and of which Linneus has given an anatomical description in a memoir which is adopted by the academy of Stock- holm. As this fly has no sting, though some naturalists have given it one upon hearsay, it cannot dig a hole for its eggs in the hide of the rein-deer, but drops them on the backs of these animals, whose backs are always rough at the time when this insect lays its eggs. An egg, falling in this manner among the hair of a rein-deer, sticks fast like a nit, and being hatched, in the sequel produces a small worm, which pierces the hide, and lodges itself between that and the flesh of the animal. There it is metamorphosed into a chrysalis, from which at length pro- ceeds a fly, through the aperture of the bump. One would imagine, that on the first attacks of the graving-worm, with which the rein-deer finds itself incorpored, it might forestall from such a dangerous guest, either by crushing or putting it off with its horn; but at that very instant he has shed his horns, and young ones bud out so tender, and tender, that nothing can touch them, without causing the severest pain. Nevertheless, nature, which hath thus left the rein-deer without defence against this injury, hath given them instinct to foresee and avoid it. As soon as he perceives this fatal fly approaching, he is seiz- ed with consternation, betakes him-self to flight, quits the plains, and gains the summits of the mountains covered with snow, from whence he dares not descend, even to appease the hunger that devours him. There he stands continually upon his guard, with his ears pricked up, and his eyes wide open, stamping with his feet, snorting, and incessantly shaking his tail and his whole body. Indeed all these precau-tions are no more than necessary, to avoid those formidable insects, which having but two or three weeks to live, spend that whole time in quest of the back of some rein-deer, where they may depoit the fruit of their fecundity, and the hope of perpetuating the species. During this short period of life, they take no nourishment, but are absolutely in incessant motion, and in such violent agitation, that some-times, through mere fatigue, they fall as dead upon the ground.

In order to hinder these flies from letting their eggs fall among the hair of rein-deer, and the worms from piercing the skin of these ani-mals, M. Friewald thinks the Lap-landers ought to use for their cattle the same precaution they take to themselves, against the assaults of these pests we have mentioned in the former part of this memoir; namely,
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namely, to rub their skins, in every part that is not covered by their cloaths, with an ointment, composed of tar, and the milk of the rein-deer. If, therefore, they would likewise anoint the bodies of the rein-deer, in all those parts where the fly can deposit its eggs, it is probable she would cautiously avoid touching them to such a preponderous matrix; for every thing that is fat and oily, becomes mortal to insects, by obstructing their pores. On this principle he concludes, that even if the egg should fall among the hair and be hatched, the worm would never be able to lodge itself under the hide of the rein-deer, because it could not proceed so far, till after having eaten the tar which covered it, and this it could not do, without being poisoned. For the same reason he imagines, that if the Laplanders would pour some tar into the openings of the bumps, the consequence would infallibly be this: either the chrysalis would die for want of air, or if the fly should be formed, it would come before the natural time; the tar on one side defend it from the external air, and the heat of the rein-deer acting with greater force on the other, whence the fly escaping from the prison so soon, would be surprized by the cold, under which it could not subsist; so that perhaps the whole species would be destroyed.

The rein-deer are not the only food of the Laplanders; the richest fort, in the journeys they make in summer, to the frontiers of Norway, purchase kine and sheep, which they do not kill until the snow begins to fall. They likewise go a hunting, and the game which is most to their taste, is the bear and he beaver. They usually take the whole bear, and divide it amongst those who killed it. The bones are religiously gathered, and interred with two wooden spoons, a joiner's plane, a knife, and some other utensils; these people firmly believing that the bear will one day rise and return, and have occasion for all these things: for this reason they will not suffer a dog to carry away one of his bones, or if he should steal one, he is immediately killed, and the loss supplied by one of his own. The Laplanders also catch rein-fleth, either that which they kill, or that which they find dead; they in like manner accustom themselves to the flesh of dogs, fowls, and wolves. Nevertheless, we must except these among them, who employ themselves in fishing, and do nothing in life, but pass from one lake and one island to another, living entirely upon fish, which they dress in many different fapes, in some districts, bruiling, beating, and mixing it with the powder of pine-bark, in order to make a kind of bread.

But, whether the Laplanders live upon flesh, or upon fish, everybody among them, finds a noble office, that it is relieved as a right belonging to the master of a family, who sometimes however resigns it to his servants. But the women never intermeddle in the domestic function: it is enough that they are allowed to take care of the children; they are not deemed pure enough to prepare food for the men, or to touch those delicate articles which we have described.

The industry of the Laplanders not only supplies their necessary wants, but even their magnificence. They make very commodious canoes, to light that a man can carry one upon his back; and their hedges
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are entirely of their own manufacture, even those that are adorned with all sorts of figures in horn. Their neighbours buy of them little boxes and baskets; and their muff-boxes, ornamented with different figures, are known and in request through the whole north; but their master-pieces are magic drums, which heretofore they commonly used, and still are in private, for the purposes of divination. They make horn-spoons, and every man composes his own almanack, made of little bits of wood or horn, upon which are marked the days, weeks, and months. Nor do they need any assistance in making their moulds, and melting their pewter-plates. Their women are very dextrous in making pewter-wire, with which they adorn the girdles and garments of the men, as well as the harness of the rein-deer: they can dress all sorts of skins, and shape them into all the different parts of dress. Their cards and patterns are of their own fabric; and they make ropes of the roots of trees, and a very good even thread of the sinews of animals. Finally, they make very serviceable bowls of birch bark; which they join together and unite with a glue, prepared in this manner: they first a river or lake called peche, and after having dried the bark, put it to soak in cold water, until the foder can be taken off; then they put four or five of these skins in the bottom of the birch-bowl, or in the back of a birch-tree, that the water may not wet them in the following operation, but that they may be penetrated by the year alone. These furs, being thus wrapped up, are boiled in water for the space of half an hour; of more care being taken to fill them with a flame to the bottom of the vessel. When they have been boiled the due time, the bundle is taken out, and the skins are found reduced into real glue, so tenacious, that pieces of wood joined together by it, never separate, provided the precaution has been taken to keep them together by rolling them round with packthread, that the glue may have sufficient time to dry.

From what we have said of Lapland, and its inhabitants, a judgement may be formed of the trade of that people, which in winter they carry on with the Swedes, and in summer with the Norwegians. The Swedish merchants repair to the places where the Laplanders assemble for divine service, for trying their furs, or paying their tribute. There they buy rein-deer, skins of rein-deer, fowls, fish, flesh of rein-deer dried in the air, all sorts of furs, cheese made of the milk of rein-deer, butter, baskets, buckets, shoes, gowns, and many other things of the Lapland manufacture. They sell to the Laplanders, tobacco, meal, broad cloth, hemp, kitchen-tackle of iron and copper, silver spoons, bracelets, girdles, rings, chains, hat-locks, cutlery-ware, cheeks, gun-powder, fusils, lead, pins, brass and pewter, wine, beer, fogs, feathers, down, and other such commodities, a small part of which they sell again in their summer excursions to the frontiers of Norway; but they do not in this season carry on such an advantageous trade as in the winter; for at that time the skins are not so good as during the frost; so that they neither vend many furs nor much dried fish. The merchants of their country being almost reduced to bark, ropes, and cheese made of the milk of rein-deer. On the
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An account of a sect, called Dunkards, in Pennsylvania, by a gentleman of America.

The Dunkard town, called Ephrata, is situated in the frontier part of Lancaster county, fourteen miles from Lancaster, and lies between two small hills. From the top of each of these there is a regular declivity to the bottom, where a small river runs, and by one of its windings encircles about one half of the ground pointifi by the Dunkards. This river serves as a kind of natural fence on the one side; the other is secured by a ditch, and a large bank planted with trees: the whole tract containing about 220 acres. The road from Lancaster to Ephrata is very good, and the variety of landscapes that strike the eye, make it agreeable. That part of it near Ephrata, is very solitary, where the inhabitants are thinly scattered, and the country becoming more hilly, makes the road take several windings through the adjacent valleys, which are all well supplied with rivulets of water, and covered over with trees. Nothing is seen but the works of nature uncorrected by the hand of man. This little society had its rise upwards of twenty years ago, from a German who settled in the place where Ephrata now stands, and was then altogether uncultivated, as well as the adjacent country, for several miles round. He lived in the solitude some years, having little or no intercourse with the rest of mankind, but supplied by his own industry whatever necessaries he wanted. After some time the country near him began to be settled by some of his own countrymen: and his

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uncommon exemplary piety induced them, whole principles nearly corresponded with his own, to join him. Their society soon increased, numbers of both sexes resorting to them. The females were disposed of in a nunnery by themselves, and put under the tuition of a sage matron. Ambition or pecuniary views had no share in their union; and as they gave themselves up entirely to devotion and industry, their gains were thrown into a common stock, out of which private as well as public exigencies were supplied.

The situation of their town is judiciously chosen, being on the declivity of a little hill which faces the south-east, and screens them from the piercing north-winds in the winter. The town is built in the form of a triangle, with a large orchard in the middle. Along the outside are planted thick rows of apple, peach, and cherry-trees, which bear great quantities of fruit. Their houses are all wood, and for the most part three stories high. Each person has his own distinct apartment, that he may have no interruption in his private devotions. Their rooms are plain, white, and clean. A separate part of the town is assigned for the women, who have no communication with the men, unless in joining at public worship, and what is necessary in the economy of their affairs. The number of men and women together exceed 250. Many of them choose to marry, they must leave the society, but are supplied out of the public fund with necessaries to settle in some place, as they generally do, as near the Ephrata as they conveniently can, and afterwards send their children to be educated among their brethren.

They endeavour to retrench every superfluity in dress, diet, and pleasure. Their garb in winter is a long white gown, tied round the waist with a belt. Behind hangs a large cap like a capuchin, which they put on in the time of rain, or cold, for they wear no hats: a wide coat of the same cloth, a coarse shirt, trowsers, and shoes. In summer their cloaths are of the same form and colour, but made of linen. The women's is the same with that of the men; only instead of trowsers, they wear petticoats, and always keep their faces muffed up in their large capuchins when out of the nunnery. The men let their beards grow to the full length, and wear their hair short. Their diet is for the most part vegetables: they abstain from flesh-meat, not through principle, but judge it most agreeable to the mortified abstinence life a Christian ought to lead. It is certain that luxury is unknown among them, which is easily discovered on first seeing them, being quite lean in the body, and not the least appearance of blood in their faces. Their recreations are no other than the alternate performance of religious and domestic duties, which they endeavour to intermix in such a manner, that neither may be burthensome. They regularly celebrate public worship twice every day, and as often every night. Instead of beds, they sleep on benches, and use a little wooden block for a pillow. Each room is furnished with a couple of these.

Their president is a person who had a regular education at Halle in Germany. He took orders, and was a minister in the Calvinists communion several years; but not being
ing able to satisfy himself in some points, he left that seat, and went over to the Dunkards. He is a man of an open, affable temper, and free in conversation beyond what you would expect from a person so rigid in his manner of life. The following account of their principles I had from him. They retain both sacraments, but admit adults only to baptism, which they administer by dipping or plunging. They entirely deny original sin, as to its effects on Adam's posterity; and consequently hold free-will. All violence they esteem unlawful, even self-defence in times of danger. Going to law they think contrary to the gospel, even when defrauded, or when their property is unjustly seized. They are strict in observing the Jewish sabbath, to a degree of superstitition. They have no set form of service, but pray and preach extempore. Their discourses, by all that I could learn, treat in general of Christian virtues, humility, charity, temperance, &c. They believe the dead had the gospel preached to them by our Saviour; and that, since his resurrection, the souls of the just are employed in preaching the gospel to those who have had no revelation of it in their life, nor sufficient means to be convinced of its truth. They deny the eternity of torments, which they think are mystically alluded to in the Jewish sabbath, sabbatical year, and year of jubilee. They look upon each of these as typical of certain periods after the general judgment, in which the souls of those who are not then admitted into happiness, are purified and purged from their corruption and obstinacy. If any within the smaller periods are so far humbled as to acknowledge God to be holy, just, and good, and Christ to be their only Saviour, they are received into happiness. Those who continue obdurate are still kept in torment, till the grand period typified by the jubilee arrives, when universal redemption will take place, and all made happy in the endless fruition of the Deity.

Harmony and mutual affection reigns surprisingly among them; every person is inquisitive, and quite contented with the task assigned him. They are remarkably hospitable to all strangers. If a traveller asks them any thing, they will cheerfully give it him, and if it happens to be late in the evening, will ask him to stay all night, but refuse to accept of any remunence.

The nouns are very ingenious in drawing flowers, and pieces of writing; especially the latter, with which they adorn their churches; and among these are some curious and finished pieces done in German style.

A character from Sully.

WHEN the Duke de Sully, in 1603, set out on an embassage for the court of England, he was attended by a numerous retinue of the principal gentlemen in France; amongst the rest Mr. Sully presented his young son to him; at the same time, earnestly begging the duke, that he would use his best endeavours to make him an honest man. This request gave Sully a great curiosity to search into his character; and he gives the following striking account of him.

His genius, says he, was so lively, that nothing could escape his
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penetration; his apprehension was so quick, that he understood every thing in an instant; and his memory so prodigious, that he never forgot any thing. He was master of all the branches of philosophy, the mathematics, particularly fortification and designing. Nay, he was so thoroughly acquainted with divinity, that he was an excellent preacher, when he pleased, and could manage the controversy for, or against, the protestant religion, with the greatest ability. He not only understood the Greek, Hebrew, and other learned languages, but all the jargons of the moderns. He entered so exactly into their pronunciation and accent, to which he joined such a perfect imitation of their air and manners, that not only the people of the different nations in Europe, but the several provinces of France, would have taken him for a native of the country. He applied his talent to imitate all sorts of persons, which he performed with wonderful dexterity; and was accordingly the butt contention in the world. He was a good poet, an excellent musician, and sung with equal art and sweetness. He said mock; for he would do every thing, as well as know every thing. His body was perfectly proportioned to his mind. He was well made, vigorous, and agile, formed for all sorts of exercises. He rode a horse well, and was admired for dancing, leaping, and wrestling. He was acquainted with all kinds of sports and diversions, and could practices in most of the mathematical arts.——Revere the medal, says Sully: he was a liar, false, treacherous, cruel, and cowardly, a frequenter, drunkard, and glutton. He was a glutton, an abandoned debauchee, a blasphemer, and atheist; in a word, was possessed of every vice contrary to nature, to honour, to religion, and society; he perfidious in his vices to the last, and fell a sacrifice to his debaucheries, in the flower of his age; he died at the public wheel, holding the glass in his hand, swearing, and denying God.

Any reflections upon this character would be needless, it most appear so thoroughly vicious; and the more dangerous from all these extraordinary qualities both of body and mind which accompanied it, even the unhappy father pronounced it in a son; and the Duke de Sully observes, that he was at once a monster and monster. To conclude, it is evident, that virtue does not consist in the possession of the greatest personal or external advantages, but in the right use and application of these, from a constant and pure intention. It is this only, which properly excites the moral sentiment of esteem and approbation; nor can the most shining abilities, which the human nature is susceptible of, avert that infamy and contempt, which is the natural portion of vice.

"If parts allure thee, think how
Bacon liad'd;
"The wifed, brightest, meanest
Of mankind.
I am, Sir,
your most humble servant,
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Anecdotes of the present author of the
Brussels Gazette.

This name is Maubert, and he is by birth a Frenchman. He was educated in a seminary of jesus
but entered the society; but being enamoured of a beautiful nun, he made an elopement with her, and professed himself a protestant. He came to Brussels, where he obtained the protection of M. Kinetot, resident of the States, by whose means he got safe to Holland. He now found himself immerged in great difficulties, and reduced to extreme want; the generosity of the protestants fell short of his expectations, and his conversion was far from answering his views. Some bookellers employed him to write for them; but his converted nun was the principal source of support. A Saxon count, in his travels through Holland, met with her at the Hague, and taking a fancy to her, carried her with him to Dresden. Maubert was taken notice of on her account, and found a friend and protector in his rival, who recommended him to a Saxon nobleman, to be preceptor to his sons. He soon acquired the esteem of the family by his wit and agreeable conversation. This nobleman was an inveterate enemy to Count Bruhl, and had engaged with some of his friends to ruin him. Maubert was pitched on as a proper person to draw up a dedication of grievances, and his performance gained him the applause and confidence of the anti-ministerial party. He was admitted to their conferences, and consulted by them on the means of attaining their aim; and had his advice been taken, it is more than probable Count Bruhl had been deposited, and the present war prevented; but such was the perplexity and irritation of the cabinet, they could not agree on the measures, though they were determined to strike the

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The confidence of people in their sphere of life, greatly elated Maubert; he continued the notice they took of him into friendship, and their visits flattered his ambition. But one morning he received a visit of an officer of the Saxon guards, who thus addressed him in a furly tone: "I arrest you in the King's name as a prisoner of state." His papers were seized; he was hurried into a coach, and carried to the castle of Konigstein, a few miles from Dresden, towards the confines of Bohemia. He continued there twenty-three months, and employed his time in close application to study, and made considerable progress in politics. In the mean time, he remarked, that one of his fellow prisoners had the liberty of walking where he pleased, and that he was a prisoner only because he preferred being a prisoner, with a pension that enabled him to live comfortably, and smoke tobacco from morning till night, to any situation in which he would be exposed to the vicissitudes of fortune. This honest philosopher always wore a greasy night, gown, a wig of a monstrous size, a remarkable large flouched hat, and slippers. Maubert cultivated a strict intimacy with the philosopher, whom one day, in fultry hot weather, he found fast asleep. Maubert improved this circumstance to his advantage; he put on his friend's night-gown, hat, wig, and slippers, and after lighting his pipe, he walked gravely out, without being discovered, and arrived, in a couple of hours after, at Peterwald in Bohemia, where he was in safety; but his situation was still dismal; he had little money, and neither shoes nor coat. Next day he
he exchanged his night-gown and wig with the prelate of Peterwaldé, for an old black coat, and the flippers for a pair of shoes, and then set out for Prague. By the assis-
tance of some friends, which the oddity of his late adventure had acquired him, he was enabled to go to Frankfort on the Maine, and from thence to Berlin, Holland, and England, where he had many adventures, and made many a shift to live. From England he was ob-
liged to make a precipitate retreat, being taken for a spy; and a Dutch fishing-boat, that had sold her car-
go in the Thames, procured him the means of preserving his liberty. He once more landed in Holland, where the present troubles offered him the means of gaining a livelihood by his pen. He was advan-
tageously known by his treatise of C. Alberoni, and by his political history of this age. He published several political pamphlets, for which he was paid by the very same Count Bruhl, who had prosecuted him some years before. Ephraim jactifer is a false representation of the situation of Saxony, under the Prussians; the affair of the coining, the levies of recruits, and the raising of contributions, are painted in odious and false colours; erroneous calculations, and facts that never existed but in his brain, serve to illustrate this performance. Count Bruhl and Count Kaunitz's petitions to him were but scanty, which ob-
liged him to make an offer of his pen to defend the British cause in polemic writings. His proposals were rejected; piqued at such a mark of indifference, he swore revenge. A letter which he wrote in the name of the late prince royal to the King of Prussia, was intended to blacken the greatest hero of the age. M. Van Hellen demanded satisfac-
tion of the States in his master's name, and he was ordered by a late meffenger twice to leave Holland. He paid no regard to the compliment; but a furious scound, with his faculties, carried him, bon gre, mal gre, in a coach to the limits of the States territories, where he was left to meditate on human vicili-
tude. He went again to Brussels, where he was received with open arms; he returned to the bosom of the church, was made a conféllier de Cour by her Apostolic Majesty, gratified with a pension of 600 ducats, and probably has received from Rome abolution for all the lies he is to tell in the Brusells Gazette.

Singular account of a Mifer.

A Varice, of all other passions, is the leaft to be accounted for, as it precludes the mifer from all pleasure except that of hoarding: the Prodígal, the Gurneller, the Ambitious, having something to plead by way of palliatives for their inordinate affections to their respective objects and pursuits; but the mifer gratifies his passion at the expense of every conveniency, indulgence, or even necessary of life. He is aptly compared to the mag-
pye, who hides gold which he can make no use of.

M. Vandille was the most remarkable man in Paris, both in account of his immense riches, and his extreme avarice. He lodged as high up as the roof would admit him, to avoid noise or visits, maint-
tained one poor old woman to attend him in his garret, allowed her only
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only seven sous per week, or a penny per diem. His usual diet was bread and milk, and for indulgence, some poor four wine on Sunday, on which day he customarily gave one farthing to the poor, being one shilling and a penny per annum which he call up, and after his death, his extensive charity amounted to forty-three shillings and four-pence. This prudent economical had been a magistrate, or officer, at Boulogne, from which obscurity he was promoted to Paris, for the reputation of his wealth, which he lent upon undeniable security to the public funds, not caring to trust individuals with his life and soul. While a magistrate at Boulogne, he maintained himself by taking upon him to be milk-taker-general at the market; and from one to another filled his belly and washed down his bread at no expense of his own, not, doubtless, from any other principle than that of serving the public in regulating the goodness of milk. When he had a call to Paris, knowing that stage vehicles are expensive, he determined to go thither on foot; and to avoid being robbed, he took care to export with himself neither more nor less than the considerable sum of three-pence halfpenny to carry him one hundred and thirty miles; and with the greater facility to execute his plan of operation, he went in the quality of a poor priest or mendicant, and no doubt gathered some few pence on the road from such pious and well-disposed persons of the country, who were strangers to him.

The great value a miser annexes to a farthing, will make us less surprised at the infinite attachment he must have to a guinea, of which it is the feed, growing by gentle graduations, into pence, shillings, pounds, thousands, and ten thousands, which made this worthy connoisseur say, take care of the farthings, and the pence and shillings will take care of themselves; these semiannum of wealth may be compared to seconds of time, which generate years, centuries, and even eternity itself.

When he became extensive rich, being in the year 1735 worth seven or eight hundred thousand pounds, which he begot or multiplied on the body of a single shilling, from the age of sixteen to the age of seventy-two; one day he heard a woodman going by in summer, at which season they flock themselves with fuel for the winter; he agreed with him at the lowest rate possible, but hole from the poor man several logs, with which he loaded himself to his secret hiding-hole, and thus contracted, in that hot season, a fever; he then sent, for the first time, for a Surgeon to bleed him, who asked half a livre for the operation, was dismissed; he then sent for an apothecary, but he was as high in his demand; he then sent for a poor barber, who undertook to open a vein for three-pence a time; but, says this worthy economist, friend, how often will it be requisite to bleed? three times, said he: and what quantity of blood do you intend to take? about eight ounces each time, answered the barber. That will be ninepence—too much, too much, says the old miser, I have determined to go a cheaper way to work; take the whole quantity you design to take at three times, at one time, and that will save me sixpence; which being insinuated on, he lost twenty-four ounces of blood, and died in a few days, leaving all his vast treasures to the King, whom he
he made his sole heir. Thus he
contracted his disorder by pilfering,
and his death by an unprecedented
piece of parsimony.

Copy of the will of the late Lieutenant
General Henry Hareley.

I am perfectly well, both in
body and mind, know that I
am writing this my last will, by
which I do hereby make, order and
dispose of what is mine, both real
and personal, that there may be no
disputes after I am gone. There-
fore as I began the world with
nothing, and as all I have is of my
own acquiring, I can dispose of it
as I please. But first, I direct and
order (that as there is now a peace,
and I may die the common way)
my carcass may be put any where;
'tis equal to me; but I will have
no more expense or ridiculous
shew, than if a poor soldier (who
is as good a man) were to be buried
in the hospital. The priest, I con-
clude, will have his fee: let the
puppy have it. Pay the carpenter for
the carcase box. Debts I have none
at this time; some very small trifles
of course there may be, let them be
paid; there is where with to do it.
First then to my only sister Anne
Hawley, if she survives me, I give
and bequeath 500l. setting out of
the 750l. which I have at this
time in bank annuities of 1743. Be
that altered or not, I will give her
500l. out of what I did worth,
to dispose of as she pleases; and
this to be made over to her, or
paid as soon as possible, after I
am dead; a month at most. As to
any other relations, I have none
who want, and as I never was mar-
rried, have no heirs. I therefore
have long since taken it into my
head to adopt one heir, and that,
after the manner of the Romans,
who I hereafter name.

But first, there's one Mrs. Eliz.
Toovey, widow, mother of this
aforesaid adopted son, who has
been for many years my friend and
companion, and often my careful
nurse, and in my absence a faithful
steward: she is the person I think
myself bound in honour and gra-
titude to provide for, as well as I
can, during her life. I do there-
fore give and bequeath to the said
Eliz. Toovey, widow, all that my
freehold citate, houses, out-houses,
&c. and all the land thereto belon-
ging, situate at the upper end of
WeLgreen, in the parish of Hart-
ley Wintry, and county of South-
ampton, which I bought of William
Shipway: I likewise give to the
said Elizabeth Toovey the lands or
farm commonly called Exell's farm,
which join to the aforeaid lands
bought of William Shipway, and
which I bought of Lord Castlereagh.
I also give her the field adjoining
thereto, which I bought of farmer
Hellhoufe, called the Paddock.
I likewise give to the said Elizabeth
Toovey, my farm-house, other
house, and all out-houses, &c. and
all the lands thereto belonging,
situate at the bottom of WeL-
green parish, and county afore-
said, which farm, lands, &c. I
bought of farmer Hellhouse. I
likewise give and bequeath to the
said Elizabeth Toovey, the great
meadow, which I bought of Tho-
mas Ellis, carpenter, orwright,
which is commonly called Tiliga-
ury; and I give also the little mea-
dow overagainst the great one,
part of the purchase made of far-
mier Hellhouse, to her. And I also
give
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give to the said Elizabeth Toovey a little barn and farm I lately pur-
chased, called Birchen Reeds, up-
on Hally-heath, in the parish of Mutchlingly, or Hatchfield. I like-
wise give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth Toovey, my house, fla-
bles, out-houses, and all the ground thereto belonging, which I pur-
chased lately of the widow Rooke, situate in the parish of St. George's
near Hyde-park-gate, in the county of Middlesex, to hold and po-
sess these several houses and estates during her natural life; and then,
after her decease, I give and be-
queath them to her second son
Captain William Toovey, my ad-
opted son and heir (at present a
captain in the regiment of Royal
Dragoons under my command) then
when his mother dies, and not be-
fore, the whole which I have and
do give to her, to come to him,
and to be his and his heirs for ever.
And I do direct and require the said
Captain William Toovey, that as
soon as I am dead, he shall forth-
with take upon him both my names,
and sign them, by act of parlia-
ment, or otherwise, as shall be need-
ful. I do order and appoint that
the aforesaid Elizabeth Toovey,
shall have the use of all my goods,
plate, &c. during her life, as also
the use and interest of all the sums
of money I die possessed of in pre-

dent, as also what shall be due to
me from the government, during
her natural life, excepting always
the 5000l. which I give my sister,
and what legacies hereafter follow,
and debts paid, and my horses and
arms exclusive.

I do appoint Captain William
Toovey my sole executor and trus-
tee, to see this my will executed
punctually, and to act in behalf of
my sitter, his mother, brother, and
himself, and to state my accounts
with my agent for the time being,
and all others concerned.

As to his brother: Lieutenant Co-
lonel John Toovey, I give and be-
queath to him 1000l. out of the
money the government owes me,
when paid. I also give him all my
horses and arms. I also give him
up the writings and money, which
his brother Captain William Too-
vey owes me, lent him for his sev-
eral preferments in the regiment.

I give and bequeath to Elizabeth
Burkett, spinster, 100l. as a lega-
cy, the having been a useful, agree-
able handmaid to me; but upon
this condition, that she never mar-
ries Lieutenant Colonel John Too-
vey, if she does I give her nothing.
Likewise if Lieutenant Colonel
John Toovey should be fool enough
to marry her, Elizabeth Burkett,
I disannul whatever relates to him
and her, and I give nothing either
to Lieutenant Colonel John Too-
vey or her. And if after all this
they should be both fools and marry,
I do hereby give (what I had given
to them) I say, I give it to my
sitter Anne Havley, and her heirs;
and order her or them to sue for
the same.

I once more appoint Captain
William Toovey my executor and
trustee; and I order him to ad-
minister; there's no debts will
trouble him, or his mother; what
there is the will pay; and that he
immediately wait on my sister with
a copy of this will, if she survives
me; if not, what I give her is his.
In case I have not time to make
another will, my house in the
Mews, which lease is almost out, my
sitter has already by my gift. My
house at Chariton I shall sell; so
don't
Whereas my estate is increased, since the former date, by the purchase of Dipley mill, and lands, &c. thereto belonging, at the rent of 50l. a year, and by a mortgage of 1000l. upon the estate of one John Fly at Odiam, as also of or by a mortgage of 1500l. upon the toll of the turnpike at Pheanife Green, parish of Hartley Wintney; I do give to the aforesaid Anne Hawley, my sister, the aforesaid mill, lands, &c. for her life; after her to Captain William Toovey; and order him to pay her 50l. a year penny rent, by half-yearly payments. I give to Elizabeth Burkett, the 1000l. mortgage upon John Fly's estate; and I give to Captain William Toovey, the 1500l. loan on the toll as above, in present to him. Witness my hand and seal this 22d of October, 1750.

(L. S.)  
He. Hawley.
Signed, sealed, and delivered, &c. John Smith, John Balgnum, Jaque Guillard.

This sheet is also a codicil to my will.

Whereas since the foregoing codicil, I have purchased that estate at Odiam, on which I had a mortgage, being 50l. a year, I give that in present to my sister Anne Hawley, instead of Dipley mill, &c. the mill I give to Captain William Toovey, and order him as before to pay my sister 50l. a year penny rent quarterly. And whereas I have already articulated for an estate called Blue-house farm (though the writings are not yet finished) when done I give it to Captain William Toovey in present. I give to Eliz. Burkett 1000l. to be paid to her by her aunt Mrs. Elizabeth Toovey,
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Daniel Clark, the deceased, had been newly married; under the colour of having received a good fortune with his wife, entered into a confederacy with Aram and Houfeman, a flax-dresser, to defraud several persons of great quantities of plate, and other goods, which Clark was to borrow from his friends and acquaintance, to make a first appearance in the marriage state. This Clark effectually did, and borrowed goods of great value, such as linen and woollen drapery goods, besides three silver tankards, four silver mugs, one silver milk pot, one ring let with an emerald, and two
two brilliant diamonds, another with three rose diamonds; a third with an amethyst, and six plain rings, eight watches, two snuff-boxes, &c. all these in a private manner, and from different people. Clark having fraudulently obtained these goods, the place of distribution was fixed at Aram's house.

Clark soon after was missing; and upon his intimacy with Aram and Houfeman, a suspicion arising that they might be concerned in the fraud, search was made, some of the goods were found at Houfeman's, and others dug up in Aram's garden; but as no plate was found, it was believed that Clark had gone off with that, and the husband was dropt till the month of June 1758, when Aram was found to be at Lynn in Norfolk, where he was usher of a school, and arrested for the murder of Clark.

The wife of Eugene Aram, after his departure from her, intimated her suspicion of Clark's being murdered, having seen her husband and Houfeman in a close conference, and on missing Clark, asked what they had done with him. She overheard their concern at her suspicion, on which Aram, her husband, said to Houfeman, that he would shoot her, and put her out of the way; and after their departure, she went down and found several pieces and threads of linen and woollen, which she supposed to be Clark's wearing apparel.

This, and other testimony, was given before the inquest, at which Houfeman, being present, showed all the marks of guilt, as trembling, paleness, shivering, &c. Upon the skeleton's being produced, Houfeman also dropt this unguarded expression; taking up one of the bones, he said, "This is no more Dan. Clark's bone than it is mine;" which shewed, that if he was so sure that these bones before him were not Daniel's Clark's, he must know something more, as indeed he did; for these were not the bones of Clark; but an accident designed to bring the real body to light; which Houfeman, after some evasions in his first deposition, discovered to be in St. Robert's cave, near Knareborough, where it was found in the posture described; he then was admitted King's evidence against Aram, and brought in one Terry, as an accomplice in the murder. Houfeman gives deposition as follows:

"That Daniel Clark was murdered by Eugene Aram, late of Knareborough, schoolmaster, and as he believes, on Friday the 8th of February, 1744-5; for that Eugene Aram and Daniel Clark were together at Aram's house early that morning, and that he [Houfeman] left the house, and went up the street a little before, and they called to him, directing he would go a little way with them, and he accordingly went along with them to a place called St. Robert's cave, near Grimbale bridge, where Aram and Clark fenced; and there he saw Aram kill him several times over the breast and head, and saw him fall as if he was dead, upon which he came away and left them; but whether Aram used any weapon or not to kill Clark he could not tell; nor does he know what he did with the body afterwards, but believes that Aram left it at the mouth of the cave; for that seeing Aram do this, left he might share the same fate,"
fate, he made the best of his way from him, and got to the bridge-end; where, looking back, he saw Aram, coming from the cave side, (which is in a private rock adjoining the river) and could discern a bundle in his hand, but did not know what is was; upon this he hastened away to the town, without either joining Aram, or seeing him again till the next day, and from that time to this he never had any private discourse with him.

Afterwards, however, Houleman said, that Clark’s body was buried in St. Robert’s cave, and that he was sure it was then there; but desired it might remain till such time as Aram should be taken. He added further, that Clark’s head lay to the right, in the turn at the entrance of the cave.”

Aram being thus accused by Houleman, was taken in the school at Lynn in Norfolk, and after some evasions on his first examination, signed the subseuent, as follows: “That he was at his own house the 7th of Feb. 1744-5; at night, when Richard Houleman and Daniel Clark came to him with some plate, and both of them went for more several times, and came back with several pieces of plate, of which Clark was endeavouring to defraud his neighbours: that he could not but observe, that Houleman was all that night very diligent to affilit him, to the utmost of his power; and inferred, that this was Houleman’s business that night, and not the signing any note or instrument, as is pretended by Houleman. That Henry Terry, then of Knareborough, ale-keeper, was as much concerned in abetting the said frauds, as either Houleman or Clark; but was not now at Aram’s house, because, as it was market day, his absence from his guests might have occasioned some suspicion; that Terry, notwithstanding, brought two silver tankards that night, upon Clarke’s account, which had been fraudulently obtained; and that Clarke, so far from having borrowed 20l. of Houleman, to his knowledge never borrowed more than 9l. which he had paid him again before that night.

That all the leather Clark had, which amounted to a considerable value, he well knows, was concealed under flax in Houleman’s house, with intent to be disposed of by little and little, in order to prevent suspicion of his being concerned in Clark’s fraudulent practices.

That Terry took the plate in a bag, as Clark and Houleman did the watches, rings, and several small things of value, and carried them into the flat, where they and he [Aram] went together to St. Robert’s cave, and beat most of the plate flat. It was then thought too late in the morning, being about four o’clock, on the 8th of Feb. 1744-5, for Clark to go off so as to get to any distance; it was therefore agreed he should stay there till the night following, and Clark accordingly left there all that day, as he believes, they having agreed to send him victuals, which were carried to him by Henry Terry, he being judged the most likely person to do it without suspicion, for as he was a shoaler, he might go thither under the pretence of sportsing; that the next night, in order to give Clark more time to get off, Henry Terry, Richard Houleman, and himself, went down to the cave very early; but he [Aram]
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did not go into the cave, or see Clark at all; that Richard Houfeman and Henry Terry only went into the cave, he staying to watch at a little distance on the outside, lest any body should surprize them.

That he believes they were beating some plate, for he heard them make a noise; they staid there about an hour, and then came out of the cave, and told him that Clark was gone off. Observing a bag they had along with them, he took it in his hand, and saw that it contained plate. On asking, why Daniel did not take the plate along with him? Terry and Houfeman replied, that they had bought it of him, as well as the watches, and had given him money for it; that being more convenient for him to go off with, as less cumbersome and dangerous. After which they all three went into Houfeman’s warehouse, and concealed the watches with the small plate there, but that Terry carried away with him the great plate: that afterwards Terry told him he carried it to How-hill, and hid it there, and then went into Scotland, and disposed of it: but as to Clark, he could not tell whether he was murdered or not: he knew nothing of him, only that they told him he was gone off."

After he had signed his confession he was conducted to York Castle, where he and Houfeman remained till the affair.

From the above examination of Aram, there appeared great reason to suspect Terry to be an accomplice in this black affair; a warrant was therefore granted, and he likewise was apprehended and committed to the Castle. Bills of indictment were found against them; but it appearing to the court upon affidavit, that the prosecutor could not be fully provided with his witnesses at that time, the trial was postponed till Lammas affizes.

On the third of August 1759, Richard Houfeman and Eugene Aram were brought to the bar. Houfeman was arraigned on his former indictment, acquitted, and admitted evidence against Aram, who was thereupon arraigned. Houfeman was then called upon, who deposed, "That, in the night between the 7th and 8th of February 1744-5, about 11 o’clock, he went to Aram’s house; that, after two hours, and upwards, spent in passing to and fro between their several houses, to dispose of various goods, and to settle some notes concerning them, Aram proposed, first to Clark, and then to Houfeman, to take a walk out of town: that when they came to the field where St. Robert’s cave is, Aram and Clark went into it over the hedge, and when they came within fix or eight yards of the cave he saw them quarrelling: that he saw Aram strike Clark several times, upon which Clark fell, and he never saw him rise again: that he saw no instrument that Aram had, and knew not that he had any: that upon this, without any interposition or alarm, he left them and returned home: that the next morning he went to Aram’s house, and asked what business he had with Clark last night, and what he had done with him? Aram replied not to this question; but threatened him if he spoke of his being in Clark’s company that night; vowing revenge, either by himself or some other person, if he mentioned any thing relating to the affair."

Peter Moor (Clark’s servant) deposed,
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deposed, "That a little time before his disappearing, Clark went to receive his wife's fortune: that upon his return he went to Aram's house, where Moor then was: upon Clark's coming in, Aram said, How do you do, Mr. Clark? I am glad to see you at home again, pray what success? To which Clark replied, I have received my wife's fortune, and have it in my pocket, tho' it was with difficulty I got it. Upon which Aram said to Clark (Houseman being present) Let us go up stairs; accordingly they went; upon which this witness returned home."

Mr. Beckwith deposed, "That when Aram's garden was searched, on suspicion of his being an accomplice in the frauds of Clark, there were found several kinds of goods, bound together in a coarse wrapper; and, among the rest, in particular, a piece of cambric, which he himself had sold Clark a very little time before."

Thomas Barnet deposed, "That on the 8th of Feb. about one in the morning he saw a person come out of Aram's house, who had a wide coat on, with the cape about his head, and seemed to run him; whereupon he went up to him, and put by the cape of his great coat; and perceiving it to be Richard Houseman, wished him a good night, alias a good morning."

John Barker the constable, who executed the warrant granted by Mr. Thornton, and indorsed by Sir John Turner, deposed, "That, at Lynn, Sir John Turner, and some others, first went into the school where Aram was, the witness waiting at the door. Sir John asked him if he knew Knareborough? He replied, No. And being further asked, If he had any acquaintance with one David Clark? He denied, that he ever knew such a man. The witness then entered the school, and said, How do you do, Mr. Aram? Aram replied, How do you do, Sir? I don't know you. Why! said the witness, don't you know me? Don't you remember that David Clark and you always had a dispute against me when you lived at Knareborough? Upon this he recollected the witness, and owned his residence at Knareborough. The witness then asked him, If he did not know St. Robert's case? He answered, Yes. The witness replied, Aye, in your former. That, upon their journey to York, Aram enquired after his old neighbours, and what they said of him. To which the witness replied, that they were much engaged against them for the loss of their goods. That upon Aram's asking, if it was not possible to make up the matter? the witness answered, He believed he might save himself, if he would restore to them what they had lost. Aram answered, that was impossible; but he might perhaps find them an equivalent."—Aram was then asked by the judge, if he had any thing to say to the witness before him? He replied, That, to the best of his knowledge, it was not in the school, but in the room adjoining to the school, where Sir John Turner and the witness were, when he first saw them.

The skull was then produced in court, on the left side of which there was a fracture, that from the nature of it could not have been made but by the stroke of some blunt instrument; the piece was beaten inward, and could not be replaced but from within. Mr. Lucas, the surgeon, who produced it, gave it as his opinion, That no such
breach could proceed from any natural decay; that it was not a recent fracture by the instrument with which it was dug up, but seemed to be of many years standing.

It should seem, that Houfeman and Aram murdered Clark, and did jointly drag his body into the cave, where it was found in the posture described by Houfeman; and that they returned home with the cloaths, which they burnt, according to the testimony of Aram’s wife, who found the shreds, and overheard their conference. Aram being asked what motive could induce him to commit the murder, answered, that he suspected Clark to have had a criminal correspondence with his wife. It appeared further on the trial, that Aram possessed himself of Clark’s fortune, which he got with his wife, a little before, about 1600. And thus, after fourteen years concealment, this notable discovery was made by two skeletons being found much at the same time. Having thus, in brief, given the substance of the trial and conviction of Aram, we shall give his defence, which he delivered into court in writing.

“First, my Lord, the whole tenor of my conduct in life contradicts every particular of this indictment. Yet I had never said this, did not my present circumstances extort it from me, and seem to make it necessary. Permit me here, my Lord, to call upon malignity itself, so long and cruelly busied in this prosecution, to charge upon me any immorality, of which prejudice was not the author. No, my Lord, I concerted no schemes of fraud, projected no violence, injured no man’s person or property. My days were honestly laborious, my nights intensely industrious. And I humbly conceive, my notice of this, especially at this time, will not be thought impertinent or unseemly; but, at least deserving some attention: because, my Lord, that any person, after a temperate use of life, a series of thinking and acting regularly, and without one single deviation from sobriety, should plunge into the very depth of profligacy, precipitately and at once, is altogether improbable and unprecedented, and absolutely inconsistent with the course of things. Mankind is never corrupted at once; villainy is always progressive, and declines from right, step by step, till every regard of probity is lost, and every tenet of all moral obligation totally perishes.

Again, my Lord, a suspicion of this kind, which nothing but malevolence could entertain, and ignorance propagate, is violently opposed by my very situation at that time, with respect to health: for, but a little space before, I had been confined to my bed, and suffered under a very long and severe disorder, and was not able, for half a year together, so much as to walk. The distemper left me indeed, yet slowly and in part; but so macerated, so enfeebled, that I was reduced to crutches; and was so far from being well about the time I am charged with this fact, that I never to this day perfectly recovered. Could then a person in this condition take any thing into his head so unlikely, so extravagant? I, past the vigour of my age, feeble and valitiminary, with no inducement to engage, no ability to accomplish, no weapon wherewith to perpetrate such a fact; without interest, without power, without motive, without means.

Besides, it must needs occur to every one, that an action of this atrocious
atrocious nature is never heard of, but when its springs are laid open it appears that it was to support some indulgence, or supply some luxury; to satisfy some avarice, or oblige some malice; to prevent some real or some imaginary want; yet I lay not under the influence of any one of these. Surely, my Lord, I may, confident with both truth and modesty, affirm thus much; and none who have any veracity, and know me, will ever question this.

In the second place, the disappearance of Clark is suggested as an argument of his being dead: but the uncertainty of such an inference from that, and the infallibility of all conclusions of such sort, from such a circumstance, are too obvious, and too notorious, to require instances: yet superfluous many, permit me to produce a very recent one, and that afforded by this calf.

In June 1757, William Thompson, for all the vigilance of this place, in open daylight, and double-ironed, made his escape; and notwithstanding an immediate enquiry set on foot, the strictest search, and all advertisement, was never seen nor heard of since. If then Thompson got off unseen, through all these difficulties, how very easy was it for Clark, when none of them opposed him? But what would be thought of a prosecution commenced against any one seen last with Thompson?

Permit me next, my Lord, to observe a little upon the bones which have been discovered. It is said, which perhaps is saying very far, that there are the skeleton of a man. It is possible indeed they may: but is there any certain known criterion, which incontestibly distinguishes the sex in human bones? Let it be considered, my Lord, whether the ascertaining of this point ought not to precede any attempt to identify them.

The place of their depositum too claims much more attention than is commonly bestowed upon it; for of all places in the world, none could have mentioned any one, wherein there was greater certainty of finding human bones, than a hermitage; except he should point out a church-yard; hermitages, in time past, being not only places of religious retirement, but of burial too. And it has scarcely ever been heard of, but that every cell now known, contains, or contained, these relics of humanity; some mutilated, and some entire. I do not inform, but give me leave to remind your Lordship, that here fat solitary fidelity, and here the hermit, or the anchorite, hoped that repose for their bones, when dead, they here enjoyed when living.

All this while, my Lord, I am sensible this is known to your Lordship, and many in this court, better than I. But it seems necessary to my case that others, who have not at all, perhaps, adhered to things of this nature, and may have concern in my trial, should be made acquainted with it. Suffer me then, my Lord, to produce a few of many evidences, that those cells were used as repositories of the dead, and to enumerate a few, in which human bodies have been found, as it happened in this in question: left, to some, that accident might seem extraordinary, and, consequently, occasion prejudice.

1. The bones, as was supposéd, of the Saxen, St. Dubritius, were discovered
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...discovered buried in his cell at Guy's cliff, near Warwick, as appears from the authority of Sir William Dugdale.

2. The bones thought to be those of the anchorens Royfia, were but lately discovered in a cell at Royton, entire, fair, and undecayed, though they must have lain interred for several centuries, as is proved by Dr. Stukeley.

3. But our own country, may almost this neighbourhood, supplies another instance: for in January 1747, was found by Mr. Stovin, accompanied by a reverend gentleman, the bones, in part, of some recluse, in the cell at Lindholm, near Hatfield. They were believed to be those of William of Lindholm, a hermit, who had long made this cave his habitation.

4. In February 1744, part of Woburn-abbey being pulled down, a large portion of a couple appeared, even with the flesh on, and which here cutting with a knife; though it is certain this had laid above 200 years, and how much longer is doubtful; for this abbey was founded in 1145, and dissolved in 1538 or 9.

What would have been said, what believed, if this had been an accident to the bones in question?

Further, my Lord, it is not yet out of living memory, that a little distance from Knursborough, in a field, part of the manor of the worthy and patriot baronet, who does that borough the honour to represent it in parliament, were found in digging for gravel, not one human skeleton only, but five or six deposited side by side, with each an urn placed on its head, as your Lordship knows was usual in ancient interments.

About the same time, and in another field, almost close to this borough, was discovered also in searching for gravel, another human skeleton; but the piety of the same worthy gentleman ordered both pits to be filled up again, commendably unwilling to disturb the dead.

Is the invention of these bones forgotten, then, or industriously concealed, that the discovery of those in question may appear the more singular and extraordinary? whereas, in fact, there is nothing extraordinary in it. My Lord, almost every place conceal such remains. In fields, in hills, in highway sides, in commons, lie frequent and unsuspected bones. And our present allotment of rest for the departed, is but of some centuries.

Another particular seems not to claim a little of your lordship's notice, and that of the gentlemen of the jury; which is, that perhaps no example occurs of more than one skeleton being found in one cell; and in the cell in question was found but one; agreeable, in this, to the peculiarity of every other known cell in Britain. Not the invention of one skeleton, then, but of two, would have appeared suspicious and uncommon.

But then, my Lord, to attempt to identify these, when even to identify living men sometimes has proved so difficult, as in the case of Perkin Warbeck and Lambert Symnel at home, and of Don Sebastian abroad, will be looked upon perhaps as an attempt to determine what is indeterminable. And I hope too, it will not pass unconsidered here, where gentlemen believe with caution, think with reason, and decide with humanity, what interest their endeavour to do this is calculated
ed to serve, in assigning proper personality to these bones, whole particular appropriation can only appear to eternal Omniscience.

Permit me, my Lord, also very humbly to remonstrate, that, as human bones appear to have been the inseparable adjuncts of every cell, even any person's naming such a place at random as containing them, in this case shews him rather unfortunate than conscientious profcient, and that their attendants on every hermitage accidentally concurred with this conjecture. A mere casual coincidence of words and things.

But it seems another skeleton has been discovered by some labourer, which was full as confidently averred to be Clark's as this. My Lord, must some of the living, if it promotes some interest, be made answerable for all the bones that earth has concealed, or chance exposed? And might not a place where bones lay be mentioned by a person by chance, as well as found by a labourer by chance? Or, is it more criminal accidentally to name where bones lie, than accidentally to find where they lie?

Here too is a human skull produced, which is fractured; but was this the cause, or was it the consequence, of death? Was it owing to violence, or the effect of natural decay? If it was violence, was that violence before or after death? My Lord, in May 1732, the remains of William Lord Archbishop of this province were taken up, by permission, in this cathedral, and the bones of the skull were found broken; yet certainly he died by no violence offered to him alive, that could occasion that fracture there.

Let it be considered, my Lord, that upon the diffusion of religious hues, and the commencement of the reformation, the ravages of those times both affected the living and the dead. In search after imaginary treasures, coins were broken up, graves and vaults dug open, monuments vandal'd, and shrines demolished; your Lordship knows that these violations proceeded so far, as to occasion parliamentary authority to restrain them; and it did, about the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. I entreat your Lordship suffer not the violences, the depredations, and the iniquities of those times to be imputed to this.

Moreover, what gentleman here is ignorant that Knarborough had a castle; which though now ruin, was once considerable both for its strength and garrison. All know it was vigorously besieged by the arms of the parliament; at which siege, in fallies, conflicts, flights, parliaments, many fell in all the places round it; and where they fell were buried; for every place, my Lord, is burial earth in war; and many, questionless, of these rest yet unknown, whose bones futurity shall discover.

I hope, with all imaginable submission, that what has been said will not be thought impertinent to this instance; and that it will be far from the will't, the learning, and the integrity of this place, to impute to the living what zeal in its fury may have done; what nature may have taken off, and piety interred; or what war alone may have destroyed, alone depopulated.

As to the circumstances that have been raked together; I have nothing to observe; but that all circumstances
circumstances whatsoever are precarious, and have been but too frequently found lamentably fallible; even the strongest have failed. They may rise to the utmost degree of probability; yet are they but probability itself. Why need I name to your Lordship the two Harrisons recorded in Dr. Howel, who both suffered upon circumstances, because of the sudden disappearance of their lodger, who was in credit, had contracted debts, borrowed money, and went off unseen, and returned again a great many years after their execution? Why name the intricate affairs of Jacques de Moulin, under King Charles II. related by a gentleman who was counsel for the crown? and why the unhappy Coleman, who suffered innocent, tho' convicted upon positive evidence; and whose children perished for want, because the world uncharitably believed the father guilty? Why mention the perjury of Smith, incautiously admitted King's evidence; who to screen himself, equally accused Faircloth and Loveday of the murder of Dun; the trial of whom in 1749, was executed at Winchester, and Loveday was about to suffer at Reading, had not Smith been proved purjurer, to the satisfaction of the court, by the surgeon of the Gelight hospital?

Now, my Lord, having endeavoured to shew, that the whole of this process is altogether repugnant to every part of my life; that it is inconsistent with my condition of health about that time; that no rational inference can be drawn, that a person is dead who suddenly disappears; that hermitages were the constant repositories of the bones of the recluse; that the proofs of this are well authenticated; that the revolutions in religion, or the fortune of war, has mangled, or buried, the dead; the conclusion remains, perhaps, no less reasonably than impatiently wished for. I, last, after a year's confinement, equal to either fortune, put myself upon the candour, the justice, and the humanity of your Lordship, and upon yours, my countrymen, gentlemen of the jury."

Some particulars of the life and writings of Eugene Aram.

EUGENE Aram seems perfectly acquainted with his family, as he is able to trace it up to the reign of Edward III. It was of the middle gentry of Yorkshire, and several of his relative name were high sheriffs for the county.

He was removed, when young, to Skelton near Newby, and thence to Bondgate near Rippon; it was here he received the first rudiments of literature, and he studied mathematics so as to be equal to the management of quadratic equations, and their geometrical constructions. He was, after the age of 16, sent for to London by Mr. Christopher Blacket, to serve him as clerk in his compositor's house; here he pursued his studies, and soon became enamoured of the belles lettres and polite literature, whose charms destroyed all the heavier beauties of numbers in lines, that he quitted the former study for poetry, history and antiquity. After a stay of a year or two in London, and having the small-pox, he returned to his native place; whence being invited to Netherdale, he engaged in a school, where he married, and, as he says, unfortunately for him; for the
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misconduct of the wife, which that place afforded, did procure him this place, (the prison) this proceeding, this infamous sentence.

He next having perceived his deficiency in the learned languages, applied himself to grammar, in both the Greek and Latin languages, and with great avidity and diligence every one of the Latin classics, historians and poets; then went through the Greek Testament; and, lastly, ventured upon Herodotus, Thucydides, together with all the Greek tragedians.

In the year 1734, a man and horie came for him from his good friend William Norton, Esq; inviting him to Knareborough, the scene of his misfortune; here he attained some knowledge in the Hebrew; he studied this language intently, and went thro' the Pentateuch. In 1744 he returned to London, and served the Rev. Mr. Painblanc as usher in Latin and writing in Piccadilly, and from this gentleman he learned the French language, with which, by severe application, he became tolerably well acquainted. He succeeded to several tuitions and usherships in different places in the south of England, and in the sundry intervals got acquainted with heraldry and botany; and there was scarce an individual plant, domestic or exotic, which he did not know; he also ventured upon Chaldee and Arabic, the former of which he found easy from its near connection with the Hebrew. Not satisfied with this unwarried application, he resolved to study his own language, and in order thereto began with the Celtic, which, as far as it was possible, he investigated through all its dialects; and having discovered, through all these languages, and the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, Chalde, Arabic and Celtic, such a surprising affinity, he resolved to make a comparative lexicon, having already collected for that purpose above 1000 notes.

And now he comes to the fact for which he was committed, and says, 

"All the plate at Knareborough, except the watches and rings, were in Houseman's possession; as for me, I had nothing at all." My wife knows that Terry had the large plate, and that Houseman himself took both that and the watches, at my house, from Clarke's own hand; and if she will not give in this evidence for the town, the wrongs both that and her own confidence: and if it is not done soon, Houseman will prevent her. She likewise knows Terry's wife had some velvet; and, if she will, can testify to: she desires not the regard of the town if she will not. That part of Houseman's evidence, wherein he said I threatened him, was absolutely false; for what hindered him, when I was so long absent, and the elinate; I must needs obferve another thing to be perjury in Houseman's evidence, wherein he said he went home from Clarke; whereas he went straight to my house, as my wife can also testify, if I be not believed.

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The Editor's Remarks on the Proceedings against Eugene Aram.

Aram's sentence was a judicious; and he submitted to it with that filence.

† It is generally believed, and upon good grounds, that Aram got all the money Clark had received for his wife's fortune, viz. about 160l. and there were fixing circumstances to prove it, but it was thought unnecessary, as there was sufficient proof against him without it.
cism, he so much affected; and the morning after he was condemned, he confessed the justice of it to two clergymen, (who had a licence from the judge to attend him) by declaring that he murdered Clark. Being asked by one of them, What his motive was for doing that abominable action? he told them, "He suspected Clark of having an unlawful commerce with his wife; that he was perfused, at the time he committed the murder, he did right; but since he has thought it wrong."

After this, Pray, says Aram, what became of Clark's body, if Houfeman went home (as he said upon my trial) immediately on seeing him fall? One of the clergymen replied, I'll tell you what became of it; you and Houfeman dragged it into the cave, and stripped and buried it there, brought away his clothes, and burnt them at your own house: to which he objected. He was asked, Whether Houfeman did not carefully press him to murder his wife, for fear she should discover the business they had been about: he hastily said, He did, and pressed me several times to do it.

This was the substance of what passed with Aram the morning after he was condemned; and as he had promised to make a more ample confession on the day he was executed, it was generally believed every thing previous to the murder would have been disclosed; but he prevented any farther discovery, by a horrid attempt upon his own life. When he was called from bed to have his irons taken off, he would not rise, alleging he was very weak. On examination his arms appeared bloody; proper assistance being called, it was found he had attempted to take away his own life, by cutting his arms in two places with a razor, which he had concealed in the condemned hole some time before. By proper applications he was brought to himself, and, though weak, was conducted to Tyburn; where being asked if he had any thing to say, he answered, No. Immediately after he was executed, and his body conveyed to Knareborough-Poole, and hung in chains, pursuant to his sentence.

On his table, in the cell, was found the following paper, containing his reasons for the above-said wicked attempt.

"What am I better than my fathers? To die is natural and necessary. Perplexed sensible of this, I fear no more to die than I did to be born. But the manner of it is something which should, in my opinion, be decent and manly. I think I have regarded both these points. Certainly nobody has a better right to dispose of his life than himself; and he, not others, should determine how. As for any indignities offered to my body, such as filth reflections on my faith and morals, they are (as they always were) things indifferent to me. I think, tho' contrary to the common way of thinking, I wrong no man by this, and hope it is not offensive to that eternal Being that formed me and the world: and as by this I injure no man, no man can be reasonably offended. I faithfully recommend myself to the eternal and almighty Being, the God of nature, if I have done amiss. But perhaps I have not; and I hope this thing will never be imputed to me. Tho' I am now stained by malice, and suffer by prejudice, I hope to rise fair and unblemished. My life was not polluted, my morals irreproachable, and my opinions orthodox.

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I slept sound till three o'clock, awaked, and wrote these lines:

Come, pleasing rest, eternal slumber fall,
Seal mine, that once must seal the eyes of all;
Calm and compos'd my soul her journey takes,
No guilt that troubles, and no heart that aches;
Adieu! thou sun, all bright like her arise;
Adieu! fare friends, and all that's good and wise."

These lines, found along with the foregoing, were supposed to be written by Aram just before he cut himself with the razor.

Notwithstanding he pleads a sovereign right over himself; in vindication of this last horrid crime, and appears at first view, actuated by honour and courage; yet a little reflection will convince any one, his motive for such an inhuman deed was nothing more than the fear of shame. His pride would not permit him to confess a crime he had once so strenuously denied; and guilty as he knew himself to have been, his obstinacy held out to his last moments. That he murdered Clark is beyond all doubt, as he himself voluntarily confessed it. But the excuse he afterwards made for it is greatly to be suspected, it being at the expense of an innocent industrious poor woman, whom he has ever treated in an infamous inhuman manner.

To his life are subjoined several pieces and fragments, which he possibly might have finished, had he lived. The first is a lexicon, or rather an essay towards it, upon an entire new plan; in this essay are many very curious, and pertinent remarks, particularly his animadversions on lexicographers: All our lexicographers, says he, a very few excepted, for ought I have adverted to, have been long employed, and have generally contented themselves too, within the limits of a narrow field. They seem to have looked no farther than the facilitating for youth the attainment of the Latin and Greek languages, and almost universally consider the former, as only derived from the latter. These two single points seem to have confined their whole view, possessed their whole attention, and engrossed all their industry.

Here and there indeed, and in a few pieces of this kind, one sees interperfed, derivations of the English from the Latin, Greek, &c. inferred from a conformity of orthography, sound, and signification, and these are very true. But whence this relation, this conformation arose, why it has continued from age to age to us, has floated on the stream of time so long, and pulled to such a distance of place, how ancient words have survived conquests, the migrations of people, and the several coalitions of nations, and colonies, notwithstanding the fluctuating condition of languages in its own nature, they have neither observed with diligence, nor explained with accuracy.

Almost every etymologist that has fallen into my hands, and detained my eye, have not been mistaken in the comparison they have made, or the uniformity they have observed, between the Latin and the Greek, and between both those languages and our own; but then their inferences have been but short and few, and they have failed in accounting for this uniformity; they have indeed sufficiently evinced a limi-
a similarity, but produced no reasons for it. It is not to be thought of, much less concluded, that the multitude of words among us, which are certainly Latin, Greek, and Phænician, are all the relics of the Roman settlements in Britain, or the effects of Greek or Phænician commerce here: no, this resemblance was caused with the primary inhabitants of this island, and the accession of other colonies did not obliterate, but confirm this resemblance, and also brought in an increase, and accession of other words, from the same original, and consequently bearing the same conformity. How nearly related is the Cambrian, how nearly the Irish, in numberless instances, to the Latin, the Greek, and even Hebrew, and both possessed this conformity long ago, before Julius Cæsar, and the Roman invasion? I know not, but the Latin differed more from itself in the succession of six centuries, than the Welsh and Irish at this time from the Latin. Concerning this agreement of theirs with the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, not to mention others, a gentleman of great penetration, and extraordinary erudition, Dr. Davis, may be consulted; and the learned Sheringham, who has exhibited a long and curious specimen of Greek and Cambrian words, so exactly correspondent in ιπταω and ἱπνῶ, or at least so visibly near, that, as far as I know, no gentleman has ever questioned, much less disputed their alliance. This similarity subsisting in common between the Irish, Cambrian, Greek, Latin, and even Hebrew, as it has not escaped the notice and animadversions of the learned, so their surprize has generally increased with their researches, and considerations about it: new circumstances of agreement perpetually arising. A great many gentlemen, conversant in antiquities, and pleased with literary amusements of this kind, have ascribed these palpable connexions to conquest or to commerce; they have supposed that the interchange, which on the latter account anciently subsisted between the Phænicians, Greeks, and the Britons (see Boch. Huet. &c.) occasioned this very remarkable community between their languages. Indeed this accident of commerce must needs have had its influence; but then this influence must have been but weak and partial; not prevalent and extensive. Commerce has, and always will make continual additions to any language, by the introduction of exotic words: yet would words of this kind, and at that time hardly extend a great way; they would only affect the maritime parts, and those places frequented by traders, and that but feebly, and would be very far from acting or making any considerable impression upon the whole body of our language.

But even supposing that a number of Greek vocables may have found admittance and adoption in Britain, and after this manner, yet could they never penetrate into the more interior parts of it, into recesses remote from the sea; strangers to all correspondence, with out the temptation, without the inclination to leave their natural foil, their own hereditary village, yet is Greek even here; we find pure Greek in the Peak itself, whether foreigners, especially at the distance of more than twice ten
centuries, can scarcely be supposed to have come. There could have been but few invitations to it then; and perhaps there are not many now."

As a specimen of his knowledge in most languages, we shall give his encomiaster word Beagles.

"Beagles, a race of hounds, so named for being little; and perfectly agreeable to the primary signification of the Celtic *pig*, i. e. little. The Greeks have antiquently used this word too, and in the sense of little, of which they seem to have confounded their *πηγη*, i. e. a dwarf. It still subsists among the Irish, and still, in that language, conveys the idea of little; as, ir *pig*, a little man; ban pig, a little woman; beg aghach, little fearing. It was common in Scotland, in the same acceptation also: for one of the Hebrides is named from this cubital people, Dunie Bega (see Mr. Irvin) and it yet exisits in Scotland in the word philibeg, i. e. a little petticoat. And we ourselves retain it in the provincial word peegles, i. e. cowflips, a name imposed upon them of old, from the littlestefs of their flowers. And our northern word Peggy, is properly applicable to no female as a Christian name; but is merely an epithet of size, and a word of indearmet only."

He left several other curious tracts relative to British antiquities.

Some account of John Ayliffe, Esq; lately executed for forgery.

JOHN Ayliffe, was the son of one Ayliffe, an upper servant in the family of Gerrard Smith, Esq; a justice of the peace of Tockenham, in Wiltshire, by his wife, who was also housekeeper in the same family; he was taught the first rudiments of learning at Tockenham, where he was born, and then sent to Harrow on the Hill. Some years afterwards he became teacher of a free school at Lincham in Wiltshire, worth about ten pounds a year, where, about sixteen years ago, he married the daughter of a clergyman of Tockenham, with whom he had 500l, though the marriage was against the content of her friends; this money he soon spent in idle extravagances, and about two years after his marriage, was taken into the family of Mrs. Horner, mother of Lady Ilchester, being recommended to her as a person in distress. The capacity in which he first acted was that of house-keeper, and he was afterwards advanced to some share in the management of her estates; how he became known to Mr. Fox we are not told; but he was, by his favour, appointed a commissary of the wards; and thus he became an esquire.

What his income in this situation was, does not appear. The next thing that we are told of him, though the distance of time is not mentioned, is, that he built himself a house at Blandford Forem in Dorsetshire, and furnished it with pictures, and many other costly superfluities; he appears, however, at this time, to have been possessed of a considerable sum of money, which he risked in various projects, with a view to more than common gain; and at length left it; as his expenses in the mean time were rather in proportion to his hopes than to his possessions, when he found his hopes disappointed, he also found himself considerably in debt; and being pressed by his creditors,
ditors, he had recourse to several fraudulent and iniquitous projects to raise money. He forged a grant of the next presentation to the rector of Brinkworth, in Wilts, to which he counterfeited Mr. Fox's hand-writing, and the hand-writing of two persons as subscribing witnesses; with a prospect of this presentation, he prevailed upon a clergyman, said to be of a respectable character, to become his security, and also to engage to marry a certain young woman; it happened that the marriage did not take place before Ayliffe's affairs became desperate, upon which the clergyman being also ruined, it broke his heart. After his death the following paper was found in his pocket.

July 29, 1759.
Wrote the following letter to John Ayliffe Satun, Esq.
Sir, I am surprized you can write to me, after you have robbed and most barbarously murdered me. Oh Brinkworth.

Yours, T. E——d.

In April last he also forged the lease upon Mr. Fox, upon which he borrowed a sum that relieved him from the exigency which immediately pressed him. But, in the May following, he was arrested, and being charged with actions to the amount of 1100l. he became a prisoner in the Fleet; during his confinement he produced a deed of gift from Mrs. Horner to him of 420l. a year, and 3000l. in money. Mrs. Horner died the latter end of the year 1757, and Mr. Ayliffe alleg ed, that the being unwilling to let Lady Ilchester and her relations know how she had disposed of her estates, directed him not to disclose what she had done for him till after her death; and that he had concealed it twenty months after that time, fearing the knowledge of it might hurt his interest with Mr. Fox. Soon after this claim of 420l. a year, and 3000l. was set up, under the supposed deed of gift, a discovery was made of his forgery of the lease, and a prosecution set on foot, which suspended all attempts to obtain possession of his pretended estate.

In the mean time he affected to represent Mr. Fox's prosecution as a contrivance to deprive him of it, and as having no view but to extort from him a renunciation of his deed of gift, by procuring witnesses to support the charge of forgery against him, of which he was known to be innocent; that his life being thus put into the hands of his prosecutor, he might either destroy or save him, as he should grant or refuse what he thought fit to requite.

In comparison of this insinuation, his forgery can scarce be considered as a crime. This was such a complication of villainy, with all the aggravations of ingratitude, as can scarce be paralleled; he notwithstanding persisted in his diabolical acculcation of Mr. Fox to others, even while he was confessing his guilt to him, and imploring his mercy, as appears from the following paragraph, in a paper called the state of John Ayliffe's affairs, which he sent to Mr. Secretary W. , and the subjoined letter to Mr. Fox, both which he sent away at the same time.

"Mr. Fox is now pleased to disown the signing or letting his hand to the lease, alleging it not to be the original, though he acknowledged his having signed the said lease to mortgage it as aforesaid to several persons, and for this
this your petitioner is convicted and sentenced to death."

To Mr. Fox.

"Honoured Sir,

The faults I have been guilty of shock my very soul, and particularly those, Sir, towards you, for which I heartily ask God, and your pardon. — The sentence I have pronounced against me, fills me with horror, such surely as was never felt by mortal. What can I say? Oh my good God! that I could think of any thing I could do to induce you to have mercy on me, and to prevail on you, good Sir, to intercede for my life. I would do any thing in the whole world, and submit to any thing for my life, either at home or abroad; for God's sake, good Sir, have compassion on your unhappy and unfortunate servant,

John Ayliffe."

Prest-yard, Newgate,
Oct. 28, 1759.

Mr. Fox, however, with a kindness and generosity not often found, continued to procure for him every convenience that his situation would admit; sending him money and provisions, and paying his chamber rent from the time of his confinement to his death; having before prevented his being removed to Newgate till he was advised of its necessity, con- sented to his trial's being put off, suppressed two several confessions of the forgery, made to Mr. Paterson and Mr. Stroud, deputed from trying him for a second forgery, after he was convicted of the first, order- ed a physician to attend him during his illness, and paid a special keeper to take care of him, that he might not be ironed.

Ayliffe, however, when he found his artifices as ineffectual as they were wicked, declared, in another letter to Mr. Fox, that he was ready to make a full confession of his guilt; to this Mr. Fox wrote him an answer, in which to prevent his supposing any confession that he should make would spare his life, he told him that he had long forgiven him, and still pitied him, but that all hope of life was vain, and he had nothing to do but to make his peace with God. Ayliffe, in answer to this letter, whether stung with remorse, or whether merely in the anguish of despair, confessed that the deed of gift from Mrs. Horner was a fraud, and that he having prepared it ready for execution, slipped it in among some leaves which Mrs. Horner executed without reading.

The night before his execution he spent in great agonies, except about two hours, in which nature being exhausted, he slept; he once tasted a cordial, but the tumult and anguish of his mind producing an intolerable thirst, he drank several pints of water, with which he was supplied by the keeper. In the morning he appeared more composed, and about half an hour after nine, was put into a cart, and conveyed to the place of execution. In the way he was quiet and motionless, sometimes reading, and sometimes meditating; when he came under the gallows, he raised himself upon his knees, and while he was kneeling, a cry of reprieve, by some accident, was railed among the mob, of which, however, he took no notice, still continuing on his knees; from which distance, who had heard the cry, concluded he was giving God thanks for his sudden and unexpected deliverance; he spoke a few words just before he was turned off to Mr. Fannen, a per-
son who had been a principal evidence against him, expelling his obligations to Mr. Fox, and requiring to be buried in Hertfordshire. After execution, his body was carried off in a hearse and four horses, which had been procured to wait for him, at Mr. Fox’s direction and expense.

Some account of William Andrew Horne, Esq; who was convicted at Nottingham Assizes, August 10, 1759, for the murder of a child in the year 1724, and executed there on the 11th of December, 1759.

William Andrew Horne, was the eldest son of a gentleman who possessed a small estate at Butterley, in the parish of Pentridge in Derbyshire. He was born on the 20th of November, 1685, and was taught Latin and Greek, in which he made small progress, by his father, who was reputed the best classical scholar in the country. He was the favourite of his father, who indulged him with a horse and money in early life, to ramble from one place of diversion to another. In this course of dissipation he gave a loose to his passion for women. Not content with debauching his mother’s maid servants, he acknowledged, in a paper written with his own hand, his being the occasion of the murder of a servant girl, who was with child by him, and that he used to lie with his own sisters. By one woman he had two natural children, both girls, one of which lived to be fifteen; the other is now alive, a sensible well-behaved young woman, who might have been married to a person of substance, who offered to settle a jointure of 50l. a year on her, if her father would give her 50l. only, which he refused.

In the month of February 1724, his sister was delivered of a fine boy. Three days after he came to his brother Charles, who then lived with him at his father’s, at ten o’clock at night, and told him he must take a ride with him that night. He then fetched the child, which they put into a long linen bag. They took two horses out of the stable, and rode straight to Annesley in Nottinghamshire, five computed miles from Butterley, carrying the child by turns. When they came near that place, William alighted, and asked whether the child was alive; Charles answering in the affirmative, he took it in the bag and went away, bidding the other stay till he should return. When Charles asked what he had done with it, he said he had laid it by a hay-stack, and covered it with hay. After his condemnation, he said that he had no intention the child should die: that to preserve its life, he put it into a bag lined with wool, and made a hole in the bag to give it air: that the child was well-dressed, and was designed as a present to the late Mr. Chaworth of Annesley, and intended to be laid at his door; but on taking it from his brother, and approaching the house, the dogs made such a continual barking that he durst not go up to the door for fear of a discovery, there being a little light in one of the windows: that upon this disappointment he went back to some diligence, and at last determined to lay it under a warm hay-stack, in hopes of its being discovered early next morning by the people who came to fodder the cattle. The child was indeed found next morning.
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ing, but starved to death by being left all night in the cold.

Charles, not long after, upon some difference with his brother, mentioned the affair to his father, who intimated he should never speak of it. It was accordingly kept a secret till the old gentleman's death, which happened about the year 1747, when he was in the 102d year. Soon after, being with Mr. Cooke, an attorney of Derby, about parish business, Charles told him the affair. Mr. Cooke said, he ought to go to a magistrate, and make a full discovery. He accordingly went to Justice G——me: but this gentleman told him he had better be quiet, as it was an affair of long standing, and might hang half the family. Charles mentioned it to some other persons.

About five years ago, Charles being very ill of a flux, sent for Mr. John White, of Ripley, and said, "he was a dying man, and could not go out of the world without disclosing his mind to him;" and told him of the incest and murder. Mr. White said it was a nice affair, and he could not tell how to advise. A few days after, Mr. White seeing him surprisingly recovered, asked to what it was owing. He said, to his disclosing his mind to him.

Some years ago, William Andrew Horne threatened one Mr. Roe for killing game; and meeting him soon after at a public-house, words arose about the right to kill game: Roe called Horne an noxious old dog: for which words he was prosecuted in the ecclesiastical court at Litchfield, and being unable to prove the charge, was obliged to submit and pay all expenses. Roe being afterwards informed that Charles Horne had mentioned to some per-

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upon which they were let in. They searched all over the house, but could not find him. Roe prefled them to make a second search. In one of the rooms they observed a large old chest. Mrs. Horne, Mr. Horne’s wife, said, there was nothing in it but table linen and sheets. Roe insisted on looking in it; and going to break the lid, Mrs. Horne opened it, and her husband started up in a fright, bare-headed, saying, “It is a sad thing to hang me; for my brother Charles is as bad as myself, and he can’t hang me without hanging himself.”

He was carried before two justices of Nottinghamshire, and after an examination of some hours, having little to offer in his defence, he was committed to Nottingham gaol, to take his trial at the assizes. Soon after his commitment he made application to the court of King’s Bench, to be removed by Habeas Corpus, in order to be bailed; for which purpose he came, in custody of the gaoler, to London; but the court denied him bail. So he was obliged to return to Nottingham gaol, there to remain till the summer assize, held on Saturday the 10th of August 1759, before the Lord Chief Baron Parker, when, after a trial which lasted near nine hours, the jury, having withdrawn half an hour, brought him in guilty of the murder. The very persons who found the child appeared, and corroborated the brother’s evidence.

He immediately received sentence to be hanged the Monday following; but in the evening, at the intercession of some gentlemen, who thought the time too short for such an old sinner to search his heart, the judge was pleased to reprieve the sentence for a month; at the expiration of which he obtained another respite till further orders. This time he spent in fruitless applications to persons in power for pardon, discovering little sense of the crime of which he had been convicted, and often said, it was doubly hard to suffer on the evidence of a brother, for a crime committed so many years before. A day or two before he died, he solemnly denied many atrocious things which common report laid to his charge; and said to a person, “My friend, my brother Charles was tried at Derby about twenty years ago, and acquitted, my dear sister Nancy forswearing herself at that time to save his life. His life, you see, was preferred to hang me; but you’ll see him”—

He told the clergyman who attended him, “That he forgave all his enemies, even his brother Charles; but that, at the day of judgment, if God Almighty should ask him how his brother Charles behaved, he would not give him a good character.” He was executed on his birth-day, and was exactly 74 years of age the day he died. This he mentioned several times after the order of his execution was signed; and said, he always used to have plum-pudding on his birth-day, and would again, could he obtain another respite. He was of so penurious a disposition, that it is said he never did one generous action in the whole course of his life. Notwithstanding his licentious conduct his father left him all his real estate, having some time before his death given all his personal estate, by a deed of gift, to Charles. The father died on a couch in the kitchen, and happened to have about twelve guineas in his pocket, which certainly belonged to Charles; the other,
other, however, took the cash out of his dead father's pocket, and would not part with it till Charles promised to pay the whole expense of burying the old man; which he did; and insiling afterwards on his right, the elder brother turned him out of doors; and though he knew he was master of such an important secret, would not give the least assistance to him, nor a morsel of bread to his hungry children begging at their uncle's door. Charles kept a little ale-house at a gate leading down to his brother's house; which gate he used frequently to open to him, pulling off his hat at the same time; yet he would never speak to him. Not only his brother, but the whole country round, had reason to complain of his churlishness and rigour. He would scarce suffer a man, not qualified, to keep a dog, or a gun; so that he was universally feared and hated. Besides his incest, and the murder of the young woman, who was with child by him, he confessed that he broke one Amos Killer's arm, with a violent blow, which occasioned the poor fellow's death.
An Effor on a method of classing animals.

WITH regard to the general order, and the method of distribution of the different subjects of natural history, it is purely arbitrary; and therefore we are sufficiently at liberty to choose that which appears the most commodious, or the most commonly received. But, before we give the reasons that might determine us to adopt one order rather than another, it is necessary to make some further reflections, whereby we will endeavour to shew what reality there may be in the divisions that have been of natural productions. In order to know this, we must, for a moment, divest ourselves of our prejudices, and even strip ourselves of our notions. Let us suppose a man who had actually forgot every thing, or who awakes quite fresh to view the objects that surround him; let us place such a man in the field, where animals, birds, fishes, plants, bones, &c. present themselves successively to his eyes. In the first encounters he will distinguish nothing, and confound every thing; but let his ideas be gradually confirmed by reiterated sensations of the same objects, he will soon form to himself a general idea of animated matter: he will easily distinguish it from inanimated matter, and in a little time after, he will distinguish very well animated matter from vegetable, and naturally arrive at this first grand division, namely, animal, vegetable, and mineral; and as he shall have taken, at the same time, a clear idea of those grand objects that are so different, viz. the earth, the air, and the water, he will come in a little time to form a particular idea of animals that dwell upon the earth, of those that reside in the waters, and those that fly aloft in the air; and consequently, he will easily form to himself this second division of animals, namely, quadrupeds, birds, and fishes: the same thing will happen in the vegetable kingdom, as trees and plants; he will distinguish them very well, either as to their bulk, their substance, or figure. This is what a bare inspection must necessarily produce in him, and what with a very slender degree of attention, he cannot fail to know, and this is likewise what we ought to consider as real, and as a division which nature herself has made; let us put ourselves in the place of such a man, or let us suppose he has acquired the same degree of knowledge, and has the same degree of experience as we have; he will judge of the objects of natural history according to the relations they bear to him: these objects that are the most necessary and useful, will hold the first rank; for instance, he will give the preference, in the order of animals, to the horse, the dog, the ox, &c. and he will always much better know those that are most familiar to him; in the next place, he will be taken up with such animals, as, though not so familiar
miliar to him, yet live in the same place and climate, as the deer, hares, and all the wild animals; and it will be only after the acquisition of all this knowledge that his curiosity will lead him to find out what may be the animals of foreign climates, as the elephant, dromedary, &c. The case will be the same as to fishes, birds, insects, shells, plants, minerals, and all other productions of nature; he will study these in proportion to the uses he may draw from them, according as they present themselves the more familiarly to him; and he will arrange them in his mind, according to this order of his knowledge, because it is actually the order according to which he has acquired it, and according to which it concerns him to retain them.

This order, the most natural of all others, is that which I would recommend, believing that this simple and natural method of considering things is preferable to any methods that are far more fetched and more compounded, because there is none either of such as have been already adopted, or of all those that may be formed, but in which there is more of the arbitrary than in this; and that, to take every thing, it is much easier, and more agreeable and useful for us, to consider things with regard to ourselves, than under any other point of view.

Two objections, I forefee, may be here started: first, that these grand divisions, which we consider as real, are not, perhaps, accurate; that, for instance, we are not certain, that a line of separation can be drawn betwixt the animal and vegetable kingdoms, or even betwixt the vegetable kingdom and the mineral, and that there may be found in nature some things that equally partake of the properties of the one and the other; which, consequently, cannot enter into the one or the other of these divisions. To which I answer, that if there exist any things which are exactly half-animal, and half plant, or half plant, and half mineral, &c. they are hitherto unknown to us; so that, in fact, the division stands entirely and accurate; and it is evident, that, the more general divisions are, there will be the less hazard to meet with bipartite objects, that participate of the nature of two things comprised in these divisions; so that this very objection, which we have made use of to advantage, against particular distributions, cannot hold good in treating of divisions that are full and general, especially if these distributions be not made exclusive; and if we do not pretend to comprise therein, without exception, not only all known beings, but likewise all those that may hereafter be discovered: add to this, if we attend to it, we shall plainly fee, that our general ideas being only composed of particular ideas, they have a relation to a continued scale of objects, of which we clearly perceive only the mean terms, and whole two extremities always more and more disappear, and escape our understandings; so that we never confine ourselves to things but in the gross, and that consequently we ought not to think our ideas, how general ever they may be, comprise the particular ideas of every thing existing or possible.

The second objection may be, that by pursuing this order we must join together objects very different, for example, in the history of animals, if we begin with those that are the most useful and familiar to us, we shall be obliged to give the his-
story of a dog, after or before that of a horse; a thing which does not seem natural, because these animals are so different in all other respects, that they do not at all appear to have been made, to be placed so near each other, in a treatise of natural history; and perhaps it may be further urged, that it would be better to follow the ancient method of the division of animals into whole-footed, and cloven-footed, or the modern method of division, by their teeth, and teats, &c.

This objection, which at first may appear pretty plausible, will vanish when we come to examine it. Were it not better to arrange, not only in a treatise of natural history, but even in a picture, or any where else, objects in the order and position in which they are commonly found, than to force them to be joined together by virtue of any hypothesis? Would it not be better to make the horse, who is whole-hoofed, to be followed by the dog, who is claw-footed, and actually uses to follow him, than an animal we know little of, and which probably has no other relation with a horse than that of being whole-hoofed? Add to this, does there not arise the same inconvenience from the differences in this arrangement as in ours? Does a lion, because claw-footed, resemble a rat, which is so too, more than a horse resembles a dog? Does a whole-hoofed elephant resemble an ass that is whole hoofed too, more than a flag, which is cloven-footed? And should we follow the new method, in which the teeth and the teats are the specific characters, and upon which the divisions and distributions are founded, shall we find that a lion is more like a bat, than a horse is like a dog? Or rather, to make our comparison a little more exact, does a horse resemble a hog more than a dog, or is a dog more like a mole than a horse? And since there are as many inconveniences, and as great differences in these methods of arrangement, as in that we have adopted, and seeing, besides this, these methods have not the same advantages, and are a great deal more remote from the common and natural method of considering things, we have sufficient reason for giving it the preference.

We shall not particularly examine all the artificial methods that have been given in the division of animals: they are all more or less subject to inconveniences: and it appears to us, that the examen of one of them only, is sufficient to discover the faults of the rest; we shall therefore here confine ourselves to examine the method of the celebrated Linneaus, which is the most modern, whereby we may be enabled to judge whether we had reason to reject it, and confine ourselves solely to the natural order in which all mankind are wont to view and consider things. Linneaus divides all animals into six classes, viz. quadrupeds, birds, amphibious creatures, fishes, insects, and worms.

The first division is very arbitrary and very incomplete; for it gives us no idea of certain kinds of animals, which are, nevertheless, very considerable and extensive; serpents for example, shell-fish, and crustaceous animals, appear at first glance to have been forgotten; for, at first, one does not imagine that serpents are amphibious, that crustaceous animals are insects, and shell animals worms; if, instead of making only six classes, he had made twelve,
twelve, or more, and had said quadrupeds, birds, reptiles, amphibious creatures, cetaceous fish, oviparous fish, soft fish, crustaceous fish, shell-fish, terrestrial insects, marine insects, and those found in fresh water, &c. he would have expressed himself more diligently; and his divisions would have been more true and less arbitrary; for, in general, the more the number of the divisions of natural productions is augmented, the nearer we shall approach to the truth, since only individuals do really exist in nature, and since genera, orders, and classes, only exist in our own imaginations. Upon examining the general characters, which he makes use of, and the manner in which he makes his particular divisions, we shall find defects therein, that are much more essential; for example, a general character, such as that taken from the mammae or teats, in the division of quadrupeds, ought at least to belong to all quadrupeds, and yet from the time of Aristotle, we know that the horse has no mamma.

He divides the class of quadrupeds into five orders: the first he calls anthromorpha, or those resembling the human form; the second, feræ, or wild beasts; the third, glire, or wild rats; the fourth, jumenta, or beasts of burden; and the fifth, pecora, or cattle; and according to him all quadrupeds are included in these five classes. We may discover, by the bare enumeration of these orders, that this division is not only arbitrary, but very injudiciously made: for he places in this first order, man, the monkey, the Guinea lubbard, and the shell-lizard. Let us go on to the second order, which he calls wild beasts; and here indeed he begins with the lion and tiger, but he proceeds with the cat, the wenzle, the otter, the sea-calf, the dog, the bear, the badger; and he ends with the hedge-hog, the mole and the bat. Who could ever have imagined, that the name of a wild beast could have been given to the bat, the mole, and the hedge-hog! that such domestic animals as the dog and the cat were wild beasts! and is there not herein as great an ambiguity with regard to good sense, as well as with regard to the words? But let us proceed to the third class, namely, the wild rats of M. Linnaeus, which are the porcupine, the hare, the squirrel, the beaver, and the common rat. I declare, that in all this, I see but one species of rats, which, in fact, is the wild rat. The fourth order is that of beasts of carriage, which are the elephant, the hippopotamus, or river horse, the throw MOUSE, the horse and the pig. What a strange, what a chimeraical arrangement this! His fifth and last order, is cattle, which comprises the camel, the deer, the goat, the ram, and the ox. But what difference is there not evidently between a camel and a ram, or between a deer and a goat? And what reason can there be to pretend that there are animals of the same class, if it be not this, that having absolutely a mind to form classes, and but a small number of them, we must comprise therein beasts of all kinds? In fine, by examining the last divisions of animals into particular species, we find that the lupus cersinus is no other than a species of cats; the fox and wolf a species of dogs; the ciever a species of badger; the Indian pig a species of hare; the water-rat a species of beaver;
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beaver, the rhinoceros a species of elephant: and the as a species of horses, &c. and all this for no other reason but that there is some little analogy between the number of the teeth and the teeth of these animals, or some like resemblance in the figure of their hoofs. And this is, however, without omitting any thing, the whole to which this sys-
tem of nature for the four-footed animals is reducible. Would it not be more simple, natural, and true, to say that an as is an as, and a cat a cat, than to make, without knowing for what reason, an as a horse, and a cat a lynx, or wild spotted cat?

One may, by this flight, or, as one may call it, figment, judge of all the rest of Linnæus’s system. Serpents, according to this author, are amphibious animals, lollers infects, and not only so, but infects of the same order with lice and scias; and all shell-fish, crusta-
ceous, and soft fish are worms; oyst-
ters, the thorn-back, sea-fars, scut-
tle-fish, &c. are, according to him, no other than worms. Is there then any thing further necessary to evince how arbitrary, how chimerical his divisions are, and how ill grounded this system is?

A description of an American quad-
draped rarely seen in Europe, which
Linnæus has placed in the class of
bears, and, for distinction, called
the long-tailed bear.

THIS animal was not much
higher than a large cat; but
its length from the extremity of
the trunk to the tail was some-
thing more than three feet, and the tail itself
was one foot and an inch long: the body was covered all over very thick with hair, that was remark-
ably long and soft, but longest upon
the belly; the colour was in some
places black, and in some a mix-
ture of yellow and brown; the back
was chiefly black, not however
without some mixture of brown;
on the contrary, the neck, the head,
and the tail, were rather tawny
than black; the face was whifh,
with yellow stripes that came down
between the eyes, from the top of
the head to the nose; the hair round
the eyes was almost entirely black;
the ears had more white than yel-
low, and the legs were thinly co-
vered with short brown hair; the
tail was considerably thicker to-
wards the body than towards the
end, and was marked with three
black rings, and three yellow, very
beautiful and exact, growing gradu-
ally narrower as the tail grew less:
the general figure of the head was
triangular; it was largest in the up-
per and hinder part, and gradually
diminished towards the nose, which
was very sharp, with two nofrils
of a semicircular figure; on each
side of the mouth were smellers,
or whiskers, of white briskly hair;
those of the upper lip being longer
than those of the lower; the upper
lip itself being much the longest, so
as to project beyond the other an
inch and a half: the ears were
large towards the base, and sharp
at the extremity; they were re-
markable for their quick motion,
and were provided with very strong
muscles.

The eyes were not large in pro-
portion to the rest of the body; one
of them had a cataract, and both
of them were manifestly covered
with a mufculating membrane; this
membrane; which was turned in
the form of an arch, extended from
the inner to the outward corner,
where it strongly adhered, as well as lower down. It was bound to each corner of the eye by a small tendon; and, as it was extremely moveable, it was drawn up with great facility when it perfectly covered or closed the whole eye.

The feet, or paws, were not very long, but those of the hinder legs were much longer and stronger than those of the fore; the bottoms of them were quite without hair, but were covered from the talons to the heel, with a thick hard skin of a brown red colour; this skin was marked with many lines like those of the palm of the hand; and rises higher on the hind feet than the fore, as the animal sometimes walks erect upon them.

Each foot terminated in five claws, like those of a bear; the first was very short, the second long, the third and the fourth were of an equal length, but both longer than the second; and the fifth was a little shorter than these, but somewhat longer than the first; each of these claws terminated in a talon, which was black, sharp, and hooked.

The whole animal, which was very fat, weighed sixteen pounds and an half. It was a female, and the uterus opened below the abdomen by a very large external aperture.

By its internal structure, it appeared to be formed both for carnivorous and granivorous food. It is found both in North and South America, from whence the skins, which are excellent furs, are sent in considerable quantities to Europe. It has been described by many writers of great authority, particularly Wormius, Ray, and Linnaeus, but with such difference as makes the accounts in many particulars wholly irreconcilable with each other.

The Brazilians call it the Coati, and by some writers it has been considered as a fox, by some as a badger, and by others as a cat. The reason why Linnaeus has called it a bear, is its having five claws, and the short one or thumb-claws placed on the outside; but it differs so much from a bear, both externally and internally, that the propriety of placing it in the bear class may be well doubted. It is very nimble, and climbs trees as nimbly as a monkey, running to the extremity of the branches which bend under its weight. Its manner of eating is like that of a dog, holding its food, whether vegetable or animal, between its fore-paws.

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An account of a Cat, that lived twenty-six months without drinking. From the History of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris, for the year 1753.

M. L'Abbé de Fontenu of the Royal Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres, to whom the academy is indebted for several curious observations, was pleased to communicate to it this year a very singular one. Having remarked how cats often habituate themselves, and oftener than one could wish, to dry warrens, where they certainly cannot find drink but very seldom, he fancied that these animals could do for a very long time without drinking. To see whether his notions were well grounded, he made an experiment on a very large and fat castrated cat he had at his disposal. He began by retrenching by little and little his
his drink, and, at last, debarred him of it entirely, yet fed him as usual with boiled meat. The cat had not drank for seven months, when this observation was communicated to the academy, and has since passed nineteen without drinking. The animal was not less well in health, nor less fat: it only seemed that it eat less than before, probably because digestion was somewhat slower. The excrements were more firm and dry, which were not evacuated but every second day, though urine came forth six or seven times during the same time. The cat appeared to have an ardent desire to drink, and used his best endeavours to testify the same to Mr. Fontenot, especially when he saw a pot of water in his hand. He licked greedily the mug, the glass, iron, in short, every thing that could procure for his tongue the sensation of coolness; but it does not appear in the least that his health suffered any alteration by so severe and so long a want of all sorts of drink. It may be inferred from hence, that cats may support thirst for a considerable time, without risque of madness or other fatal accident. According to M. de Fontenot's remark, these perhaps are not the only animals that enjoy this faculty, and this observation might lead perhaps to more important objects.

On the Force of Imagination, from the Gentleman's Magazine.

Mr. Urban,

In the last number of the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Academy at Berlin, there is the following wonderful relation of a monstrous dog: which is the only instance that has come to my knowledge of the force of imagination upon quadrupeds; and, therefore, I have sent you an abstract of the memoir in which it is contained.

Yours, &c. P. P.

"A citizen of Berlin had a very little female lap-dog, which ran about a back-yard belonging to the house, where the citizen kept some poultry. It happened, that, when the creature was pregnant, there was in this yard, among the fowls, a turkey-cock; the turkey cock upon the little dog's coming into the yard as usual, run after it, stretching out his neck, making his noise, and striking at it with his beak: this was often repeated, the dog always running away greatly terrified. The poor perfecuted animal some time afterwards produced a puppy, which had a head greatly resembling that of its enemy the turkey-cock, not only in its external appearance, but in the very bones themselves; the rest of the body was that of a dog, perfect and in its natural state. This monster died soon after its birth, and was dissected by an eminent surgeon of Berlin, by whom the skeleton is still preferred. The figure of the head was a kind of oval, without either mouth or nose, and consequently the long chaps of a dog were entirely wanting; in the head of thfe there was a kind of pend-loch, or bob of red flesh, perfectly resembling, both in its figure and size, the red gills of a turkey cock. The diameter of this fleshly excrescence towards its base, was about nine lines, but it was hollow within, to receive a kind of beak, or rather a bone hook, which was perfectly solid,
against all the causes that human wit has been able to assign for facts which are too notorious to be denied. M. Eller is one of the unfortunate philosophers who has shewn the paucity of his knowledge, both by his objections to the opinion he would remove, and his reasons for that he would establish.

Imagination, says he, is nothing more than that operation of a thinking being, which represents in it the image or idea of absent objects which have been before introduced by the organs of sense. Imagination can operate only by the nerves, and the imagination of the mother cannot affect the infant, because the nerves of the mother have no connection with those of the infant; the connection between the mother and infant subsisting only by means of the placenta, which adheres to the womb, not by the continuity but the contiguity only of its vessels, which are not broken, when the placenta is separated from the matrix, and because there is no continuity, or anastomosis, even between the blood-vessels of the mother and the fetus, and consequently, no circulation common to the mother and infant, the it is confessed that the innumerable vessels which are distributed over the placenta do, in their minute ramifications, mingle with those of the matrix, and like the fibres of the roots of vegetables, may imbibe the blood that exudes from the extremities of the arteries of the matrix, as the little veins of the matrix may in their turn re-absorb the blood which the arteries of the umbilical chord of the placenta convey from the infant towards the womb.

But, if imagination can operate only
only by the nerves, can this author shew how the images of sensible objects, after he has traced them to the brain, are communicated to the mind? Is there any continuity, or anastomosis, between the mind and the brain? Or, supposing all to be mere matter, can he tell us how mere motion can make mere matter conscious? If he finds this impossible, will he therefore deny that there are conscious beings percipient of ideas from sensible objects. If in one instance, he is compelled to admit a fact, for which he cannot account, why should he, in another, deny a fact merely because he has attempted to account for it without success?

It is as well known as any fact can be, that there is very often a striking correspondence between some mark or defect in the infant, and some strong imagination or passion of the mother; such a correspondence as persuaded every one to believe that they were cause and effect, till the pride of philosophy affected to disbelieve it, because it could not trace one into the other.

It would, however, be an act of unpardonable injustice to M. Eiller, to suppress the ingenious hypothesis which he has invented, to solve the difficulties with which others have been embarrassed on this subject.

He considers the infant as liable to receive cutaneous impressions, or marks, and to become monstrous either by defect or excess.

The cutaneous marks he supposes to be caused either by a compression of the veins of the infant, arising from some fault in the position of the womb, by some violence from without, or by some constriction within, which prevents an equal circulation, and converts the lateral lymphatic arteries into blood vessels, the ramifications of which being spread under the epidermis, gives a red colour to the skin. The similitude of these spots to any thing which the mother is known to have desired, with a species of longing peculiar to the state of pregnancy, or to any thing which has alarmed or terrified her, such as plums, grapes, apples, currants, mice, and the like, he supposes to be merely fanciful and arbitrary.

To account for monsters by defect, he supposes they are the consequence of a fright, caused by a fire, by thieves, by some frightful animal, or other circumstances of danger, which, producing a violent agitation in the mother, with spasms in the womb; these spasms being attended with constrictions may obstruct the passage of the blood in the extremities of the infant, and the part thus deprived of its nourishment will necessarily perish. He does not, however, vouchsafe to tell us, why a fright conceived at seeing a hand or leg cut off, or wounded, causes such a particular spasmodic constriction in the womb as affects the hand or arm of the infant, rather than the leg or foot, or why, if the object of fear affected a foot or leg, the spasmodic constriction becomes such as mutilates those parts of the infant, and not the hand or arm; yet this is known by universal experience to be the fact.

To account for the formation of monsters by excess, he seems to have made a very extraordinary use of some new notions of M. Buffon concerning generation. M. Buffon supposes that the little moving parts, which others have supposed to be animacula in the seminal fluid,
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Fluid, are only the corporal principles of animals, not animals, having observed that their motion is always uniform and arbitrary, that this motion is preferred in boiling water, and that the same moving bodies are found in the infusions of the seeds of vegetables. These moving bodies he calls *molecule* or moving original parts, serving as well to the formation of animal as vegetable bodies. He supposes that there are parts proper to form the head, heart, and every other particular part, in the proper fluids of both sexes, that when these fluids are mixed, the parts appointed to form the several members respectively, are, by mere physical causes, brought together, and so the head, arms, legs, and heart, are perfectly formed by this union; taking all this for granted, M. Eller is of opinion, that monsters by excess are caused by superfluous parts in the mixture. But the cafe of the monstrous dog, just mentioned, is still unsolved, for this dog was a monster by the accession of parts proper to a different species, and a want of parts proper to its own. To solve this difficulty then, without having recourse to imagination, M. Eller supposes, that the mother of this little dog eat up one of the turkey's eggs, and the molecule of the egg not being destroyed by the heat or action of the stomach, did, in the course of circulation, by some means or other, get to the matrix, and join themselves to the molecule of the dog, to the great injury of such molecule, and having turned the dog-head molecule out of their place, violently substituted themselves in their stead, and thus produced the phenomenon, which fools and women imputed to the force of imagination, and a fright. As these surreptitious molecule related only to the head, and were yet able to establish themselves against all opposition, it seems not at all probable, that by eating eggs, especially under the direction of a philosopher, dogs may be made to produce, not only complete turkeys, but fowls of all kinds, to the great improvement of experimental knowledge, and illustration of occult principles.

An account of the transmutation of one species of corn into another.

This phenomenon was first observed in Sweden, where it was discovered by mere accident. A countryman having some oats in his field, and wanting provisions for his horses, mowed the young shoots of the grain, soon after they were come up: the grain shot forth again, as usual, and the farmer mowed it as before. He did this at intervals, three times: the winter coming on, no more blades appeared till the following spring; when, shooting up as before, they were permitted to grow to perfection; and the crop, to the surprise of the poor husbandman, instead of proving oats, turned out absolutely good rye. This fact coming to the ear of a very ingenious naturalist of that country, Mr. Jop-Brin Vergin, he suspected there might be some deception: and accordingly, in the year 1756, repeated the experiment, observing exactly the same measures, by design, as the countryman had taken by chance. The result of his experiment was the same; and his oats
eats produced good rye, as that of the peasant had done before. A circumstantial relation of this extraordinary discovery was soon afterwards sent to their High Mightinesses the States General, by Mr. de Marteville, their envoy at the court of Sweden. Curiosity, and the desire of further knowledge concerning this surprising phenomenon, induced some of the naturalists of that country, to try the experiment again. Among the rest was Mr. Sperlein, one of the magistrates of Haerlem, and then president of the society, lately established there for the improvement of arts and sciences. This gentleman sowed a handful of oats, on the 21st of June, 1757; and again another on the 26th of July following. The first he reaped at three several times, viz. on the 29th of July; the 8th of September, and the 18th of November. The last he cut only twice, viz. on the 13th of September, and the 18th of November. The succeeding winter happening to prove very severe, almost all the grains perished in the earth, through the inclemency of the weather: five of them, however, remained alive, shot up in the spring, and produced large and full ears of good rye; which was reaped the 7th of last August.

As the utmost care was taken in this experiment, to avoid any mixture in the grain, as well as to prevent any grains of rye from falling accidentally, or otherwise, on the spot of ground sown, this transmutation, however strange it may appear to the ignorant, or inconsistent with the systems of naturalists, is looked upon here as an indubitable fact.

With a view of prosecuting this discovery still further, Mr. Sperlein has sown a fresh parcel of oats, treating them as before. He has also sown some of the rye produced from the oats; which he has cropped in the same manner as he did the oats that produced it. He proposes also to make several experiments, with a little variation, in order to improve on this discovery.

I am, Sir,

Yours, &c.

A. Q.

The late Mr. A. Hill's directions for cultivating vines in America.

M R. Hill observes, that the board of trade, in a state of the plantations laid before the house of Lords, affirm that they had reason for concluding it practicable, to produce at Bermudas the wine made in Madeira; and that the plantations of Carolina and Virginia could produce excellent wine, is evident, says Mr. Hill, from their being encumbered with wild vines; and likewise from another circumstance, that slips or cuttings of vines brought from Europe, being planted in Virginia, in the spring, produces grapes in the autumn of that very same year they are planted. Since grapes are of so easy a growth in those countries, why is not wine a staple commodity among them? The truth is, says Mr. Hill, they want skill and philosophy. Their glebe, having never been weakened by culture, retains too rich and too oily a rancour. Hence the flesh of their grapes is too clammy, and instead of a free fluid liquor, emits, in the pressing, a juice of aropy consistence, like jelly, mixed with a fibrous
fibrous and pulps coarse substance, that floats up and down in the liquor; and the natural heat of those latitudes excites a rapid and strong fermentation. This excess in the ferment is increased by the foulness of too turbid a must, so that before it can clarify, it works itself acid. As they do not know the cause of this fault, they are sure to fall short of its remedy. They ought to dig vaults, and therein let down close covered fermenting backs, deep into the ground, where the air would be cooled, and kept temperate. In these backs, their bruised grapes, after treading, or breaking, should lie five or six days more, before pressing, during which time, the skins fermenting and soaking together with the must, would by means of their tartarous salt, mixing with and rarifying the oily tenacity of the juice, separate the winey part from the flesh, and give thinness and fluidity to the liquor, so that being afterwards pressed out in hair bags, and put fine into the same bags to work, the fermentation would stop at its due point of time, and the wine be rich, lively, and durable. The Portuguese, as a check to the aptness in their Madeira wines to grow eager, instead of the method I have described above, put in a considerable portion of lime: (they call it giffén, from gypsum, burnt plaster, or alabaster.) Hereby indeed they break the coherence of too ropy a must, and introduce an alcaline balance, that may resist an acid tendency, in the course of the ferment; but then, on the other side, lime, as we see in the refining of sugars, absorbs and destroys vegetable oils, which give wines all their odour and flavour; leaving a hot and burnt taste in their room, that requires very long keeping, extraordinary agitation in the cask, and sometimes a too warm and improper exposure, before it can throw off a twang that is disagreeable at first to all palates. The wearing out of this taste, in some measure, by incessant commotions at sea, is the true cause of that difference so often observed in favour of Madeira wines carried first to our colonies, and then brought back to England, compared with those which come over directly from Madeira to London. Mr. Hill observes further, that the people in Bermudas and Virginia, have for these many years past been in a great error, in looking on Frenchmen as the only men proper to instruct them with regard to their vineyards; for, if they must have help from a foreigner, a Spaniard would make the best vigneron, for a latitude so nearly approaching his own; whereas the wine countries of France lying at a medium about 48° N. such a difference as 160 in the lat. produces a proportionable disagreement of quality in the wines, and therefore each must require to be managed in a method the reverse of the other: and no doubt, the wise Frenchmen they sent for, took no small pains to miscarry, by pressing (as they were used to do at home) no bunches but the full ripe, and picked ones; and this care it was that confounded their purpose; for in such delicious grapes as grew in Bermudas and Virginia, the oil is the predominant quality, and the green grapes, which nature keeps kindly mixed on the same branches with ripe ones, prepares a tartar to temper the juicy excess of the oil. Mr. Hill having thus pointed out the
the reasons of former attempts miscarrying, proceeds to mention the
method by which thousands of
wine-cuttings may be brought from
Madeira at a very small expense;
how they are to be planted and
managed when they get to the
plantations; the method of gather-
ing and pressing the grapes, as also
of the making, safe-keeping, and
sale of the wine; and, lastly, its
calculated charges and profit. But
for these particulars must refer your
readers, who desire further infor-
mation, to the book itself, as I have
said enough to shew, that former
attempts not proving successful,
owing to wrong management,
can not to discourage the plant-
ers from further trials, since Mr.
Hill, who was well acquainted with
the methods in all the wine coun-
tries in Europe, declares, that the
plantations, by following the di-
rections laid down by him, would
produce excellent wine. Before I
conclude, I must observe, that Mr.
Hill, in one of his letters to Mr.
Popple, inserted in the same vol-
ume the above is extracted from,
having excellent directions to pre-
vent that twang of the fire, so much
complained of in the rum of the
Leeward islands, and gives us like-
wise the way they make the best
sort of arrack in the East-Indies,
which is made from sugar canes,
and might with small expense be
made at Barbadoes.
Yours, &c. S. E.

Acacia food for cattle.

M. Bodach, councillor of com-
merce to the Queen of
Hungary, professor of phi-
sics and
natural philosophy in the uni-
versity of Prague, and member of the
Florentine academy, published the
last year, a treatise in the German
language, wherein he proposes a
noble addition to the food of horses
and horned cattle; by cultivating
the acacia. In consequence of a
long course of observations, he af-
fects, that cattle are exceedingly
fond of its leaves, which are to
them a more agreeable nourish-
ment than any of the most reputed
vegetables, as lucerne, saintfoin,
clover, &c. The leaves may be
given them either green or dry;
alone, or mixed with hay or chopp-
ed straw. The culture of the acac-
ia is no way difficult; it delights
more in dry elevated soils, but al-
most any will suit it; and may be
raised from seed or slips. Care in-
deed should be taken not to plant
it near gardens or arable lands, be-
cause its roots are apt to spread
at a great distance.

The species of acacia fit for this
purpose, is probably the acacia
Americana siliquis glabris of Ray.
Hill, Plant. Robinia Pleuro-acacia
of Linnaeus, not only because it has
long grown under the name of acac-
ia simply, and as it is naturally an
inhabitant of North-America, bears
our climate extremely well, but
principally as it is a tree of the
diadelphous or leguminous clafs, of
which the leaves are well known.
almost without exception, to be
very acceptable to cattle: my ac-
quaintance with exotic plants, how-
ever, is but flender, and therefore
I leave this matter to the determi-
nation of better judges.
Yours, &c. R.P.
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Essay on the smut in corn, and a cure for it.

It is agreed on all hands, that the greatest misfortune which can possibly happen to a crop of wheat, is that of its turning black or smutty; and as the real cause of such blackness (I fear) hath not yet been found out, the remedy against it hath not been generally and constantly made use of. — The cause assigned by all, or most of the writers on agriculture, is, that at certain seasons a dense glutinous vapour descends, between the setting and rising of the sun, upon the ears of corn, and so binds up the valves, (commonly called the chaff) in which the growing corn is enveloped, that vegetation is thereby obstructed, because in such circumstances, it cannot imbibe those nitrous particles of the air, which tend to its maturation, and of consequence it becomes a mere rotten heap of putrefaction. From this method of reasoning, we observe the English farmers frequently in a summer’s morning hauling a rope extended by two persons along and through the corn fields, to shake off this condened air or dew; but I humbly apprehend, from the following reasons, that they are much mistaken, as to the real cause of that distemper.

It being a difficult matter, some time ago, to procure good clean seed wheat, in that part of the country where I occupy a farm, I prevailed upon a friend to obtain for me three barrels of the red lamas wheat from England; when I had it home, it carried the appearance of as fine grain, and as clean and clear of dirt and smut, as ever sprung from the earth; but upon calling a few bushels of it into my vessel of pickle I found that at least a sixth part swam at top, and notwithstanding the frequent stirring of it, I could not force it to subside; whereupon I skimmed it off, but to my great astonishment it had the appearance of as plump and round grain as that which fell to the bottom; I spread it upon a table and examined it more minutely, and could not perceive the least defect in it; but upon opening it with my penknife I found it was concaved, or made hollow on one side of the grain, and not in the center, which I apprehend was occasioned by some animalcule imperceptible to the naked eye; whereupon, for experiment’s sake, I sowed the whole of what I skimmed off, on one part of my fallows by itself, and sowed what subsided on another part, and the consequence of that experiment was, that the greatest share of that swimming corn, at the ensuing season, produced a smutty crop, and I had not a single smutty head on the part of the field where the subsiding corn was sowed: but not being satisfied with what then appeared, I examined more strictly that smutty crop, and I found not only there, but in my neighbour’s fields, which I also examined, that where two or more flamina or stalks were produced from one grain of corn (which I discovered by tracing them downward to the root) they were all smutty; and the different found flamina proceeding from one and the same root, were all found; from whence it may be reasonably inferred, that vegetation is principally produced, and plants are sustained and grow, by the roots...
roots or fibres collecting their nutritious juices from the moist earth, which are carried up through the perpendicular tubes by the power of attraction; but by the loss of one part of the grain so maimed, and consequently by a proportional deficiency in the roots or fibres (which are so many mouths to collect nourishment from the new grain) they exert only so much strength as to throw out the flakes and heads, but cannot collect sufficient nutriment to complete or mature the different ears of corn: and it may likewise be reasonably supposed, that those animalcules which took up their lodgment in the single grain, are in vegetation communicated upwards through the tube of the flake to the head of the corn, where they are collected and multiplied into an heap of black corrupted matter; as a proof of which, every such flake flaky head, upon a nice survey, is found to abound with little living creatures.

This I take to be a more rational hypothesis; for if such spontaneous were produced from the air, is it to be presumed that it would partially strike these heads only which grow from one root, when prudently interspersed with heads proceeding from other roots? Wherefore I apprehend it may readily be reconciled to all good philosophy, the earth in making a strong pickle for their food, wheat, and to sow off and call away all the corn which is not, as the rare means of preserving it from flint; but let them be called to us to set it stand too long in their pickling tubs, before the swimming corn be taken off; for if it is permitted to stand 1 bag, these hollow or canal ground will soon imbibe the water, and subside with the found corn; and as I have gone so far, I will also give you the pickling receipt underneath, in hopes it may be of utility to the public, which is the principal motive of this trouble given to you, by, Sir,

Yours, H. Carmichael.

Saw Mount, near Dungarvon,
Ireland, Sept. 28.

The Receipt. — "Take as much dunghill or rotten water which distils from a dunghill, as will make your quantity of corn swim; put therein as much salt, with a pound of pulverized nitre, commonly called salt-petre, or in lieu thereof, two pounds of copperas, as will caufe it to bear an egg; steep your corn twelve hours, after being skimmed of the light corn as above, drain it out, and dry it with flacked lime or dry turf ashes, and sow it, but be careful to sow it the next day, or the day following; for if wet weather happens, and it be kept four or five days out of the ground, the corn peels and will not grow; as the pickle decreases it may be augmented, by adding more water and salt, &c. until all the feed intended to be sowed be pickled."

An account of some extraordinary phenomena in the Asphaltum mine, called the Sand-pit, in the Lower Savoy.

On the 27th of last June, a vein was discovered exceeding rich. The joy it occasioned was however but of short duration; for the very next day this vein was found to be interrupted by a rock, which they were obliged to bore. This took them up till the 27th of July,
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July, having in that time pierced, with incredible labour, about forty-four feet. The same day between nine and ten at night, the workmen gave notice, that they had discovered a spring which exist forth water and a greasy liquid in such abundance, that, in less than a quarter of an hour, the gallery of four feet broad, fix high, and 150 long, was filled with it some feet deep: upon going down, this was found to be fact, and the matter miner happening to bring a light within about half a foot of the aperture, the waters took fire, and call up flames of various colours. About midnight the waters kindled of themselves, and flashes of lightening were driven through the gallery. A hurricane succeeded, with a hollow noise, which seemed to forebode something of an extraordinary nature. Two workmen at the end of the gallery were struck down, and their hair burnt; they were so terrified that they made the best of their way out of the pit, and others supplied their place. Thunder and lightening was heard and seen several times, and about five in the morning, all the labourers agreed, that it was no longer safe to continue there, and resolved to retire. They were scarce got to the middle of the gallery before they saw the whole in a blaze, with such a clap of thunder as was heard half a league off; the violence of it shattered the tiling of a shed. Several wheelbarrows were thrown almost the length of the gallery by it, and flaved to pieces, as were likewise many of the air pipes. Four of the workmen were miserably hurt, and two of them had the skin stripped from their faces. When the thun-
der and lightening was over, the matter miner ventured down to the entrance of the gallery, and could see nothing, but heard a noise, which lasted for some time, and a scent of sulphur and salt-petre continued for several hours, which changed to an insupportable stench. The waters abated by degrees, but continued to the left to take fire if a lamp was brought near the surface, though the flames might be easily extinguished by the fanning of a hat.

An account of the discovery of the cinnamon tree in America, in a letter from Madrid.

SIR,

In the forests of South America, lying nearly under the equinoctial, and on the east side of the Cordilleras of the Andes, are found, among other curious productions of the vegetable kingdom, the cinnamon tree. It has been long known, that a tree resembling the cinnamon of Ceylon was common in those forests; but it was supposed to be only a species of that genus of trees, and greatly inferior to those of the east, from whence the cinnamon is imported into Europe. It was however known that the flower and seed even surpassed those of India in aromatic fragrancy; a sufficient indication, that the trees also were not inferior to them; but no farther trial was made of their properties. They were suffered to grow and die in these extensive woods, without any one thinking it worth their while to make any experiment on the bark they produced, in order to discover whether it possessed the same virtue as that
imported from the east. At last Don Juan de Mayano, an inhabitant of the city of Avila, thought these trees worth his notice, and removed some of them into his garden, that they might enjoy the greater benefit of the sun’s rays, from which they were in a great measure excluded in those thick and unfrequented forests. His attempt succeeded; and, from a specimen of the cinnamon he has just sent from America, it appears, that it has all the properties of that imported from Ceylon.

If this experiment should be prosecuted, there is the greatest reason to hope, that large quantities of this precious bark may be sent to Europe, by which the enormous price at which it is sold, prevents its being so often used as it deserves. And hence we see the great injustice of the Dutch, who often burn great quantities of this useful bath, to prevent its price from falling, and consequently prevent many of their fellow-creatures from using it in their distress.

The great consequence of Niagara.

**N**IAGARA commands, in a manner, all the interior parts of North America, and is a key to the whole continent; it opens or obstructs a communication with all the natives of North America, the Six Nations, Ohioes, Shawnees, Miamis, Truetwatives, Illinois, Pou-

twatamis, Nadouessians, Hurons, Utawas, Meffafogues, and many others; it awes and commands all those people; it lies in the midft of the extensive territories of the Six Nations, commands their beaver country entirely, and secures their fur-trade, and all the other inland trade of North America.

It commands all the great lakes, and secures the navigation of them, which extend 12 or 1300 miles; it prevents or secures the junction of the two French colonies in Canada and Louisiana; it cuts off or maintains their passage to the river Ohio, Missisippi, Lake Erie, le Detroit, Sandofki, Miamis, Fort St. Joseph, Illinois, Kafaskaik, &c. and stops the farther progress of the English or of the French (whichever are possessed of it) in North America.

The great claim that Britain has in the inland parts of North America, is over the territories of the Five Nations, which this place lies in the midft of, and in a manner entirely commands. The river Ohio, though of great consequence, seems to be of less consequence than Niagara, which in a manner commands it.

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A letter from Mr. Kalm, a Swedifg gentleman, late on his travels in America, to his friend in Phila-
delphia; containing a particular account of the great fall of Nia-
gara.

Albany, Sept. 2, 1750.

S I R.

AFTER a pretty long journey

made in a short time, I am come back to this town. You may remember, that when I took leave of
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of you, I told you I would this summer, if time permitted, take a view of Niagara fall, esteemed one of the greatest curiosities in the world. When I came last year from Quebec, you enquired of me several particulars concerning this fall; and I told you what I heard of it in Canada, from several French gentlemen, who had been there; but this was still all relat'd refer'd; I could not assure you of the truth of it, because I had not then seen it myself, and so it could not satisfy my own, much less your curiosity. Now, since I have been on the spot, it is in my power to give you a more perfect and satisfactory description of it.

After a fatiguing travel, first on horseback through the country of the Six Indian Nations, to Onewego, and from thence in a battoe upon Lake Ontario, I came on the 12th of August in the evening to Niagara fort. The French there seemed much perplexed at my first coming, imagining I was an English officer, who, under pretext of seeing Niagara falls, came in some other view; but as soon as I shewed them my passports, they changed their behaviour, and received me with the greatest civility. Niagara fall is six French leagues from Niagara fort: you go first three leagues by land over the carrying-place. As it was late when I arrived at the fort, I could not the same day go to the fall, but I prepared myself to do it the next morning. The commandant of the fort, M. Beaujeau, invited all the officers and gentlemen there to supper with him. I had read heretofore almost all the authors that have wrote any thing about this fall; and the last year, in Canada, I had made so many enquiries about it, that I thought I had a pretty good idea of it; and now at upper, I begged the gentlemen to tell me all they knew and thought worth notice relating to it, which they accordingly did. I observed that in many things they all agreed, in some things they were of different opinions, of all which I took particular notice. When they had told me all they thought they knew, I made several queries to them concerning what I had read and heard of it, whether such and such a thing was true or not? and had their answers on every circumstance. But as I have found by experience in my other travels, that very few observe nature's works with accuracy, or report the truth precisely, I cannot now be entirely satisfied with what seeing with my own eyes whenever it is in my power. Accordingly the next morning, being the 15th of August, at break of day, I set out for the fall: the commandant had given orders to two of the officers of the fort to go with me and shew me every thing, and moreover sent by them an order to M. Joncaire, who had lived ten years by the carrying-place, and knew every thing worth notice of the fall, better than any other person, to go with me, and shew and tell me whatever he knew. A little before we came to the carrying-place, the water of Niagara river grew so rapid, that four men in a light birch canoe, had much ado to get up thither. Canoes can go yet half a league above the beginning of the carrying-place, tho' they must work against a water extremely rapid; but higher up it is quite impossible, the whole course of the water, for two leagues and a half
a half up to the great fall, being a series of smaller falls, one under another, in which the greatest canoes or battooes would in a moment be turned up-side down. We went ashore, therefore, and walked over the carrying place, having, besides the high and steep side of the river, two great hills to ascend one above the other. Here, on the carrying-place, I saw above two hundred Indians, most of them belonging to the Six Nations, busy in carrying packs of furs, chiefly of deer and bears, over the carrying place. You would be surprised to see what abundance of such things are brought every day over this place. An Indian gets twenty pence for every pack he carries over, the distance being three leagues. Half an hour past ten in the morning we came to the great fall, which I found as follows:

The river (or rather strait) runs here from S. S. E. to N. N. W. and the rock of the great fall crosses it, not in a right line, but forming almost the figure of a semicircle or bertha-place. Above the fall, in the middle of the river, is an island, lying also S. S. E. and N. N. W. or parallel with the sides of the river; its length is about seven or eight French arpents, (an arpent being 150 feet.) The lower end of this island is just at the perpendicular edge of the fall. On both sides of this island runs all the water that comes from the lakes of Canada, viz. Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, and Lake Erie, which you know are rather small lakes than lakes, and have besides a great many large rivers that empty their water into them, whereof the greatest part comes down this Niagara fall. Before the water comes to this island, it runs but slowly, compared with its motion when it approaches the island, where it grows the most rapid water in the world, running with a surprising swiftness before it comes to the fall; it is quite white, and in many places is thrown high up into the air; the greatest and strongest battooes would here in a moment be turned over and over. The water that goes down on the well-side of the island is more rapid, in greater abundance, whiter, and seems almost to out-fly an arrow in swiftness. When you are at the fall, and look up the river, you may see, that the river above the fall is every where exceeding steep, almost as the side of a hill. When all this water comes to the very fall, there it throws itself down perpendicular; the hair will rise and stand upright on your head, when you see this! I cannot with words express how amazing it is! you cannot see it without being quite terrified, to behold so vast a quantity of water falling abrupt from so surprising a height! I doubt not but you have a desire to learn the exact height of this great fall. Father Hennepin calls it 600 feet perpendicular; but he has gained little credit in Canada; the name of honour they give him there, is the greatiar; he writes of what he saw in places where he never was. It is true he saw this fall; but as it is the way of some travellers to magnify every thing, so has he done with regard to the fall of Niagara.

This humour of travellers, has occasioned me many disappointments in my travels, having seldom been so happy as to find the wonder-ful
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ful things that had been related by others. Since Father Hennepin's time, this fall, in all the accounts that have been given of it, has grown less and less; and those who have measured it with mathematical instruments, find the perpendicular fall of the water to be exactly 137 feet. When the water is come down to the bottom of the rock of the fall, it jumps back to a very great height in the air; in other places it is as white as milk or snow; and all in motion like a boiling cauldron.——You may remember to what a great distance Hennepin says the noise of this fall may be heard. All the gentlemen who were with me, agreed, that the farthest one can hear it, is 15 leagues, and that very seldom. When the air is quite calm, you can hear it to Niagara fort, 6 leagues; but seldom at other times, because when the wind blows, the waves of Lake Ontario make too much noise there against the shore. They informed me, that when they hear at the fort the noise of the fall, louder than ordinary, they are sure a north east wind will follow, which never fails. This seems wonderful, as the fall is south west from the fort; and one would imagine it to be rather a sign of a contrary wind. Sometimes, it's said, the fall makes a much greater noise than at other times; and this is looked on as a certain mark of approaching bad weather or rain; the Indians here hold it always for a sure sign. When I was there, it did not make an extraordinary great noise: just by the fall, we could easily hear what each other said, without speaking much louder than common when conversing in other places. I do not know how others have found so great a noise here; perhaps it was at certain times as above-mentioned. From the place where the water falls, there rises abundance of vapours, like the greatest and thickest smoke, that sometimes more, sometimes less. These vapours rise high in the air when it is calm, but are dispersed by the wind when it blows hard. If you go high to this vapour or fog, or if the wind blows it on you, it is so penetrating, that in a few minutes you will be as wet as if you had been under water. I got two young Frenchmen to go down, to bring me from the side of the fall at the bottom, some of each of the several kinds of herbs, flowers, and shells, they should find there; they returned in a few minutes, and I really thought they had fallen into the water; they were obliged to strip themselves quite naked, and hang their cloaths in the sun to dry. When you are on the other, or east side of Lake Ontario, a great many leagues from the fall, you may, every clear and calm morning, see the vapours of the fall rising in the air; you would think all the woods thereabouts were set on fire by the Indians, so great is the apparent smoke. In the same manner you may see it on the west side of Lake Erie, a great many leagues off. Several of the French gentlemen told me, that when birds come flying into this fog or smoke of the fall, they fall down and perish in the water; either because their wings are become wet, or that the noise of the fall astonishes them, and they know not where to go in the darknes: but others were of opinion, that seldom or never any bird perishes there in that manner; because, as they all agreed, among the
the abundance of birds found dead below the fall, there are no other flocks than such as live and swim frequently in the water; as swans, geese, ducks, water-hens, teal, and the like. And very often are great flocks of them seen going to destruction in this manner; they swim in the river above the fall, and so are carried down lower and lower by the water; and as water-fowl commonly take great delight in being carried with the stream, so here they indulge themselves in enjoying this pleasure so long, till the swiftness of the water becomes so great, that it is no longer possible for them to rise, but they are driven down the precipice and perish. They are observed when they draw nigh the fall, to endeavour with all their might to take wing and leave the water; but they cannot. In the months of September and October such abundant quantities of dead water-fowl are found every morning below the fall, on the shore, that the garrifon of the fort for a long time live chiefly upon them. Besides the fowl, they had also several forts of dead fish, also deer, bears, and other animals which have tried to cross the water above the fall; the larger animals are generally found broken to pieces. Just below, a little way from the fall, the water is not rapid, but goes all in circles and whirls like a boiling pot; which however does not hinder the Indians going upon it in small canoes a fishing; but a little farther and lower begin the other smaller falls. When you are above the fall, and look down, your head begins to turn: the French, who have been here a hundred times, will seldom venture to look down, without at the same time keeping fast hold of some tree with one hand.

It was formerly thought impossible for any body living to come at the island that is in the middle of the fall: but an accident that happened twelve years ago, or thereabouts, made it appear otherwise. The history is this: Two Indians of the Six Nations went out from Niagara fort to hunt upon an island that is in the middle of the river, or strait, above the great fall, on which there used to be abundance of deer. They took some French brandy with them from the fort, which they tasted several times as they were going over the carrying-place; and when they were in their canoes, they took now and then a dram, and so went along up the strait towards the island where they proposed to hunt; but growing sleepy, they laid themselves down in the canoe, which getting loose drove back with the stream, farther and farther down, till it came nigh that island that is in the middle of the fall. Here one of them, awakened by the noise of the fall, cries out to the other, that they were gone! Yet they tried if possible to save life. This island was nightiest, and with much working they got on shore there. At first they were glad; but when they had considered every thing, they thought themselves hardly in a better state than if they had gone down the fall, since they had now no other choice, than either to throw themselves down the same, or perish with hunger. But hard necessity put them on invention. At the lower end of the island the rock is perpendicular, and no water is running there. The island has plenty of wood; they went to work,
work then, and made a ladder, or shrouds of the bark of the lind-tree (which is very tough and strong) so long till they could with it reach the water below; one end of this bark ladder they tied fast to a great tree that grew at the side of the rock above the fall, and let the other end down to the water. So they went down along their new-invented stairs, and when they came to the bottom in the middle of the fall they refted a little; and as the water next below the fall is not rapid, as before-mentioned, they threw themselves out into it, thinking to swim on there. I have said before, that one part of the fall is on one side of the island, the other on the other side. Hence it is, that the waters of the two cataracts running against each other, turn back against the rock that is jut under the island. Therefore, hardly had the Indians begun to swim, before the waves of the eddy threw them down with violence against the rock from whence they came. They tried it several times, but at last grew weary; and by being often thrown against the rock, they were much bruised, and the skin torn off their bodies in many places. So they were obliged to climb up stairs again to the island, not knowing what to do. After some time they perceived Indians on the shore, to whom they cried out. These saw and pitied them, but gave them little hope or help; yet they made haste down to the fort, and told the commandant where two of their brothers were. He persuaded them to try all possible means of relieving the two poor Indians; and it was done in this manner.

The water that runs on the left side of this island is shallow, especially a little above the island towards the eastern shore. The commandant caused poles to be made and pointed with iron; two Indians took upon them to walk to this island by the help of these poles, to save the other poor creatures, or perish themselves. They took leave of all their friends as if they were going to death. Each had two such poles in his hands, to set to the bottom of the stream, to keep them ready. So they went and got to the island, and having given poles to the two poor Indians there, they all returned safely to the main. These two Indians who in the above-mentioned manner were first brought to this island, are yet alive. They were nine days on the island, and almost ready to starve to death.——Now since the road to this island has been found, the Indians go there often to kill deer, which have tried to cross the river above the fall, and are driven upon the island by the stream; but if the king of France would give me all Canada, I would not venture to go to this island; and were you to see it, Sir, I am sure you would have the same sentiment.————On the west side of this island are some small islands or rocks of no consequence. The east side of the river is almost perpendicular, the west side of the river more sloping. In former times a part of the rock at the fall, which is on the west side of the island, hung over in such a manner, that the water which fell perpendicularly from it, left a vacancy below, so that people could go under between the rock and the water; but the prominent part some
Some years since broke off and fell down. — The breadth of the fall, as it runs in a semi-circle, is reckoned to be about six arpents. The island is in the middle of the fall, and from it on each side is almost the same breadth; the breadth of the island at its lower end is two thirds of an arpent, or thereabouts. — Below the fall, in the holes of the rocks, are great plenty of eels, which the Indians and French catch with their hands without any other means: I met down two Indian boys, who directly came up with twenty fine ones. — Every day when the sun shines, you see here from ten o'clock in the morning to two in the afternoon, below the fall, and under you, where you stand at the side of the fall, a glorious rainbow, and sometimes two, one within the other. I was so happy as to be at the fall on a fine clear day, and it was with great delight I viewed this rainbow, which had almost all the colours you see in a rainbow in the air. The more vapours the brighter and clearer is the rainbow. I saw it on the east side of the fall in the bottom under the place where I stood, but above the water. When the wind carries the vapours from that place, the rainbow is gone, but appears again as soon as new vapours come. From the fall to the landing above it, where the canoes from Lake Erie put ashore (or from the fall to the upper end of the carrying-place) is half a mile. Lower the canoes dare not come, lest they should be obliged to try the fate of the two Indians and perhaps with less success. — They have often found below the fall pieces of human bodies, perhaps broken Indians, that have unhappily come down to the fall. I was told at Oswego, that in October or thereabout, such plenty of feathers are to be found here below the fall, that a man in a day's time can gather enough of them for several beds, which feathers they said came off the birds killed at the fall. I asked the French, if this was true? They told me they had never seen any such thing; but that if the feathers were picked off the dead birds there might be such a quantity. The French told me, they had often thrown whole great trees into the water above, to see them tumble down the fall: they went down with surprising swiftness, but could never be seen afterwards; whence 'twas thought there was a bottomless deep or abyss just under the fall. I am too of opinion, that there must be a vast deep here; yet I think if they had watched very well, they might have found the trees at some distance below the fall. The rock of the fall consists of a grey limestone.

Here you have, Sir, a short description of this famous Niagara cataract; you may depend upon the truth of what I write to you. You must excuse me if you find in my account no extravagant wonders. I cannot make nature otherwise than I find it. I had rather it should be laid of me in time to come that I related things as they were, and that all is found to agree with my description, than to be esteemed a false wonder-maker.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

Peter Kalm,

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A F T E R all the wonders that have been related of the temples of Jupiter Olympius, Diana of Ephesus, Serapis, &c. it may well be questioned, if, upon the whole, those ancient edifices surpassed the modern churches in grandeur and riches. To determine the point, it will be necessary to take a view of the temples built in the plains, and those erected in great cities.

Traversing the opens countries of Greece, Peloponnesus, and the adjacent isles, and you will everywhere meet with little edifices, laid to be temples; some half in ruins, others in tolerable good condition, without any thing material to distinguish them; no external ornaments, most of them brick, and the belt of them finished in a dome or roof, ornamented with some slight sculpture. A few indeed are surrounded with groves, consecrated by superstition, or designed to shade the worshipers of the idol; all of them placed in deferts, uninhabited, except by here and there a hermit, who makes it his whole study to amuse travellers with fables. It is not therefore among these structures that you are to look for the magnificence of the Grecian temples.

The Romans, who were also accustomed to erect temples in the country, derived all their deities, celestial, terrestrial, and infernal, from Greek origin. There was not a single sanctuary of Attica, or Thesaly, where some metamorphoses had not been wrought, or some divine combat happened. These episodes served to extend superstition, and multiply the monuments that were to perpetuate it. But the Romans, who were the petty imitators of the Greeks, fell short of their masters in the dimensions of their insulated temples.

It may perhaps be said, that we give the name of temples to edifices, which in ancient times were never considered as such; but without entering into a disquisition, let it suffice, that the buildings we are speaking of, were sacred and public; still retaining their first furniture of statues, altars, and tripods. We meet with nothing more essential to the ceremonious part of worship among the larger temples of Athens and Corinth. If no other structures were to be comprehended in the denomination of temples, but those whose extent is to be measured by acres and stadium, it must be admitted that Rome herself, the city of all the Gods, had no more than three; those of Jupiter Capitolinus, of Peace, and the Pantheon. These are the only ones that were above the ordinary size; the last, still subsisting, is but 44 feet in diameter. Time has also spared the temple of Fortuna Virilius, and of Vesta; the one is an oblong square, the other round; the Pantheon will hold them both.

We know to what heights the bold imaginations of the ancient archi-
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architects ascended, in their profane
ceremonies, altars, bulbs, and ba-
silicae. But we must examine their
city temples, to know if they did as
much in honour to their Gods.

Most of the antiquaries, who
have treated of ancient temples,
have been more curious in delib-
ing their magnificence, than in fix-
ing their dimensions. In what they
have laid upon this head, we have
discovered two marks of inaccuracy,
out of which has risen the false idea
that has prevailed of the sacred edi-
fices of Greece and Rome. 1. They
apply to temples in general, what
appertained only to some particular
ones. 2. They distinguish not be-
tween the temple and its appen-
dages. They tell us, that in the
front of these temples, there was al-
ways a spacious court, called the
Area, where merchants vended the
necessaries for sacrifices, offerings,
and libations; that there was be-
fides a fountain, for purifying the
sacrificators and victims; that from
the Area you passed into a court cal-
led Atrium; thence to the Vestibu-
larium, and then into the body of the
building, named Cella, where were
the Gods, altars, &c. This Cella
consisted of three principal divi-
sions: the Basilica, answering our
ame; the Aedylum, like our sanctu-
ary; and the tribunal, where stood
the statue of the deity whose name
the temple bore. They speak of the
Penetraliae and Sacrarium, and are
not a little perplexed about the dis-
tribution of these several parts. If
this description holds good of the
temple of Diana Ephelaea, or of Ju-
upiter Olympus, it cannot of most
of the rest.

Ancient Rome was of immense
extent; but considering the great
number of temples contained with-
in it, we must suppose it three times
as large as it really was, if all those
temples were furnished with Porti-
coe:es, Prodomi, &c. It is certain,
that during the first six centuries of
Rome, the temples were no larger,
nor more magnificent, than the
houses of the citizens, which were
but of one floor; their poverty
would admit of no more. Such, at
least, was the state of things before
the Romans made conquests in
Greece. Pliny assures, that in the
62d year of the city, there was not a
marble column in any public edi-
fice; at which time the temple of
the Perastrian Jupiter was but fifteen
feet in length. Fortune was one of
the deities most honoured by the
Romans: the worship of Vesta was
held most sacred, and what I have
remarked of the temples of these
goddesses, which are still standing,
may suffice to moderate the ideas of
those, who have not seen them, as
to their extent.

The revolution in the govern-
ment under Julius Caesar, brought
about a general one in the arts;
which, till then, were the concern
only of a few opulent citizens, as
Craflus, Lucillus, Pompey, &c. The
temples of the Gods were the
first public structures where mag-
ificence succeeded meanesses, and
brick was converted into marble;
yet the sacred buildings increased
but little in size. The great men
built more for themselves than for
the Gods; they enlarged their pa-
laces; they erected aqueducts, baths,
and the Forum.

We are not to rely upon the re-
port of architects, concerning the
sacred monuments of antiquity.
Frequently led by prejudice, they
are too sparing of criticism in their observations; they too readily imagine beauties in the antique; and, in representing ruins, when they meet not with all that their fancy suggests, they are apt to add something of their own. Palladio, for instance, who has designed the temple of Faustina, says, that though he could discover no ornaments within it, yet it must certainly have been enriched with very magnificent ones; and so takes his crayon and sketches niches, statues, and pedestals, and then cries out, *such was the inside of the temple of Faustina!* He goes still further, and in the heat of his composition, in the front, and on the right and left, he adds grand porticoes, without recollecting, that he encroached on the temple of Rhea Mus, which stood but ten paces from the other, and without considering that he barred up the passageway of the triumphers, who proceeded to the Capitol along the *via Sacra.*

The temple of the Olympian Jove at Athens, we are told, was more than four stadia in circumference; that is, above two thousand four hundred feet: be it so. But let us make the same distribution of this space as the ancients did, and we shall have a just idea of its real size. In this circle must be included, a monument, sacred to Saturn and Rhea, a wood, statues without number, and Colossuses as enormous as those at Rhodes, all which must reduce Jupiter’s temple to the size of an ordinary house, as we shall see hereafter it really was. What then shall we say of the Greek temples, in which were libraries, gymnasium, and baths? Why doubt, that they were sacred villæ, but no temples.

M. le Rol’s *Ruins of the Monuments of Greece,* lately published, have given me the satisfaction of finding examples sufficient to justify my notions, as to the magnitude of the ancient temples. According to this gentleman’s dimensions, the columns of the Pantheon of Hadrian, one of the valiest monuments of Greece, were scarce above sixteen feet high, though not formed out of one block. Those at Rome in the Campo Vaccino, in the forum of Nerva, and in that of Pallas, are full shorter, though of several pieces; yet as these served for decorations of public places, it is natural to think they were of some of the largest proportions.

Perhaps it will be urged that they placed several orders one above another, which was, indeed, the case in some temples of Greece. Paufanias mentions only two or three of these; which, in so exact and attentive a traveller, is a convincing proof that the double order was rare. Vitruvius does not allude to the Hypethrum, and assigns temples of that form, to no less deities than Jupiter, Saturn, and the sun.

By entering into these particulars, I pretend not to inform the connoisseurs, but to give an account of such works as I think necessary towards forming a just idea of the ancient temples. Their structure differing so widely from that of our churches, that the one can by no means lead us to an exact knowledge of the other. Whoever has seen St. Sulpiice at Paris, but not St. Roch, may pretty nearly imagine the composition, form, and distribution of the latter church, from a bare knowledge, that it is somewhat less than the former; but such degrees of comparison will be insufficient between
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between the ancient and the modern. It will give very little satisfaction, to observe, that all antiquity never produced any thing of a sacred building, so vast as St. Peter's at Rome; a reason should also be given, why it did not, nor could do it.

I am sufficiently apprised of what strikes the imagination, and raises it to such romantic height, whilst we attend to the descriptions of ancient temples: it was the prodigious number of columns they were enriched with, that enchants us. How can we avoid believing an edifice to be extremely vast, that is supported by a hundred, or a hundred and fifty pillars? We have seen Gothic churches, with not above forty or fifty, wide enough to lose ourselves in. How vast then, we say, must the temples have been, which had twice or thrice that number? The mistake of the fancy arises from this, that it places within the body of the temple, or in the Cella, that which really flood without it. It should be noted, in general, that this Cella was the least object of the old architects care; they never began to think about it, before they had distributed and adorned the exterior, because that was to be the proof of genius, taste, and magnificence. The grand was not then estimated by the number of square feet contained in the area, which the wall inclosed, but from their outworks, of an hundred and twenty columns, as those of Hadrian's Pantheon, or of thirty-six only, as of those of the temple of Theseus. From the ruins of Athens it even appears, that the richness and extent of the outworks were sometimes the very cause of contracting the Cella, within a narrower space than might have been otherwise allotted it.

What I have been last observing, respects temples of an oblong square, the most usual form. They did not keep altogether to the same rules in their rotundos, or circular temples; some were surrounded with pillars, without any portico to the entrance, such are the temples of Vesta, at Rome and Tivoli; others had porticos before them, without any encircling columns, an instance of which we meet with in the Roman Pantheon, the most superb and vast monument of that form, which perhaps the ancients ever erected: of this latter form of circular temples Vitruvius makes no mention; and, to the former, he assigns a diameter of the length of one column only, with its capital and base, so that nothing of a grand extent could ever take place here.

But to strengthen my proofs of the small extent of the ancient temples; I will, in the first place, bring that of Jupiter Olympus at Athens, as an example. According to M. le Roi, the Cella was no more than six toises wide, and something exceeding sixteen in length. Observe now, to what a small matter is an edifice reduced, which has been affirmed to be no less than four stadia in circumference! Take notice too that this was an Hypaethrum, or open at top. Hadrian's Pantheon was twenty toises long, by less than fourteen wide. Paulyanis assigns the height of sixty-eight feet to the temple of Jupiter of Olympia, and makes it two hundred and thirty feet long, and ninety-five wide. From the length and breadth we must deduce those of the ailes, Prodomus, and Ophithodomus, taking the
the height from the ceiling, and not from the angular vertex of the Fattigium; and then this temple will, at most, be upon an equality with many churches in Rome and Paris, built about two centuries ago, in the taste of the Greek architecture; but nothing to compare with our Gothic cathedrals, in point of spacious magnitude.

If we come from Greece to Rome, and examine the temple of Vespasian, we shall find that it was really grand. And, if the taste of the architecture had been answerable to the capacity and richness of it, Athens itself could not have shown anything beyond it; but the true bent, perhaps, of something new, was, it must be allowed, bold in his design, but left it quite defective of grace. Its length, of three hundred and forty feet, besides the portico, with a breadth of two hundred and fifty, set it plainly above all the modern churches of France or Italy, except St. Peter's; but it still falls short of many Gothic ones.

What added much to the majesty of the ancient temples, was their high elevation above the subjacent plain, with an easy ascent to their porticoes by a flight of five, seven, or nine broad stairs, which always disjoined them from every profane building, and gave the distant eye a full view of their form and ornaments on every side; the number of bronze and marble statues, which decorated the avenues and inside of the porticoes, the profusion of gilt work, and the allegoric groups in the front, all combining to form a mass, which carried gravity without heaviness; grand, but not gigantic. Those rich and elegant compositions, charm us even in the graver's representations; what effect then must they not have produced on the minds of those who had the infinitely greater advantage of viewing them on the spot, in their own precious materials!

After what has been said concerning the temples of the ancients, it is natural to consider the buildings called churches, which succeeded them, after Christianity began to take place of Paganism. These buildings, during a long period of time, wanted both the elegance and the riches of the ancient temples, and it is those only which have been erected since the fifteenth century, that can be considered as models, either of proportion or ornament. The several chance, however, which these buildings have suffered in their figure, structure, and decoration, is a subject that seems not altogether unworthy of attention.

To mark the gradual progress of any art, from its first rudiments to its perfection, is extremely pleasing; but we are much more struck when we see this art disappear at once, as if by a stroke of enchantment: when, not even the idea of perfection remains, when the most obvious and easy rules are forgotten, the most natural principles neglected, and the most rude and disgusting heaps thrown together, while models of beauty and propriety were everywhere to be seen in the buildings of former times.

It is difficult to conceive by what strange fatality it could happen, that the architects of the fifth and sixth centuries, in all parts of Europe, rejecting, as if by common consent, the Greek and Roman manner, chose to set up pillars more like the Doric, the heaviest of the three Greek orders, than any other. They
few in the frizes of regular structures, figures of eagles and griffins: the eagle they neglected, and they copied the griffin for no other apparent reason than because it was a monster not existing in nature; in the bas relief they found gentuflces, trophies and flowers, none of which they thought proper to imitate, but they hewed owls, and frogs, and monkeys, and, in a thousand other instances, showed a perversion of taste and judgment, which would have been altogether incredible, if the monuments of it were not still extant among us. Of these the old English Gothic are certainly the chief, both for their antiquity and their grandeur; but before there was any structure erected in the Gothic style, many execrable things, called buildings, were produced upon the degraded principles of Grecian architecture, and the time from the extinction, or rather perversion of ancient taste, may be divided into three periods; from the fourth century to the ninth, from the ninth to the end of the fifteenth, and from that time to the present.

Though the Christians were at first so scattered and oppressed by persecution, that they had no better places of worship than the caves, which they formed or made on the sides of rocks, or below the surface of the ground, yet they had public places of worship before the fourth century. Some ecclesiastical authors have asserted, that the Coritians had spacious churches richly adorned before the time of Conftantine the Great; for they say, that the first object of his care, after the defeat of Maxentius, was the reparation of the temples of the true God; but to give these authors all their weight, their testimony can only refer to the churches of the East; those in the Lesser Asia, in Syria, and the Lower Egypt; those of the West, and even of Rome, are entirely out of the question; for though it be true, that, from the time of Trajan, to that of Constantine, the emperors refided as much in Asia as in Europe, yet it is equally true, that Christianity was much more repressed and restrained in Europe than in Asia. During the reign of Diocletian, and some other emperors, who distinguished themselves by their moderation, the Christians ventured to quit their vaults and catacombs, and erected some buildings, which were set apart for the public worship of God; but as they were in perpetual fear of persecution, even when they did not suffer it, so long as the emperors continued idolaters, they did not dare to give their churches an air of grandeur, lest the jealousy of the infidels should raise a new storm against them. It seems therefore probable, that the spacious and rich churches mentioned by Eusebius and Nicephorus, were only spacious and rich in comparison of the caverns and dens, in which the Christians assembled in times of actual persecution; of these there are not now the least remains, but perhaps it is easy to form a just idea of them, by considering what the churches were, which were erected when Christianity was first the established religion, when its patrons were the lords of the world, and its professors might safely hold the power of idolaters in defiance. Of these there are several now extant; some that were built in the reign of Constantine, and others from the time of his children and successors, till the total ruin of the empire.

We must therefore date our enquiry into the form of the architecture and decorations of the churches of the West from the reign of Constantine.
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Constantine. This prince, after his conversion, did not content himself with repairing the churches which had been built already, but he signalized his zeal by many monuments, of the triumph of that religion which he had adopted. He might indeed have devoted to the service of Christianness some of the finest temples of Pagan superstition, and posterity would then not only have commended his piety, but admired his taste. He thought, perhaps, that the Pagan temples had been too much profaned by idolatry to receive the pure worshippers of Christ; he might think them too small, or he might not choose to give his heathen subjects offence; however, for these, or for some other reasons, he chose rather to build new structures, than change the use of the old; and, therefore, he gave his own palace of Latran, at Mount Coelius, to supply materials for building a Christian church. Soon after which he built that of St. Peter, at Mount Vatican, and another in the Osian way, dedicated to St. Paul. All these were built upon the same plan, and that of St. Paul still prefers its original form, called the Basilica, because it was the same with that of certain large buildings adjacent to royal palaces, where sovereign princes administered justice to their people; some other buildings, called also from their figure, Basilicas, were used as a kind of exchange for merchants to negotiate their business in the time of this emperor. A Basilica was a pile of building twice as long as it was wide, and terminated at one of its extremities by a hemicycle; two orders of columns placed one upon another reached the whole length of the building within, and formed one grand walk in the middle, between one row of columns and the other, and two narrower walks, one between each row of columns and the wall. To the extremity terminated by the hemicycle, there was sometimes added a branch, or arm, reaching from one side to the other, and giving the whole building the form of a T. This form of building was preferred by Constantine, probably because it was roomy, solemn, majestic, and expressed the figure of the cross. St. Paul's, however, though in its original state, does by no means give us a just idea of the Basilicas of antiquity, from which it was copied; for its want of proportion, and the bad taste of its ornaments, sufficiently shew that architecture was greatly degenerated, even in the time of Constantine. The nave is adorned with four rows of columns, twenty in each row, which divide it into five walks, each column being one block of marble, except a very few; of the forty that form the middle walk, twenty-four are said to have been brought from the tomb of Adrian; they are about three feet in diameter, of the Corinthian order, fluted; the marble is veined with blue, and there is nothing of the kind among all the remains of antiquity that exceeds them, either in workmanship or materials: the other sixteen are of a greyish white, and are the most clumsy and heavy imaginable; scarce any two of them are the same in all their proportions, and there is not one in which the lines of the fluting are straight, or the hollow cut out, and of an equal depth. It appears, at the first glance, that the carver worked merely by his eye,
without any principle to direct him, and, at every stroke of his chisel, looked with a stereotyped perplexity at his model, supposing that he had not ill imitated it, when he had chipped the shaft into grooves from the capital to the base. The other forty columns are of granite, and are much less: the surface may be said to be smooth, as a distinction from being fluted, but, in every other sense, it is rough and irregular. In the two branches of the transverse part of the building, at the end which forms the top of the T, there are many columns of different kinds of marble, some red, some grey, and some of a dirty white, not answering to each other, in any kind of symmetry.

The good Greek and Roman architects always gave their columns an entablature; but the architects of Constantinian not thinking that necessary, the columns of St. Paul's nave are without it. Over the columns there is a wall carried up more than thirty feet, which supplies the place of the second order of columns, used in the Basilics of the Romans; the two branches of the cross only have a ceiling; the nave is only covered with a slanting roof, of which the naked timbers are seen from below. Upon this occasion, it may be remarked, that none of the first Roman churches were vaulted, for among all that remain, there is not one with such a roof to be found, and in those which have ceilings, the ceiling appears manifestly to have been added in later times; for it was not common, even in the sixteenth century, for any part of the church to be cabled, but the chancel. This defect might have been imputed to the timid ignorance of the builders, if it was not certain that those who vaulted the baths of Constantinian might, if they had thought fit, have vaulted a church: and it might have been imputed to a servile imitation of the Pagan Basilics, if we had not been told by Vitruvius, that some of them were covered with vaulted roofs. As to the front of the Basilic of St. Paul, there is a modern portico about twenty feet high, and the rest is a brick wall, having on the point at top a Greek cross, decorated with some rude mosaic. To this general description, many particulars may be added, which will show in a stronger light the stupidity and ill taste of the times; some of the columns have no base at all: others are all base, being one square block; in one place a column of the Corinthian order is placed opposite to one of the Composite; in another, the Tuscan is contrasted with the Ionic, yet the whole appears to have been the painful effort of long labour, and unremitting diligence; nor must it be forgotten, that the twenty-four columns, which are already exquisitely finished, are, by an ingenious contrivance, made to share in the general impropriety for, instead of being equally divided in opposite rows, thirteen of them are placed on one side, and eleven on the other.

Thus it appears that all which the magnificence of Constantinian, who erected the edifice, and of Theodosius, who added some ornaments, could effect, was to raise a vast structure, and to decorate it with the spoils of those buildings that had been erected when the arts were in their perfection. After the perfections against Christianity had entirely ceased, more churches abounded
abounded at Rome, than at any other place; they were erected over the tombs of martyrs, and even formed out of the houses, which they had inhabited; little obscure oratories were enlarged into public temples, and the extants that were published from the time of Constantine, to that of Theodosius, for the destruction of Pagan temples, furnished the plans founders with specis of inestimable value, or which, however, they made a very bad use; for the plan of Constantine's Basilica was universally followed, whether the church to be built was little or great, except that sometimes the building at the end, which gave the whole the figure of the crose, was omitted: they are all filled with columns, taken from ancient buildings, and set up without the least regard to their height or their diameter, to the kind of marble, the order, or the decorations by which they are distinguished; from those which were too long the base is taken away, and to those that were too short a supplemental base was added, so that some columns in the same row have two bases, and some have none. Edifices were quite out of fashion, and neither frieze nor moulding of the cornice was to be attempted: such are all the churches that are at this time to be found in Rome, except two or three roundas, and those which have been erected or modernized since the revival of the arts. Such are the principal productions of twelve successive ages, and when they are beheld and considered, it is easy to make a just estimation of the magnificence which has been attributed to them by the authors of the lives of the popes, such as Annaeus the library keeper, Matina, and some others. There are, however, seven or eight ancient buildings, that have been converted into Christian churches, but they are neither greater in beauty: the Pantheon excepted; and Eulogius were the finest, in the lower or of their seats, covered the walls of the emperor. From the abolition of Pagan temples, it is left to suppose, which were taken by them in the walls of Rome, in the foundation of this large, those are all that remain, the temple of Minerva serves at this hour for a chapel to a religious house, and the temple of Remus is become a kind of reliquary to a conventual church.

Extract of a few Letters from Rome, concerning the Pantheon of Agrippa, now called the Rotunda.

THIS beautiful edifice has the following inscription on the frieze of the portico.

M. AGrippa. L. F. COI. TERTIUM PECU.

which has given rise to an opinion generally received, that the whole temple was built by Agrippa. Yet several eminent authors and artists have supposed that the Pantheon existed as long ago as the commonwealth and that Agrippa only embellished, i.e., and added the portico. The antiquaries lay great stress upon the authority of Dion C. S., who, speaking of the magnificence of Agrippa, says, and he also finished or perfected the Pantheon. Michael Angelo was persuaded, that the body of the temple, and the portico which leads into it, were the work of several architects. His reason was, that the roof, and the order which support it, do not tally with each other, and want much of that elegance and symmetry D D d 2
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striking in the portico, which is of a far more majestic architecture than any thing within. This portico carries indeed all the evidence of an additional work. It stands unconnected with the temple, which projects behind it, and finishes with a pediment. Now the ancients never had any idea of placing one pediment behind another, or over, or within another. These were innovations of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

I shall attempt an account, not a minute and particular description, of the Pantheon, as Agrippa left it, at least such as it was before the irruption of the Barbarians.

The form of the body of the Pantheon is round, or cylindrical, and its roof or dome is spherical; it is 144 feet diameter within, and the height of it, from the pavement to the grand aperture on its top, thro' which it receives the light, is just as much. It is of the Corinthian order; the inner circumference is divided into seven grand niches, wrought in the thickness of the wall: six of which are flat at the top, but the seventh, opposite to the entrance, is arched. Before each niche, are two columns of antique yellow marble fluted, and of one entire block, making in all fourteen, the stile in Rome. The whole wall of the temple, as high as the grand cornice inclusive, is cased with divers sorts of precious marble in compartments. The frieze is entirely of porphyry. Above the grand cornice arises an attic, in which were wrought at equal distances fourteen oblong square niches: between each niche were four marble pilasters, and between the pilasters, marble tables of various kinds. This attic had a compleat entablature; but the cornice projected less than that of the grand order below. Immediately from the cornice, springs the spherical roof, divided by bands, which cross each other, like the meridians and parallels of an artificial terrestrial globe. The spaces between the bands, decrease in size as they approach the top of the roof; to which, however, they do not reach, there being a considerable plain space between them and the great opening. That to hold a roof might be as light as possible, the architect formed the substance of the spaces between the bands, of nothing but lime and pumice stones. The walls below were decorated with lead and brass, and works of carved silver over them; and the roof was covered on the outside with plates of gilded bronze. There was an arched from the springing of the roof to the very summit, by a flight of seven stairs. And if certain authors may be credited, these stairs were ornamented with pedia- trican statues, ranged as an amphitheatre. This notion is founded on a passage of Pliny, who says, that Diogenes, the sculptor, decorated the Pantheon of Agrippa with elegant statues, yet that it was difficult to judge of their merit, upon account of their elevated situation. For my own part, I cannot believe these statues were any other than those placed in the niches of the attic, if not those on the top of the portico. This portico is composed of sixteen columns of granite, four feet in diameter, eight of which stand in front, with an equal intercolumniation all along, contrary to the rule of Vitruvius, who is for having the space answering to the door of a temple, wider than the rest. On these columns is a pediment, whose tympanum, or flat, was ornamented with bas-re-

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It is really a matter of astonishment, that a structure, which granting it to have been built by Agrippa, was not more than 200 years old, should have fallen into decay through age. This single consideration seems sufficient to confirm the opinion of those who believe it to have flood in the time of the Commonwealth.

The temple subsisted in all its grandeur, till the incursion of Alaric in the time of Honorius. Zosymus relates, that the Romans having engaged to furnish this Barbarian prince with 5000 pounds weight of gold, and 5000 pounds weight of silver, upon condition that he should depart from their walls; and it proving impossible to raise those sums, either out of the public treasury, or private purses, they were obliged to strip the temples of their statues and ornaments of gold and silver. It is probable that the Pantheon supplied a good part, as that of Jupiter Capitolinus was the only one in Rome, that could vie with it for riches.

Alaric carried off nothing from the Romans besides their precious metals. Thirty-nine years after this, Genetric, King of the Vandals, took away part of their marbles; and whether from a greediness of plunder, or from a relish of the productions of art, loaded one of his ships with statues. It cannot be questioned, but that on this occasion, the Pantheon was forced to part with more of its ornaments, and that the inestimable works of Diogenes became the prey of this Barbarian.

Before these unwelcome visits of the Goths and Vandals, the Christian emperors had issued edicts for demolishing the Pagan temples.
But the Romans, whatever were their motives, did red the Pantheon, which is known to have suffered no damage from the real of the pantheons or the dilapidation of the bames, before the first reign of Rome by Julius. It occurred to the Emperors, that, after the year fift, as to erect the enlarged Constantion on, with every from Constantion, it was pilgrage the Pantheon, and it was his passion to havc it both of its kind and another seven coatings, which he transported to Saragole, where they feem after fell into the hands of the Saracens.

About fifty years before this, Pope Eugenius IV. had obtained the Pantheon of the Emperor Constant to make a church of it. The artists of many laws were totally ignorant of the excellence of the Greek and Roman architecture, and spoiled every thing they held their hands upon. To this period, certain alterations are to be related, of which I shall speak by and by.

After the devastations of the Barbarians, Rome was contracted within a narrow compass, the seven hills were abandoned, and the Campus Martius, being an even plain, and near the Tyber, became the ground plot of the whole city. The Pantheon, happening to stand at the entrance of the Campus Martius, was probably surrounded with houses, which spoiled the fine prospect of it; and it was yet more deplorably defrogued by some of them which stood close to its walls. Perhaps doors were built even within its portico, and the intercolumniations were filled up, to the irreparable damage of the matchless pillars, of which some lost part of their capitals, some of their bases, and others were chiselled out flat or fo-

ven inches deep, and as many feet high, to let in plait. Which exclamations are to this day half filled up with brick and mortar, a foul monument of the licentiousness of the vulgar, of the rapid avarice of those who sold them the privilege to ruin the noblest piece of art in the world!

This disorder continued till the pontificate of Eugene IV. whose zeal for the decency of a corrupted place, prevailed upon him to have all the houses cleared away that incumbered the Pantheon, and so the miserable barracks in the portico were knocked down.

From the time Constantine carried off the brads plating of the external roof, that part was exposed to the injuries of the weather, or, at least, was but slightly tiled in, till Benedict II. covered it with lead, which Nicholas V. renewed in a better style.

I cannot find that from this time to Urban VIII., any pope did any thing remarkable to the Pantheon. Raphael Urban, who had no equal as a painter, and who as an architect had no superior, left a considerable sum by his will, for the reparation of the Pantheon, where his tomb is placed. Perino de la Vagua, Jacomo Uduio, Annibale Carrachi, Flaminio Vacca, and the celebrated Archangelo Corelli did the same. All the ornament within, that have any claim to be called good, are of the latter times, the paintings merit esteem, and the statues, tho' not masterpieces, do honour to sculpture, which alone is a proof that they are posterior to the 15th century.

But I must say, with all the respect due to a pontiff, who was otherwise a protector, and, even a practifier of the arts, it were much to be
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be wished that Urban VIII. had not known that the Pantheon existed. The inscriptions cut at the side of the door inform us, that he repaired it; yet, at the same time that he built up with one hand, he pulled down with the other. He caused two bellfries of a wretched kind to be erected on the ancient front work, and he diverted the portico of all the remains of its ancient grandeur, I mean the brazen coverture * of the cross beams, which amounted to such a prodigious quantity, that not only the vast baldaquin, or canopy, of the confessional in St. Peter's was cut out of it, but likewise a great number of cannon for the castle of St. Angelo.

Is it not marvellous, that whilst all these operations were carrying on in the portico, he never once thought of repairing the damages which time had wrought in it? Of the sixteen pillars, which supported this magnificent pile, there were no more than thirteen left; the three that the temple of Minerva had disappeared; with these the entablature and an angle of the front had tumbled down. Were there not in Rome fragments enough of antique columns that might have been put together and set up, to have prevented the downfall of a pile, which deferred to hand as long as the world endured?

Alexander VII. did what Urban VIII. had neglected to do. At the same time that Bernini was constructing the colonnade of St. Peter, this pontiff ordered search to be made for pillars to match those of the portico of the Pantheon, and some were found not far from the French church of St. Louis, of the very same model. They were granite of the life of him, and those of the portico were Egyptian granite; the colour however was the same, so that the effect was equal. The pope's zeal did not stop here; he caused all the old houses before the portico to be pulled down, and the tail and rubbish to be cleared away, which covered the steps, and even the slabs of some of the pillars. He began covering the roof with marble, and raised a lantern over the aperture, to keep out rain; but death took him off before his project was completed. Clement XI., his successor, enclosed the portico within iron rails. Several later popes have added to its decorations, which were all in the style of the times they were done in, and the body of the edifice and its architecture, gained nothing from them. The main object of their holiness's liberality was the establishment of the grand altar. One gave purple curtains, another beautifully silver tabernacles, others again vases, and the superb chandeliers, fitted to the Jolian ceremonies of religion. All these might be called rich, but they had in no time a tendency to retrieve the ancient majesty or original splendour of the temple. The true galea of the ornaments was a little imitated at

* Perhaps the writer of this letter never heard that this pope, who was of the family of Barbarini, presented 815 813 bals of this metal to his nephew, as was sufficient for the decoration of his new palace; on which occasion this remarkable palquinade was stuck up.

"Quod non ferebat Barbari fecerit Barbarini."

If ever ginger added force to wit, it was certainly in this instance.
the revival of the arts. Good statues took place of the skeletons and squat figures that richly adorned the altars for the space of eight centuries. The paintings of Perugino, Cozza, and Greffi, covered the dull mosaics, with which the Greeks of Constantinople had loaded the walls of most of the churches in Rome. The porphyry and the green and yellow antique, found among the old ruins, were employed to much advantage.

Thus you have seen, Sir, how far the ancient Pantheon has been modernized from age to age: you may observe by the by, that before Alexander VII. none presumed to meddle with the roof, nor has any since, till in the year 1557, when a monstrous project took place for modernizing it all over. These new works may, perhaps, be the subject of some future letters.

The alterations lately proposed to be made in the Pantheon, having been conceived, the following is a defence of them.

No alteration is proposed except in the dome, the attic, and the pavement. The balustrade of the Rotunda indeed has been new done already; but there is no reason that this should at all disquiet the antiquarians, for the old one was certainly of much later date than the age of Agrippa, or even ofSeptimius Severus.

Nothing at this time remains of the ancient ornaments of the dome, but the cornice of gilt brass which surrounds the grand aperture; all the other parts having been filched of the marbles and metals which covered them, offer nothing to the view but rough masonry of a dark dirty complexion. The pannels, heretofore decorated with silver, will retain some fragments of the lead to which the plating was affixed; but most of them have lost even that; and the whole raises the idea of an edifice falling to ruin, rather than of the magnificence of ancient architecture. What then can the critics, who thus severely censure the reparations now carrying on, find to admire, in any thing which the reparations will hide?

As for the attic, there is great reason to doubt of its antiquity, and to suspect that the pilasters are of that kind of ornaments distinguished by the appellation of modern antiques. Fontana was of opinion, that in Agrippa's time the place of these pilasters was supplied by the Caryatides which Pliny speaks of, and which the antiquarians have sought for in vain. Indeed, it is impossible to conceive where these Caryatides could be placed, if the pilasters are really coeval with the temple itself; but granting the pilasters to have been of the bel age of architecture, they were two years ago broken to pieces, and fallen into ruins.

It is with still less reason the new laying of the pavement gives so much offence; for it is almost certain, that this part of the Pantheon was not antique, I mean not as old as Agrippa, or Severus; but if it were so, its shattered condition called loudly for repair. The fact however is, that five or six feet below the pavement there lies another, as several eminent artists have assured me; so that the antiquity of the upper one must fall to the ground; and it is probable that it did not exist before Boniface IV. obtained the
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We are told by Theophrastus and Pliny, that the natives used the root of it for firing, as well as for other purpooses of wood: that they built little boats of the plant itself, and formed the inner bark into sails, mats, garments, coverlids, and corage; that they chewed it both raw and sodden, and swallowed the juice as a dainty; but, of all its uses, the most celebrated was that of its serving to write upon, like the paper of these days, which derives its name from this plant of Egypt. The intermediate part of the stalk was cut and separated into different laminae, which were set apart, and dried in the sun for the manufacture. These laminae were joined together horizontally and transversely, in sheets or leaves, upon a smooth board; then moistened with water, which dissolved a kind of viscous glue in the pores of the plant, serving to cement and render the whole uniform. The sheet being thus formed was put into a press, and afterwards dried for use. Such was the process of making paper in Egypt: but as the sheets were coarie, brown, unequal and imperfect, the Romans invented methods to bring the fabric to perfection. They contrived a glue or gum, by means of which they could occasionally enlarge the size and volume. They bleached it to a surprizing degree of whiteness: they beat it with hammers, so as to render it more thin and less porous: they smoothed and polished it with ivory; and by a sort of calendar, gave it a shining gloss like that of the Chinese paper. According to the different degrees of delicacy, whiteness and size, it acquired different appellations, either from the names of particular manufactures, from the Pantheon of the emperor Phoce, to convert it into a church.

But though it cannot be demonstrated precisely at what time the floor of the building was laid, it is nevertheless certain that it had not always the elevation it has now; this is manifest from the plinths of the columns being buried more than two thirds under ground, four of which are even upon a level with the pavement.

There remains one article of alteration, as to which I will not take upon me to justify those who thought fit to propose it; the lantern to be placed over the grand aperture of the dome. This, however, is no conceit of the architect, but proceeds from a much higher authority. At the same time that it was resolved to embellish the dome, it was likewise determined, by means of this lantern, to secure it from the future injuries of the weather. It must indeed be admitted, that the large aperture of the dome is extremely incommodious to the congregation. Together with snow and rain, catarrhs and rheumatisms are too apt to descend through it; but to close it up with a cupola, is not only to exclude much of the light, but likewise to surcharge the edifice with a most ridiculous addition. In a word, it is to be wished that this project had never taken place.

**Account of the Papyrus, by M. le Compte de Caylus.**

The Papyrus, or the Cyperus Niliacus, is a large plant that grows wild in the midle of the fascinating water left in hollow places after the inundation of the Nile,
the great personages who used it, or from the particular uses to which it was put, such as the Quadrant, the Levithan, the Glindham, the Imperial, the Hieratic, and the Amphitheatric.

A dissertation on the ancient manner of dating the beginning of the year.

As I have not met with an account of the time from whence our ancestors began their year, treated of, either accidentally or particularly, in any late author, an historical deduction of passages in our old historians, tending to illustrate the subject, may not be unacceptable to many of our readers, since the knowledge of it is necessary to clear up several passages in English history.

From Bede's time quite down to the Norman conquest, the constant way of computation seems to be from Christmas-day. For Bede (hist. r. 231.) plainly makes January to be the beginning of the year. He places the death of Herewald, archbishop of Canterbury, to the idea of January, A. D. 731, and further informs us, under the same year, that Tatwin was consecrated in his room, on the tenth of June following; a manifest proof, that January was at that time one of the first months, as June comes after it in the same year. The Saxon chronicle begins the year from the nativity of our Lord. See A. D. 763, 827, 965, 1066 &c. quite down to the end.

After the conquest, Gervase, a monk of Canterbury, in the preface to his chronicle (Gerv. Durborn, int. x. script. col. 1336, &c.) takes notice of many different ways of computation in his time, that is, at the end of the xith, or the beginning of the xiiith century. He says, that some computed from the annunciation, some from the nativity, some from the circumcision, and others from the passion of our Lord. The foliar year, continues he, according to the custom of the Romans, and of the church of God, begins from the calendar of January; but he rather chooses to fix the commencement of it to Christmas-day, "because (ibid. 1418, 150.) we compute the age of men from the day of their birth."

This shews there was no standing fixed rule of computation in Gervase's time; and the following observation confirms it, not only in his age, but also for several centuries after him. Matt. Paris (edit. Watts, p. 5.) Matt. Wetim. (p. 255.) Ralph. de Diceto (int. x. script. col. 450.) and Polydore Virgil (p. 156.) place the coronation of William the conqueror upon Christmas-day, A. D. 1067, that is, those authors begin their new year with that day, at least in this instance; whereas, on the contrary, T. Wallingham (Urdiguma Uneutra, p. 430.) R. Hoveden (p. 258.) and Brompton (int. x. script. col. 661.) all refer it to Christmas day, A. D. 1066, which proves, that they do not in this place begin the year till after that day. Matt. Wetim. (p. 268, ad ann. 1209.) takes notice of this difference in authors, for he observes, that "because king John's son was born in the Christmas holidays, which authors generally put, as it were, between the old and new year, in confusion anni praeteriti & futuri, some place his birth to the year 1209, others to the foregoing one."
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one.” But it is no wonder, that different authors should disagree in this point; when T. Wallingham, one of the most accurate of our monkish historians, does not always count from the same day. In this instance he does not begin the year sooner than the circumcision; we shall see below that he sometimes dates it from the nativity.

According to this last mentioned author, who lived in the xvi century, Edward III. was made king on the 20th day of January (Hill. Ang. p. 127.) and proclaimed his peace to the people, that is, as I apprehend it, published a general pardon, on Sunday February the first, 1327. Now the particular observation of the first of February being on a Sunday, fixes it to what we should have called, before the late alteration of the style, 1326-7, and not 1327-8; consequently it is a demonstration, that he counted January and February in the beginning of the year. Any person, that will be at the trouble to compute the dominical letter, will find it to be D in that year, which letter is fixed in the calendar to be the first of February, and consequently proves it to have then fallen on a Sunday.

The same author (ibid. p. 382.) informs us, that Henry IV. kept his Christmas in 1412, at Elham, that he died the 20th of March following, and that his son was crowned on Paflion Sunday, the 5th of April in the same year, which agrees only with the year, 1415, when Easter-day actually fell on April the 23d. Here our author dates the beginning of the year from Christmas, though, as was above-mentioned, when he speaks of William the Conquerer’s circumcision, he does not begin it till the feast of the circumcision. Shall we say, that in this Ypodigma Neustria, he writes as a Norman, and that they computed the year only from the circumcision, whereas in his history of England he writes as an Englishman, who in his time generally reckoned from his nativity?

Hitherto nothing of our late custom of computing from the announcement, has appeared in any of our old historians, except the bare mention of it in Gervase. There is good reason to think it began about the beginning of the reign of king Edward IV. For the continuator of the history of Croyland Abbey does not seem at all exact in his commencement of the year, which he sometimes begins from the circumcision, and at others from the announcement. He mentions the death of Richard duke of York, as happening in Christmass week, at the very end of the year 1460, (ejusdem annjum ad terminatum vergente curris) P. 530. l. 52. ed. Oxon. 1674.) which shows he there ends the year with the month of December, and yet, two pages after, (p. 532. l. 27.) he places the following month of March to the same year, a proof he does not begin it, in this last mentioned instance, till the announcement, and this inaccuracy seems to indicate the beginning of the custom, for he uses both computations indiscriminately in many places; he begins the year 1467 with the month of January (p. 541.) and does not end 1469 till after the same month (p. 544.)

Thomas Chandler, who was chancellor of Oxon from 1458 to 1462 (Wood. Hist. & Ant. Oxon. II. 410. in his short account of William of Wickham, printed by Wharton,
Wharton, (Angl. Sacra 2. 355.) begins this year with the annunciation.

About 15 or 16 years after, this custom seems to have been fully settled; for another contaminator of the history of Croyland Abbey, who wrote about that time, constantly computed from the annunciation; and (in p. 552.) under the year 1469, gives the reason of the difference of the computation between the two churches of Rome and England, and mentions this last as the only one then used here.

Indeed Bishop Godwin, in his annals, wrote 150 years after the time now spoken of, dates his year from the first of January, (anni hu- jus, 1511, primo die, ipsis vide- licet calendis Januarii) but it is to be remembered, he wrote them for the use of foreigners, who were not used to any other way of computation.

At the reformation both the civil and ecclesiastical authority interpolated, to fix the commencement of the year to the feast of the annunciation, immediately after the table of moveable feasts for 40 years, viz. "Note, That the suppuration of the year of our Lord, in the church of England, begins the 25th of March, the same day supposed to be the first day upon which the world was created, and the day when Christ was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary;" which road thus down to the Savoy conference, soon after the restoration, when it was thought proper to retain the order, and drop the reason given for it, and in this shape it was continued down to the late parliamentary correction of the calendar, which brings it back to the first of January, and is indeed the only legal settlement of it for civil affairs that I have met with; for the rubric above-mentioned settles only the suppuration of the church of England, and says nothing of the civil government, which seems to have never used any other date than that of the king's reign, till after the restoration, not even in common deeds. During the usurpation of Oliver Cromwell, the years of our Lord seem to have been introduced, because they did not chuse to date by the years of the king's reign, and continued for convenience afterwards, without the interposition of legal authority. I have seen some deeds before that time with the date of the year inserted, not in the body of the deed, but in the middle of the initial letter, after this manner,

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\text{1548 This Indenture.}
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Our neighbours the Scots, from time immemorial, have invariably observed the 25th day of March as the first day of the year, till November 27, 1599, when the following entry was made in the books of the privy council: \textit{On Monday proclamation made by the king's several council, ordaining the first of January, in tyme coming, to be the beginning of the new year, which they have as constantly followed ever since.}

\begin{align*}
\text{October 18,} & \quad \text{I am, &c.} \\
\text{1759.} & \quad \text{N.}
\end{align*}
Essay upon the use of flops.

It is not, perhaps, an enquiry wholly useless, or unentertaining, when the usage of flops began amongst us, since upon them all propriety of reading and pronunciation so much depends.

We will first consider, when they were not, and it will appear that Lippius is on the side of truth, when he says, that "all ancient records, which were within his experience, were without notes of distinction;" by which he must mean, regular, determinate, and fixed flops. Putean, in his observations upon Quintilian, is of the same opinion. What within our own knowledge at this day puts this beyond dispute, is the Alexandrian manuscript, which I have particularly consulted on this occasion. This curious monument of antiquity is at present in the King’s library, at the British Museum. Whoever examines this, will find, that the whole is written continuo duetu, without distinction of words or sentences. How the ancients read their works, written in this manner, is not easy to conceive. Their manner of reading was, very possibly, the same with that used in courts of judicature; and what seems to favour this supposition, is the ancient custom continued in these tribunals, of writing without flops.

It has been imagined by some, that this invention of pointing sprung up in the time of Adrian; but this is a mistake, and arose from the misinterpretation of a passage in Suidas. Suidas, speaking of Nicanor, the grammarian, says, that he compos’d a little treatise, παντι σέρμων τις περὶ Ὅμηρον, τις ταῖς Καλλιμήκεσαν. But whoever will take the pains to examine Suidas’s meaning here, will clearly see that he is not talking of flops and pointing, but of emphatic, accent, and pronunciation. Lippius indeed supposes, that these words intimate a proposal to introduce pointing, and that the proposal was rejected. His error lies, in not having given due attention to the import.

Ibidere ||, indeed, seems to have made a new discovery, when he tells us, that in this time they made use of three points, or distinctions. According to him they were called, comma, colon, and period. The form of all three was the same, but their position different; the first being placed at the bottom, the second at the middle, and the third at the top of the letter. P. figura, says he, est figura ad disinnuamenti sensus per cola, commata, et periodos. Quae dom obtine fas apponitur, sensus nobis lectiones olen dedit. Ubi enim in initio pronunciatis, respirare eportet, est comma, et ad innam literam ponitur. Ubi autem sententiae sensum prestant, est colon, mediamque literam puncto notans. Ubi vero plenam sententiae clausulas facimus, est periodus, punctumque ad caput literae ponimus. It must be observed here, the Ibsdore wrote about that time, when

* In his letter de Diftina.
† De Diftina. Lib. iv.
§ In his letter about pointing, printed with Putean’s Differt, de Diftina.
• De Orig. Lib. i. c. 19.
the old practice of joining words together ceased, and writings began to be more legible, by separating and distinguishing words from each other. About this time we find from monumental inscriptions, that they made use of certain marks placed at the end of every word; not to distinguish finitum but words*. And, tho' we call some of our stops, at this day, by the same name, it does not follow that we use them for the same purpose. From Hicore's words, here cited, one would at first imagine, that the points were only in those places he specifies; but it must be understood, that, agreeable to the practice of that age, those notes of distinction were placed after every word, tho' perhaps not in the same manner.

In all the editions of the Fasti Capitolini these points occur. The same are to be seen on the Colonna Rofirta †. For want of these, we find such confusion in the Chronicon Mormororum, and the covenant between the Smyrneans and Magnesians, which are both now at Oxford. In Salmassius's edition of dedicatio flatur rigide Herodis, the like confusion occurs, where we find \( \Delta \) \( \psi \) \( \iota \) \( \varepsilon \) for \( \Delta \varepsilon \iota \varepsilon \). An instance to prove, that marks of distinction were placed at the end of each word, by the ancients, will appear from the Welsh inscription found near Bath. It presents itself to the eye in the following manner:

\[ \text{Ivliusv Vitalisv Fabri} \\
\text{Cesisv Legx Vx Vx V} \\
\text{Stipendiorumv &c.} \]

After every word here, except at the end of a line, we see this mark.

There is an inscription in Mountfaucon which has a capital letter laid in an horizontal position, by way of interstitial mark, which makes one apt to think that this way of pointing was sometimes according to the fancy of the graver.

P. FERRARIUS HERMES

CAECINIAE \( = \) DIGNAE

CONIVGI \( = \) KARRISSIMAE

NUMERIAE \( = \) &c.

Here we observe after the words a T laid horizontally, but not after each word, which proves this to be of a much later age than the former.

Having now considered, that the present usage of stops was unknown to the ancients, I proceed to assign the time in which this commendable improvement of language began.

As it appears not to have taken place, while manuscripts and monumental inscriptions were the only known methods to convey knowledge, we must conclude, that it was introduced with the art of printing. The 14th century, to which we are indebted for this mystery, did not, however, below these appendages, we call stops; whoever will be at the pains to examine the first printed books, will discover no stops of any kind; but arbitrary marks here and there, according to the humour of the printer. In the 15th century, we observe their first appearance. We find, from the books of this age, they were not all produced at the same time: those we meet with there in use, being only the comma, the parentheses, the interrogation, and full point. To prove this, we need but look into Bude's Ars of English volataries, black

* Vide Cellanii's Orthography, p. 70.
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letter, printed 1590: a book not commonly to be had, but which I have in my collection. Indeed, in the dedication of this book, which is to Edward VI, we discover a colon: but, as this is the only one of the kind throughout the work, it is plain this stop was not established at this time, and so rarely put in by the printers; or if it was, that it was not in common use. Thirty years after this time, in that learned and judicious performance of Sir Thomas Elyot, entitled, The Governour, imprinted 1580, we see the colon as frequently introduced, as any other stop; but the semicolon and the abbreviation were still wanting, neither of these being visible in this book. In Hakluyt's voyages, printed 1599, we see the first instance of a semicolon: and, as if the editors did not fully apprehend the propriety of its general admission, it is but sparingly introduced. The abbreviation was the last stop that was invented, and seems to have been added to the

Thus we see, that these notes of distinction came into use, as learning was gradually advanced, and improved: one invention indeed!

Nothing is more probable, as we can trace them no higher than the 15th century, than that the thought was ancient. The monks, however ridiculous in some things, have obliged posterity with others, truly valuable. Learning, such as it was, did not want advocates in this age. If Walfingham, a Benedictine monk of St. Albans, in this century, wrote the Historia brevis, a work much esteemed at that time, and was distinguished for his literary accomplishments; his learning more than conjecture to attribute this invention to him.

Welminister, Yours, &c.

Jan. 8.

Edgar Bochart.
Mr. Duhamel's method of preserving
the health of Seamen.

AFTER several observations
on the difference of places
whose situation is more or less
wholesome, Mr. Duhamel concludes
in general, that rising grounds, and
exposed to the wind, are the most
wholesome; that those situated near
tide, fresh or salt water, are not sub-
ject to the epidemics that infect ships;
that the sea is not the caufe of these
epidemics; that the seamen are more
exposed to them, when they anchor
in roads, surrounded by mud, mar-
shes, and sheltered from the wind;
that, when their health obliges
them to go on shore, they should be
compelled to return on board for the
night; or, if this cannot be con-
veniently effected, should be kept at
a distance from marshy grounds,
and not permitted ever to encamp,
or to lie without good tents, set up
in dry, high and open places.

To discover the particular causés
of infection in ships, M. Duhamel
lays down this general principle:
that the different qualities of the air,
the vapours that humble, the exha-
lations that penetrate it, influence,
to a great degree, the health of the
animals that breathe it. Nothing
but malignant vapours, or putrid
exhalations in the air, can occasion
those dreadful contagions that lay
d waste cities, and sometimes pro-
vinces. The more the air is debar-
red of a free circulation, the more it
is susceptible of impressions from the
causés that alter and corrupt it.

Now all these inconveniences con-
cur to infect the air in ships, espe-
cially in the hold of a ship. It there
becomes thick, and its thickness
does not permit the perspiration of
animals that breathe it, to diffuse
and dissipate it. Whence it hap-
pens, that the warmth of this con-
 fined air is more sensible than that
of the exterior air, and its elasticity
is prodigiously weakened. It has
not, therefore, that degree of con-
densation, that freshness, that mo-
tion, which makes it so favourable
to respiration. This may be evin-
ced from the accidents that happen
to a bird that up under a bell, where
the air it breathes cannot be renewed.
Between decks, and in the
holds of ships, provisions contac-
t heat, ferment, and send forth ex-
alations; of which the volume,
fleath, and malignity are augment-
ed by the like produced by the dung
of animals, the smell of their wool,
their respiration and transpiration,
and the vapours exhaled from the
putrid waters in ships and in the
sink, and even by the bitumen ex-
haled from the sea.

If the ship's crew are attacked by
any fickness, the causés for infecting
the air are still more multiplied.
During voyages into cold, and
much more into hot countries, sea-
men meet with new sources of dis-
orders. The changes of air and
climate are the more dangerous by
their indigeneration in braving, and
even provoking their pernicious
impressions. Lastly, salt ailments,
though less subject to corrupt, yet,
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by being hard of digestion, bring on
a multiplicity of diseases, especially
the fevery. These are the enemies
M. Duhamel endeavours to destroy.

He first proposes precautions ag-
ainst their attacks, by preventing
them, persuaded, that it is always
colder to guard against diseases, than
to cure them; or that, if they can-
not be entirely avoided, their vio-
ence may, in a great measure, be
checked or abated.

These precautions are: 1. To
admit none aboard, but fresh and
healthy sailors, and well provided
with all necessaries, in linen and
cloaths, to keep themselves clean.
Sick, fatigued, ill clothed sailors
are, in ships, a source of contagion.
2. To clean frequently the sink; to
swipe and scrub, especially on the
inside, all the upper parts of the
ship, and particularly the hold of the
dick and cattle hold. All should be
carefully washed; but this ought
to be only during the heat of the
day, that it may dissipate the mo-
iture before night. Cleanliness in
the sailors, and keeping the ship
from all filth, infection, and every
thing productive of putrid exhal-
tions and vapours, cannot be suf-
ciently attended to. 3. To purify
and renew, as much as possible, the
air in the hold, and under decks.
For this purpose are used the vent-
holes, the wind-sluice, bellows, and
principally Dr. Hales’s ventilator.

Vent-holes are only apertures, through which the infected air may
escape. Some observations are ne-
cessary to direct their use. Vapours
are lighter than pure air, and their
levity determines them to ascend
through the vent given them.
This is a general principle, that
regulates the form and use of all the
machines for renewing the air of
ships. Therefore the vents for in-
troducing the pure air cannot be
placed too low, nor those for letting
out the infected vapours, too high;
and, if they were too narrow, the
vapours would find in them a fric-
tion, which must obstruct, and can-
not be conquered by their levy.

As to the other machines, M. Du-
hamel proposes some methods for
making their play more easy, and
their action more effectual.

Fire is another agent, which may
serve the same purposes: it rarifies
the ambient air, and the vapours
it is loaded with. This rarefaction
augments considerably their levy,
and consequently accelerates their
going out. Perfumes are also re-
cognized as a means for purifying the
air of ships. The author alludes
some examples of very troublesome
and obliterative frying, wherein
the smell of vinegar alone produced
the most salutary effects. This vir-
tue he attributes both to the stimula-
ting action of vinegar, than to the
impression it produces on the air the
dick persons breathe: “For, says
he, there are none but have found
some pleasure in breathing the va-
pour of vinegar on days clipsed for
stormy weather; wherein the air
being less fit for respiration, one
is obliged to fetch frequent and pro-
found respirations; and thus it is
sufficiently proved, that it is neces-
sary to sprinkle good vinegar be-
tween the decks, and especially in
the apartment of the sick.” How-
ever, it seems probable, that the
effect is almost as transient as salu-
tary; that is, that the salubrious
quality communicated by vinegar
to the air, is not so durable as the
case it procures to the sick.

The vapours of burning sulphur,
continues our author, hinder fermenta-
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farmers preferred all his cows, by keeping them shut up in a flable, and by hindering his domestics to go into infected stables, and those of his neighbours, whose cattle died, to come into his." It is true, all these precautions for keeping ships from being infect ed, are an addition to the seaman's toil; but they need not be deemed such, when found highly expedient for obtaining the great ends required from their service. M. Duhamel propofes likewise some substitutes to the ordinary food of fermen; but as the victualling of ships, particularly thofe of war, is provided for as the wisdom of a government thinks moft proper, we shall not here touch upon that article.

When ships are arrived at their place of deftination, M. Duhamel recommends, that their stay fhould be as short as poftible in rivers and muddy ports, sheltered from the wind, and known to be unwhol-
Methods for rectifying the fishy and corruption of fresh waters.

GREAT inconveniently happen but too often at sea, when the stock of fresh water, by long standing, contracts a nauseous smell, and is often foul with maggots or worms. To apply, therefore, proper and experienced remedies, in order to correct the same, the following methods are prescribed:

Take a glass-vessel, or bottle, and fill it up to the neck with salt; then pour some oil upon the salt, and stop well the aperture of the vessel with lime, to hinder any water from penetrating. Let this vessel full, so as to hang in the midst of a cistern, or hoghead full of water: no putrefaction will happen in the water, though it should stand ever so long. Some quicksilver may be added.

When water begins to grow putrid, it may be sufficiently purged, by throwing in a handful of salt, and, if salt is wanting, sea-water. For this reason the seamen at Venice, in Italy, when bound on a long voyage, take their supply of water from St. Nicholas’s well, which, by being near the sea, is impregnated with salt, and on that account continues long pure and wholesome, the brackish taint being scarce, after a few days, perceptible. We read of the like in the scriptures, to have been done by the prophet Elisha; who, in Jericho of Palestine, by throwing salt into a fountain, made the waters potable, which before were brackish and putrid. If the water begins to ingender maggots, they are killed by throwing in lime. Any of the ingredients used for the clarifying of wine may be applicable towards the purifying and preserving of water.

A description of a cork waistcoat.

MR. Daubourg, a gentleman very fond of swimming, but subject to the cramp, was led to consider of some contrivance to secure to himself the pleasure of that exercise, without danger. For this purpose he has invented a cork waistcoat, composed of four pieces of cork, two for the breasts, and two for the back, each pretty near in length and breadth to the quarters of a waistcoat without flaps; the whole is covered with a coarse canvas, with two holes to put the arms through; there is a space left between the two back pieces, and the same betwixt each back and breast-piece, that they may fit the easier to the body. By this means the waistcoat is open only before, and may
may be fastened on the wearer with strings, or, if it should be thought more secure, with buckles and leather flaps. This waistcoat does not weigh above twelve ounces, and may be made up for about five or six shillings expense. It is more simple in its make than the bag, not liable to the inconvenience of being blown up, as is absolutely necessary to the use of the bag, nor, like that, subject to be torn. Mr. Dubourg has tried his waistcoat in the Thames, and found that it not only supported him on the water, but that even two men were not able to sink him, though they made their utmost efforts for that purpose. If those who use the sea occasionally, and especially those who are obliged to be almost constantly there, were to have these waistcoats, it would be next to impossible, that they should be drowned. This experiment considered as a pleasurable article, to those who love swimming, is not contemptible, but further and greater uses may be derived from it. It would be of vast service to those, who, for their health, bathe in the sea, and even the most timorous and delicate young lady might boldly venture, with one of these waistcoats, into a rough sea. I need not say how useful they would be to the navy, and how many lives they would save. And as we have now experienced, that the coasts of France are not inaccessible, surely these waistcoats might be of prodigious service to our men in embarking and disembarking; as it would be impossible, that even those who cannot swim, should be drowned before they could receive help from the boats. The expense of providing a sufficient number of them for our navy, can be no objection to a nation so wisely and gratefully fond of a marine. Besides, the charge cannot be great; if a single one can be made for about five shillings, surely 30 or 40,000 may be made, upon an average, for much less a price.

Again, it is to be remembered, that the cork will last for a very long time; and the canvas, which would seldom want renewing, is the least chargeable material. I therefore hope to live to see them introduced on board our whole navy; and to hear that many lives are saved by them.

T. F.

A particular method of recovering persons that are drowned; exemplified in the case of a young woman who had lain some hours under water.

This account is communicated to the author of *Journal Historique* for les matières du temps, for December 1758, by Dr. Du Moulin, an eminent physician, who, accidentally, and luckily for the poor girl, happened to hear of her misfortune soon after she was taken out of the water.

A servant maid, he says, of about eighteen years of age, had fallen into the river, down which she was carried, by the force of the stream, upwards of 150 paces from the place she fell in at. But her cloaths catching hold of some piles, driven down for the use of a neighbouring tanner, she there floated; and, some hours after, the tanner's people coming that way, she was taken up. Being personally unknown to those who first found her, she was exposed some time before her friends heard of the disalter that had happened.

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At length she was carried to the house of her mistrels; where she was stript and laid down before the fire, without any hopes, however, of her recovery. In this situation the doctor found her, without motion, still, and cold, her eyes shut, her mouth open, her countenance pale and hollow, and her whole body much swelled and full of water. She had no pulse, and the cafe being looked upon as desperate, the doctor had a mind to try an experiment, suggested to him by what he had observed of flies and other insects, that being drowned and apparently, dead, will yet recover by half burying them in ashes or salt. He accordingly ordered a sufficient quantity of dry pot ashes to be strewed upon a bed to about three inches deep; upon this layer of ashes the girl was placed, and another layer of ashes of about two inches deep, was sprinkled over her. On her head was put a cap, containing a good quantity of ashes also; and round her throat a flocking filled with the same. The blankets were now laid on the bed, and thus the patient lay about half an hour; when her pulse began to beat, by degrees she recovered her voice, and soon cried out particularly, I am frozen—I am famishing.

A cordial was administered, and she continued to lie eight hours in the ashes; during which time the water came away by the urinary passages, to an amazing quantity: after which she found herself greatly relieved; and though for the three following days she was still a little indisposed, the indisposition was slight, and went soon off. In want of a sufficient quantity of dry pot-ashes, dry salt may be used, and, according to the doctor, with the same success.

There were some compositions in vogue among the ancients, for averting the dreadful effects of hunger and thirst, and were held by them to be extremely necessary in time of scarcity, long voyages, and warlike expeditions. Pliny says, that a small portion of some things allays the hunger and thirst, and preserves strength; such as butter, cheese made of mare's milk, and liquorice. The American Indians use a composition of the juice of tobacco, with calcined shells of snails, cockles, oysters, &c. which they make into pills, and dry in the shade. Whenever they go upon a long journey, and are likely to be destitute of provisions by the way, they put one of these pills between the lower lip and the teeth, and, by swallowing what they suck from it, feel neither hunger, thirst, nor fatigue, for four or five days together.

The following composition is an extract from a manuscript scholiast on a book of Heron in the Vatican library; and one much to the same effect, with some others, may be seen in Philo's fifth book of Military affairs. It was reputed an exceeding nutritious medicament; and also very effectual for banishing thirst. Both the besiegers of cities, and the besieged, fed upon it in time of extremity, and called it the Epimenidian Composition, from the sea-onion, which was an ingredient in its composition. The process is thus:

The sea-onion being boiled, washed, and...
ed with water, and afterwards dried, it was cut into very thin slices, to which a fifth part of sesame was added, and a twentieth of poppy; all which being mixed and worked up into a mass with honey, the whole was divided into portions about the bigness of a walnut, whereof two in the day, taken morning and evening, were sufficient to prevent hunger and thirst.

There was another way of preparing it, by taking a pint of sesame, the same quantity of oil, and two quarts of unshelled sweet almonds; when the sesame was dried, and the almonds ground and sifted, the sea-onions were to be peeled and sliced, the roots and leaves being cut off; then, pounding them in a mortar, till reduced to a pap, an equal part of honey was to be added, and both worked up with the oil: afterwards all the ingredients were to be put into a pot, on the fire, and stirred with a wooden ladle, till thoroughly mixed. When the mass acquired a solid consistence, it was taken off the fire, and formed into lozenges, of which two only, as above, were very sufficient for a day's subsistence.

Avicenna relates, that a person, setting out upon a journey, drank one pound of oil of violets, mixed with melted beef-suet, and afterwards continued fasting for ten days together, without the least hunger. He says, that the oil of almonds and beef-suet, will effect the same by their viscidity. Hence it was that this celebrated physician, who knew things more by unquestionable experiments, than by idle speculations and conjectures, prescribed the following compositions, which, in time of famine, by sea or land, might be extremely serviceable.

Take of sweet almonds, unshell'd, one pound, the like quantity of melted beef-suet; of oil of violets two ounces; a sufficient quantity of mucilage; and of the roots of marshmallows one ounce: let all together be brayed in a mortar, and made into bolus-sies, about the bigness of a common nut. They must be kept so as to prevent their melting by the heat of the sun.
A fable, by the celebrated Linnaeus, translated from the Latin.

ONCE upon a time the seven wise men of Greece were met together at Athens, and it was proposed that every one of them should mention what he thought the greatest wonder in the creation. One of them, of higher conceptions than the rest, proposed the opinion of some of the astronomers about the fixed stars, which they believed to be so many fans, that had each their planets rolling about them, and were flored with plants and animals like this earth. Fired with this thought, they agreed to supplicate Jupiter, that he would at least permit them to take a journey to the moon, and stay there three days in order to see the wonders of that place, and give an account of them at their return. Jupiter consented, and ordered them to assemble on a high mountain, where there should be a cloud ready to convey them to the place they desired to see. They picked out some chosen companions, who might assist them in describing and painting the objects they should meet with. At length they arrived at the moon, and found a palace there well fitted up for their reception. The next day, being very much fatigued with their journey, they kept quiet at home till noon; and being still faint, they refreshed themselves with a most delicious entertainment, which they relished so well, that it overcame their curiosity. This day they only saw through the windows that delightful spot, adorned with the most beautiful flowers, to which the beams of the sun gave an uncommon luster, and heard the singing of most melodious birds till evening came on. The next day they rose very early in order to begin their observations; but some very beautiful young ladies of that country, coming to make them a visit, advised them first to recruit their strength before they exposed themselves to the laborious task they were about to undertake.

The delicate meats, the rich wines, the beauty of the damsel, prevailed over the resolution of these strangers. A fine concert of music is introduced, the young ones begin to dance, and all is turned to jollity; so that this whole day was spent in gallantry, till some of the neighbouring inhabitants growing envious at their mirth, rushed in with swords. The elder part of the company tried to appease the younger, promising the very next day they would bring the rioters to justice. This they performed, and the third day the cause was heard, and what with accusations, pleadings, exceptions, and the judgment itself, the whole day was taken up, on which the term set by Jupiter expired. On their return to Greece, all the country flocked in upon them to hear the wonders of the moon des-


From the London Chronicle.

Our boarding-schools for girls.

Sir,

By the spirited endeavours of the humane society, our vagrant boys are relieved from want and the gallows. By the Asylum, our dejected girls are saved from infamy, disease, and prostitution. By the Magdalen house a retreat is offered to the most miserable, the most forlorn of creatures, the repentant prostitute, who may now know where to hide her wretched head.

These great, these noble charities, have been very forcibly recommended to the attention of the public. I beg your assent to convey some hints on a subject I do not remember to have been yet treated of, which, though it cannot be considered in the light of the above charities, is nevertheless of some consequence. I mean the improper education given to a great number of the daughters of low tradesmen and mechanics. Every village in the neighbourhood of this great city has one or two little boarding schools, with an inscription over the door, Young ladies boarded and educated. The expense is small, and hither the blacksmith, the alderman-keeper, the shoemaker, &c. tends his daughter, who, from the moment she enters these walls, becomes a young lady. The parent's intention is an honest one: his time is too much taken up, as well as his wife's, by the necessary duties of their profession, to have any to bellow on the education of their children; they are therefore obliged to send them from home. As this is the case, there ought certainly to be proper schools for their reception: but surely, the plan of these schools ought to differ as much from that of the great schools, intended for the daughters of the nobility and gentry, as the station in life of the scholars at the one, differs from that of the other. This is however so far from being the case, that the article of expense excepted, the plan is the same, and the daughter of the lowest shopkeeper at one of these schools, is as much Miss, and a young lady, as the daughter of the
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First Viscount in England, at one of the other. The mistres of the school is called governness, for the word Mistres has a vulgar found with it: and Mist, whole mamma sells oysters, tells Mist, whole papa deals in salfcolc, that her governness shall know it, if she spits in her face, or does anything else unbecoming a young lady. Was a foreigner acquainted with our language, to overhear a conversation of this kind, and some such conversation is to be heard every day in some alley or other in this town, how would he be astonished at the opulence of a country, where the meanest tradesmen kept governesses for their daughters. French and dancing is also to be taught at these schools, neither of which can be of any use to young ladies of this fort. The parents may imagine, the first may procure them a place; but in this they may be greatly mistaken; as I believe, there is hardly a single instance of a girl's having learnt that language, to any degree of perfection at one of these schools. As to the last, I could give reasons against that accomplishment making a part of their education, far too numerous to be inserted. I shall only mention that it cannot possibly be of use to them, and that it would be of much more consequence they should be well instructed how to wash the floor, than how to dance upon it. I am very certain, there are several fathers of this rank, who have had cause to wish their daughters had lost the use of their limbs, rather than been taught this pernicious use of them, by the dancing-master, the consequence of which has often been, that, of inducing them to quit their parents' sober dwelling, at a midnight hour, for the licentious liberties of a ball of 'prentices, where the young lady, no governness present, may be exposed to great dangers, at a place where the scheme for the ruin of many an innocent girl has been formed and executed. The needlework taught at these schools is of a kind, much more likely to strengthen the natural propensity in all young minds, to show and dress, than to answer any housewifely purpose. One of these young ladies, with the assistance of an ounce of coarse thread, and a yard of cat gut, dresses herself up, in what has the appearance of point, or Bruffels-lace.

How disappointed will the honest shopkeeper be, if, at an age when he thinks proper to take his daughter from school, he should expect any assistance from her! Can he suppose a young lady will weigh his soap for him? or perform any other office, the gentility of her education has exalted her so far above? Though ignorant of every thing else, she will be so perfect in the lessons of pride and vanity, that she will despise him and his filthy shop, and quit both, to go off with the first man who promises her a silk gown, and a blonde cap. In short, the plan of these schools appears to me much better calculated to qualify the scholars to become, in a few years, proper inhabitants of the Magdalen-house, than to make of them industrious frugal wives to honest tradesmen, or sober faithful servants; and I cannot suppose the ambition of any father of this rank, amongst us, rises higher, than to see his children in one or the other of these stations. That he may not be disappointed in so laudable
laudable a view, I would propose that schools for the education of such girls should be kept by different women; those who have been housekeepers in large families, would be the properest persons for this purpose: that the young people should be taught submission and humility to their superiors, decency and modesty in their dress and behaviour. That they should be very well instructed in all kinds of plain-work, reading, writing, accounts, pastry, pickling, preserving, and other branches of cookery; be taught to weave, and wash lace, and other linen. Thus instructed, they may be of great comfort and assistance to their parents and husbands; they may have a right to expect the kindest treatment from their mistresses; they are sure to be respected as useful members of society; whereas young ladies are the most useless of all God's creatures.

I am, SIR,
Your constant reader, and obedient humble servant, C. S.

The advantages of Ancestry demonstrated.

ANCESTRY, however now slighted by some, and indifferently decried by others, has been in all preceding times esteemed and revered. But in this refined and innovating age, when it is the mode to profess a licentiousness of sentiment, even in the most sacred and important concerns; it is not so much to be wondered at, that there are not wanting a few of men, who, from a levelling disposition, speak evil of dignities and distinctions, and have in particular aimed at extirpating the difference heretofore paid to birth.—Genealogies, or, as they more sneeringly phrase it, Pedigrees, they have earnestly endeavoured to abolish; by ridicule; a few leading men of this call have not failed to make a number of profelytes, not so much from their arguments, as from the humour of the present century, in exploding every thing, from which our predecessors derived any innate instruction or enjoyment, as superfluous, antiquated, or absurd, and from a fond but far from generally true conceit, indistinctly propagated by their aforementioned preceptors, that every generation grows wiser and wiser. But the discountenancing ancestry is sure so far from a proof of our being wiser than formerly, that many must be of the opinion it is a direct proof of the contrary. For is there any one benefit it will be productive of? will it either tend to reform the vices of the present, or any future generation? will it augment the few virtues extant among us? will it extirpate voluptuousness and effeminacy, or restore the hospitality and martial bravery, for which we were anciently so renowned? No; it is certainly highly consistent with the policy of every government and state, to inculcate and countenance family honour. This essential to the preferring that scale of gradation, requisite in every well ordered political body; for if all distinction and degree be dissolved, government can never long exist; and it is somewhat to be doubted, when once a levelling spirit prevails, if the unequal distribution of fortune alone will be sufficient to keep the multitude in subordination. Nothing will more pro-
promote a spirit of emulation, than the countenancing family repute; it was in a considerable degree this that heightened the value of the ancient English. — They well knew that the effusion of merit was not confined to the most period of their own lives, but that their good or evil actions would transmit some degree of honour or infamy to their descendants. —

"Twas then family vied with family, which should produce the greatest number of heroes and other worthies. — This was their incentive to magnanimity, hospitality, and many other virtues they possessed. This thirst after family renown, it was, together with a reflection on the example of their ancestors, that animated them in the bitterest conflicts, and occasioned them to meet death rather with transport than reluctance. The histories of many noble families, both extinct and extinct among us, will sufficiently verify this assertion, such as Pierry, Howard, Vere, Neville, &c. &c.

—and there is no truth more obvious, than that if men will not act greatly for the enhancing of their family honour, to which they have so close an affinity, they seldom will for the good of their country; for the more diffused their connections become, in general, the less interested will they think themselves, and consequently the less tenacious will they be of the public welfare.

—Thus, when it shall no longer be accounted of any consideration to be born of ancestors, who have eminently distinguished themselves by any worthy acts of public utility; but the man of yesterday, by the possession of opulence, however oppressively or fraudulently acquired, shall be held in equal reverence and renown; emulation will inevitably subside, and the desire of fame, which has been the source of so many meritorious achievements, will in a manner be extinguished; for every one will then live un influenced by the conduct of his progenitors, and equally Aaron by any odium infamous actions might deservedly leave upon record.

But if the Almighty (as we are told in the Decalogue) visits the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation, and on the contrary, shows mercy and favour to the issue of the virtuous; why are not the descendents of the one, and of the other, to be duly distinguished among men? Birth, on the one hand, is not to be too highly and immoderately esteemed; we should consider that the most illustrious families, could they be traced to their origin, were at first obscure, and not distinguished from the common race of mortals; and that, however mortifying it may be, many of the greatest families that ever existed, after gradually rising from obscurity, to the greatest eminence, wealth, and power, and after having been conspicuous a few centuries, have again as progressively dwindled into extinction. Many such there were, the names of which alone only now remain, which all persons conversant in the history and antiquities of Europe must allow. And how many thousand families of a second class, have there been, who after snatching for 5, 6, 7, or 800 years, a long succession of knights and gentlemen, have after such various periods of time (and often a much less) drop into oblivion, either by a total
a total effusion of descents, by the alienation of their estates (tho' prodigality, profusion, and excess) or by some other human contingency?—Empires and kingdoms have hitherto had an origin, meridian, and period to their glory and continuance; and shall families, which are only so many limbs of states and governments, expect to have a more protracted duration? No; there seems to be nothing human designed for us to pride ourselves upon; these therefore only delude themselves, who, instead of an humble and due deportment, assume haughtiness and arrogance.

As to the influence of blood, or the qualities inherent from descent, though they are not to be inflamed upon as infallible, yet they are not to be treated as wholly chimerical by any candid or rational person. The advocates of this say, it is so very apparent, even in animals, that they wonder any one will dispute it; and many are the arguments made use of, which are admitted or disputed, as they tally with the principles or prejudices of the persons contending; but that which seems at once to subdue every objection that can be made is, that we seldom fail to see the infirmities and maladies of human nature entail'd on polliery. Madness, chronic infirmities, violent and irritable passions, and the various evils of intemperance, are usually transmitted from the parent to his offspring; why then may we not from hence presume to infer, that many valuable and amiable endowments are as often derived from birth? An inherent generosity and benevolence have been the distinguishing characteristics of some families, and various other virtues of others. Children often more resemble their parents by a parity of manners and conduct, than in the external similitude of their persons. This has been observed in orphans and posthumous issue, where neither paternal example nor precept could have been the immediate cause of it. Certain it is, that as there are no general rules without exceptions, so there are many men, who, without the advantages of birth, are possessed of the most valuable qualifications; and, on the contrary, that there are many of a distinguished rank of the most prodigal and odious dispositions; but these last are of an unthinking inconsiderate kind, who by being immersed in a continual succession of sensual gratifications, never suffer themselves to reflect at all, or trouble themselves about those which have gone before, or shall come after them.

But where persons have been observed to be filled with a just and due veneration of the virtues of their predecessors, I believe they have seldom been known very glaringly to deviate therefrom, but to imitate, if not improve upon them, has been a plan they have continually kept in view; may, I am persuaded, that, next to religion, nothing has to strongly accutate thinking men, nor indeed produced so many good and brave men, as their being inspired with a desire of keeping up to the examples of their forefathers.

Such a spirit, therefore (however visionary its basis) it is nationally requisite, should be cherished, particularly among a military people. Our neighbours the French and Germans, seem more thorough-
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On imprisonment for debt.

From the Idler.

We often look with indifference on the successive parts of that, which, if the whole were seen together, would make us with emotion. A debtor is dragged to prison, pitied for a moment, and then forgotten; another follows him, and is lost alike in the caverns of oblivion; but when the whole mass of calamity rises up at once, when twenty thousand reasonable beings are heard all groaning in unnecessary misery, not by the infirmity of nature, but the mistake or negligence of policy, who can bear to pity and lament, to wonder and abhor?

There is no need of declamatory vehemence; we live in an age of commerce and computation; let us, therefore, coolly enquire what is the sum of evil which the imprisonment of debtors brings upon our country.

It seems to be the opinion of the later computists, that the inhabitants of England do not exceed six millions, of which twenty thousand is the three hundredth part. What shall we say of the humanity or the wisdom of a nation, that voluntarily sacrifices one in every three hundred to lingering destruction!

The misfortunes of an individual do not extend their influence to many; yet, if we consider the relations and effects of consanguinity and friendship, and the general recirculation of wants and benefits, which make one man dear or necessary to another, it may reasonably be supposed, that every man languishing in prison gives trouble of some kind to two others, who love or need him. By this multiplication of misery we see distresses extended to the hundredth part of the whole society.

If we estimate at a shilling a day what is lost by the inaction, and confounded in the support of each man thus chained down to involuntary idleness, the public loss will rise in one year to three hundred thousand pounds; in ten years to more than a sixth part of our circulating coin.

I am afraid that those who are best acquainted with the state of our prisons, will confess that my conjecture is too near the truth, when I suppose that the corrosion of resentment, the heaviness of sorrow, the corruption of confined air, the want of exercise, and sometimes of food, the contagion of dizeases from which there is no retreat, and the severity of tyrants against whom there can be no resistance, and all the complicated horrors of a prison, put an end every year to the life of one in four of those that are that up from the common comforts of human life.

Thus perished yearly five thousand men, overborne with sorrow, consumed by famine, or putrid by filth; many of them in the most vigorous and useful part of life; for the thoughtless and imprudent are commonly young, and the active and busy are seldom old.

According to the rule generally re-
received, which supposes that one in thirty dies yearly, the race of man may be said to be renewed at the end of thirty years. Who would have believed till now, that of every English generation, an hundred and fifty thousand perish in our goals! That in every century, a nation eminent for science, flaudious of commerce, ambitious of empire, should willingly lose, in noisome dungeons, five hundred thousand of its inhabitants: a greater number than has ever been destroyed in the fame time by the petitions and sword!

A very late occurrence may show us the value of the number which we thus condemn to be useless; in the re-establishment of the trained bands, thirty thousand are considered as a force sufficient against all exigencies: while, therefore, we detain twenty thousand in prison, we shut up in darkness and desolation two thirds of an army, which ourselves judge equal to the defence of our country.

The monastic institutions have been often blamed, as tending to retard the increase of mankind. And perhaps retirement ought rarely to be permitted, except to those whose employment is consistent with abstinence, and who though solitary, will not be idle; to those whose humility makes them useful to others, or to those who have paid their due proportion to society, and who, having lived for others, may be honourably discharged to live for themselves. But whatever be the evil, or the folly of these retreats, those have no right to confine them. Those prisons contain a greater number than the monasteries of other countries. It is, surely, less foolish and less criminal to permit inaction than compel it, to comply with doubtful opinions of happiness, than condemn to certain and apparent misery; to indulge the extravagancies of erroneous piety, than to multiply and enforce temptations to wickedness.

The misery of goals is not half their evil, they are filled with every corruption which poverty and wickedness can generate between them; with all the shameless and profligate enormities that can be produced by the impudence of ignominy, the rage of want, and the malignity of despair. In a prison the awe of the public eye is lost, and the power of the law is spent; there are few fears, there are no blushes. The lewd inflame the lewd, the audacious harden the audacious. Every one forges himself as he can against his own sensibility, endeavours to profligate on others, the arts which are practised on himself, and gains the kindness of his associates by humility of manners.

Thus some sink amidst their misery, and others survive only to propagates villainy. It may be hoped that our lawmakers will some time take away from us this power of starving and depraving one another. But, if there be any reason why this inveterate evil should not be removed in this age, which true policy has enlightened beyond any former time, let those, whose writings form the opinions and the modes of their contemporaries, endeavour to transfer the infamy of such imprisonment from the debtor to the creditor, till universal infamy shall pursue the wretch, whose wantonness of power, or revenge of disappointment, condemns another to torture and to ruin, till he shall be hunted through the world as an enemy to man,
man, and find in riches no shelter from contempt.

Surely, he whose debtor perished in prison, tho’ he may acquit himself of deliberate murder, must at least have his mind clouded with discontent, when he considers how much another has suffered from him; when he thinks on the wife bewailing her husband, or the children begging the bread which the father would have earned. If there are any made so obdurate, by avarice or cruelty, as to resolve their consequences without dread or pity, I must leave them to be awakened by some other power, for I write only to human beings.

To the above, we shall subjoin some very pertinent reflections on the same subject, of one of the authors of the Critical Review.

"It is but too common a saying with creditors, where they expect no benefit or interest from throwing their unhappy fellow-creatures into a goal, that they do it by way of punishment, and that they will at least have that satisfaction.” In too many cases they have indeed a right to be exasperated, at some particular circumstances that may have attended the incurrence of the debt, on the part of the debtors. But the law, which never attends to the vindictiveness of private parties, beyond what is necessary for the good of society, might surely interpose, without injustice to them, and often to their advantage, to limit the extent and duration of that punishment, which, as things stand, is now arbitrarily left to the creditors, who, blinded themselves by a resentment, not seldom the greater in proportion to its injustice, will suffer their debtors to languish out their lives in a goal, whilst every day’s confinement lessens the prospect of their payment, by increasing their disability. And what is worse is, that this rigour of the law generally falls on the most innocent and the most deserving of commiseration: whilst the unfair debtor, those who have meditated their fraud, are always those who are the least liable to the sufferings the others undergo, in a greater degree for want of having deferred them.

A fraudulent debtor, who is in course prepared for an arrest by his justly incensed creditor, commonly takes his measures so well, that when the circumstance of confinement falls upon him, he has already secreted wherewithal to make his imprisonment easy to himself, and to ease his creditors with his risk at their expense, whilst he looks on himself as in some sort acquitted to them, by the satisfaction the loss of his liberty is supposed to give them. If the sense of that loss has sometimes engaged some such debtors (and they are the less apt to be engaged to it, from their anticipation of that case) to pay their debts, in whole or in part, according as they might be able; by much the greater number, having already lost their reputation, even by the manner in which it becomes known their debts were contracted; to lay nothing of their being exposed by the bare arrest, or circumstance of being carried to a goal, reserve what they have got by their unfair dealings, to sweeten the horrors of one, and to secure a support, at least for some time, without thinking themselves obliged to consult the interest of those creditors especially who shall not have spared them, and whose sufferings they look on as compensated in some measure by their own. Whereas,
Whereas, was the law, which with so much propriety and justice grants to the injured creditors the attachment and imprisonment of their persons, to compel from them a most exact and rigorous account of what they should have at that time in possession, to be immediately secured for the benefit of the creditors, with such reparation and further security to them, as the nature of the debtor’s circumstances should admit; how many creditors would have reason to bless such a disposition? And the same law determining the duration of a debtor’s imprisonment, according to the dictates of reason and humanity, after his making all the satisfaction in his power, (and what more ought to be required?) would not only favour the creditor’s greatest interest, but refer to the uses of civil life, numbers of debtors, reformed, if susceptible of reformation, by such a reasonable temporary punishment, and, at the worst, rendered by the loss of credit, more incalculable of hurting others, whom such a circumstance must naturally put on their guard.

But, if even the case of fraudulent or ill-designing debtors claims the emendation of the law for the sake of their creditors, how much more does that of only unfortunate ones deserve it for their own? And for the honour of human kind, it is to be hoped, they are infinitely the greater number of the two, and whom it would be consequently the greatest injustice, as well as cruelty, to sacrifice to any considerations of the other; even if those considerations did not favour the creditors themselves, or that tenderness for liberty, which characterises our nation, did not so strongly recommend it.

A letter from Bishop Atterbury to his son Obadiah, at Christ-Church, Oxon.

Dear Obby,

That you for your letter, because there are manifest signs in it of your endeavouring to excel yourself, and by consequence to please me. You have succeeded in both respects, and will always succeed, if you think it worth your while to consider what you write, and to whom, and let nothing, tho’ of a trilling nature, pass through your pen negligently; get but the way of writing correctly and justly, time and use will teach you to write readily afterwards; nor but that too much care may give a stiffness to your style, which ought, in all letters, by all means to be avoided. The turn of them should be natural and easy, for they are an image of private and familiar conversation. I mention this with respect to the four or five first lines of yours, which have an air of poetry, and do therefore naturally resolve themselves into blank verses. I fend you your letter again, that you yourself may now make the same observation. But you took the hint of that thought: from a poem, and it is no wonder, therefore, that you heightened the phrase a little, when you were expounding it. The rest is as it should be; and, particularly there is an air of duty and sincerity, that if it comes from your heart, is the most acceptable present you can make me. With these good qualities, an incorrect letter would please me, and without them the fine sentiments and language would make no lasting impression upon me.

The great being says, you know,—

“My son, give me thy heart, implying, that
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that without it, all other gifts signify nothing. Let me conjure you, therefore, never to say any thing, either in a letter, or common conversation, that you do not think, but always to let your mind and your words go together, on the most trivial occasions. Shelter not the least degree of insincerity under the notion of a compliment, which, as far as it deserves to be practised by a man of probity, is only the most civil and obliging way of saying what you really mean; and whoever employs it otherwise, throws away truth for breeding; I need not tell you how little his character gets by such an exchange.

I say not this as if I suspected that in any part of your letter you intended to write what was proper, without any regard to what was true; for I am resolved to believe that you were in earnest, from the beginning to the end of it, as much as I am when I tell you, that I am, Your loving father, &c.

An Essay on Monosyllables.

What I have to offer on this subject may be called a vindication of our language, and of our best poets, who have authorised the use of monosyllabic lines by frequent examples of them, not out of choice, but because they could not avoid them between the multitude of English monosyllables and the restraint of rhyme and metre. Pope, in his Essay on Criticism, exposes monosyllabic verses that are rough; but there, and in his other poems, he is free enough in the use of those that are smooth, and so are Dryden, Waller, Prior, &c. The author of Love Elegies is an harmonious writer, and yet, in the Vol. II.

very shortest of them, if I remember right, he has these monosyllabic lines:

She nurs'd my hope, and taught me how to sue;
She is my saint, to her my pray'r's are made;
One tear of her's is more than all thy pain.

These three in a poem of thirty-two lines, exceed by accident the usual proportion of such lines, which are not above two or three in a hundred; and as for lines with but one word of more syllables than one, which are likewise blamed, you will generally meet with about five and twenty of them in every hundred: but to proceed as far as the constant practice of our most celebrated poets can be of weight; monosyllabic verses are justified: and to prove that they deserve to be so instead of being only excused, as slips and defects incident to the best writers, I shall admit what a certain author says, that verses ought to run like Ovid's, or walk like Virgil's, and not to stand rock still like Doctor Donne's. If therefore monosyllabic lines, under proper management, can both walk and run when occasion requires them so to do, nothing better can be expected from polysyllables by those who are fond of them; and this will always be the case where well-vowelled words (as Dryden calls them) are chosen, and where there is a convenient mixture of liquids and short syllables: though long ones will serve the turn now and then, if they open upon one another, more or less, by beginning or ending with more vowels.

Thus in the first line of Dryden's translation of the Alcmeid:

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Azem and the man I sing, who forc'd
by fate.

Of monosyllables five are short, and
more short ones would have been
too many. The first foot is indeed
a spondee, but the second is a pyr-
rich, and the three last are iambics.
This verse, therefore, must of ne-
cessity run, whereas the second line
of Milton's Paradise lost,

Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal
taste,

moves very slowly, though it has
one trisyllable. nor can it do other-
wise, as it consists of long syllables,
viz. five foondees, and the commu-
ication between the words is pretty
much cut off, by their generally
ending and beginning with conso-
nants. The author of Cooper's
Hill, speaking to the Thames, says,
O could I flow like thee, and make
thy stream, &c.

he has his wish, and flows like the
Thames in monosyllables; and
without doubt the prejudice against
them is grounded upon the practice
of our antiquated poets, who having
little help from the Latin, dealt fre-
cently in Teuton monosyllables,
and those generally rough; and
hence arose the consequence ab abu-
sa ed usum, from rough monosylla-
bles to monosyllables as such, tho'
never so smooth, and from many
that occur in our old English, to
the very few that are required in
the course of our modern verifica-
tion upon any subject whatsoever;
though were they many more, and
not offensive to the ear, it is hard
to say why they should be centur-
ed. Of the four following lines in
Cooper's Hill,

Like him in birth, thou should'st be
like in fame.
As thine his fate, if thine had been
hiss plane:

But whose'er he was, nature de-
sign'd,

First a brave place, and then as
brave a mind,

three are monosyllables, and full as
smooth as the other, though indeed
each of them takes up more room
in paper, if that be an objection:
and now we are upon Cooper's Hill,
we shall find it has many more mo-
nosyllables lines, in proportion to its
length, than any other good poem
you shall meet with; but if, not-
withstanding its character, its author
should be thought not sufficiently
modern, take the following couplet
from the Hind and Panther.

Good life be now my task; my doubts
are done,

What more could fright my faith than
three in one!

And if these two monosyllable lines,
succeeding each other, give you
more disgust than any one of them
would have done, they shall be
turned into disyllables, with a pro-
per mixture of trisyllables, and
monosyllables, merely for the sake
of variety.

Good life be now my task; my doubts
are done;

What more could fright my faith than
three in one!

Here your objection is entirely re-
moved; you wanted polysyllables,
and you have them; so that if the
lines are not rough in all shapes
(which would be another question)
you are bound upon your own prin-
ciple, to be pleased with them; and
yet, pray, why so? as Dr. Trapp
would have said; the syllables in
this new form are the very same they
were before, and follow one another
in the same order, so that of nece-
sity they must have the same effect
upon the ear, which they had when
they were all monosyllables. Sup-
pose
pose a foreigner, acquainted with the measure of our poetry, but a
stranger to our language; shew
him the two foregoing lines, di-
vided into five feet, and ask him
his opinion of their harmony, he
will have no other way to answer
you but by consulting his ear,
without enquiring how many syll-
ables go to a word, or whether there
are as many words as syllables.
Again, take the most harmonious
line consisting of polysyllables that
you can think of, and it will be
full as harmonious if you divide it
into monosyllables, as a rough line
of monosyllables will be equally
rough when you have turned them
into polysyllables; and I have
dwelt the longer upon this argu-
ment, as I think it places the ques-
tion in that point of light which
amounts to a demonstration; and
proves, with great submission, that
the objection against monosyllable
lines is quite imaginary, as it is
grounded upon a distinction with-
out a difference. The most gallop-
ing of all measurers is an hexameter
of dactyls, viz.

Pulverulent a putrim fenuit quattuor un-
gula campum;

and you may compose such another
when you please of English mono-
syllables, viz.

While on a plain we trip it by a grove,

or a stream, or a green hill.

Something like this occurs in the
measure of some of our ballads
when they gallop away in mono-
syllables:

When young - the bar you struck me a blow,
And made me be free of my lips and no more.

Upon the whole matter it seems to
result pretty clearly, from what has
been laid down, that monosyllables
or polysyllables is not the question,
but harmony or dissonance. No mo-
dern verifiers can have occasion
for monosyllable lines, except it be
now and then; and when he has
ter, it is no hard matter for
him to secure their harmony by the
quantity, the sound, and the situa-
tion of his syllables, after which he
will be in a fair way of carrying his
point, by appealing, from a man's
prejudices to his ear.

An Indian Tale, from the Elder.

As the English army was pas-
ing towards Quebec, along
a fine savanna, between a mountain
and a lake, one of the petty chiefs
of the inland regions stood upon a
rock surrounded by his clan, and
from behind the shelter of the
bushes contemplated the art and
regularity of European war. It was
evening; the tents were pitched.
He observed the security with which
the troops retired in the night, and
the order with which the march
was renewed in the morning. He
continued to pursue them with his
eye till they could be seen no longer,
and then stood for some time silent
and pensive.

Then turning to his followers,
"My children (said he) I have
often heard that there was a time
when our ancestors were absolute
lords of the woods, the meadows,
and
and the lakes, wherever the eye can reach or the foot can pafs.

A new race of men entered our country from the great ocean: they inclined themselves in habitations of stone, which our ancestors could neither enter by violence, nor destroy by fire: they flied from those fadflies, sometimes covered like the armadillo with shells, from which the lance rehounded on the frifer, and sometimes carried by mighty beards, which had never been seen in our vales or forests. of such strength and swiftness that flight and opposition were vain alike. Those invaders ranged over the continent, slaughtering in their rage those that resisted, and those that submitted in their mirth. Of those that remained, fome were buried in caverns, and condemned to dig metal for their makers; fome were employed in tilling the ground of which foreign tyrants devoured the produce; and when the sword and the mines have destroyed the natives, they supply their place with human beings of another colour, brought from some distant country to penfion here under toil and torture.

Some there are, who boa© their humanity, that content themselves to feize our chaffes and fitches, who drive us from every tract of ground where fertility and pleasantness induce them to settle, and make no war upon us except when we intrude upon our own lands.

Others pretend to have purchased a right of refidence and tyranny; but surely the inifiance of fuch bargains is more offensive than the allowed and open dominion of force.

But the time perhaps is now approaching, when the pride of riar-

registered
be sometimes read as a model of a plain or elegant style, not for the sake of knowledge of what it contains, but how it is written; or those that are weary of themselves may have recourse to it as a pleasing dream, of which, when they awake, they voluntarily dismiss the images from their minds.

The examples and events of history press, indeed, upon the mind with the weight of truth; but when they are repasted in the memory, they are oftener employed for show than use, and rather diversify conversation than regulate life; few are engaged in such scenes as give them opportunities of growing wiser by the downfall of flatemen, or the defeat of generals. The stratagems of war, and the intrigues of courts, are read by far the greater part of mankind with the same indifference as the adventures of fabled heroes, or the revolution of a fairy region. Between selfish and useful truth there is little difference; as gold which he cannot spend will make no man rich, so knowledge which he cannot apply will make no man wise.

The mischievous consequences of vice and folly, of irregular desires and predominant passions, are best discovered by those relations which are levelled with the general surface of life, which tell not how any man became great, but how he was made happy; not how he lost the favour of his prince, but how he became discontented with himself.

Those relations are therefore commonly of most value in which the writer tells his own story. He that recounts the life of another, commonly dwells most upon conspicuous events, lessens the familiar

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The writer of his own life has at least the first qualification of an historian, the knowledge of the truth; and tho' it may be plausibly objected, that his temptations to disguise it are equal to his opportunities of knowing it, yet I cannot but think that impartiality may be expected with equal confidence from him that relates the passions of his own life, as from him that delivers the manifestations of another.

Certainty of knowledge not only excludes mistake, but induces veracity. What we collect by conjecture, and by conjecture only can
one man judge of another's motives or sentiments, is easily modified by fancy or by desire; as objects, imperfectly discerned, take forms from the hope or fear of the beholder. But that which is fully known, cannot be falsified but with reluctance of understanding, and alarm of confidence; of understanding the lover of truth, of confidence the sentinel of virtue.

He that writes the life of another is either his friend or his enemy, and withes either to exalt his praise or aggravate his infamy; to him many temptations to falsehood will occur in the disguise of passions, too specious to fear much resilience. Love of virtue will animate penury, and hatred of wickedness instinctive courage. The zeal of gratitude, the ardor of patriotism, fondness of an opinion, or fidelity to a party, may easily over-power the vigilance of a mind habitually well disposed, and prevail over unassisted and unfriended veracity.

But he that speaks of himself has no motive to falsehood or partiality except self-love, by which all have so often been betrayed, that all are upon the watch against its artifices. He that writes an apology for a single action, to confute an accusation, or recommend himself to favour, is indeed always to be suspected of favouring his own cause; but he that sits down calmly and voluntarily to review his life for the admonition of posterity, or to amuse himself, and leaves his account unpublished, may be commonly presumed to tell truth, since falsehood cannot appease his own mind, and fame will not be heard beneath the tomb.
CORINNA, in the country bred,
Harbour'd strange notions in her head;
Notions in town quite out of fashion;
Such as, that love's a dangerous passion,
That virtue is the maiden's jewel,
And to be safe, she must be cruel.
Thus arm'd, she'd long secur'd her honour
From all assaults, yet made upon her;
Had scratch'd the impetuous captain's hand,
Had torn the lawyer's gown and band,
And gold refus'd from knights and 'quires,
To bribe her to her own desires:
For, to say truth, the thought it hard,
To be of pleasures thus debarr'd,
She saw by others freely tasted,
So pouted, pin'd, grew pale, and wasted:
Yet, notwithstanding her condition,
Continued firm in opposition.
At length a troop of horse came down,
And quarter'd in a neighbouring town;
The cornet he was tall and young,
And had a most bewitching tongue.
They saw and lik'd; the siege begun:
Each hour he some advantage won.
He ogled first;—the turn'd away;—
But met his eyes the following day:
Then her reluctant hand he seiz'd,
That soon she gives him when he pleases;
Her ruby lips he next attack:
She struggles;—in a while the stracks:
Her snowy breast he then invades;—
That yields, too, after some parades:
And of that fortress once possess'd,
If quickly masters all the rest.
No longer now a duke to fame,
She smothers or refits her fame,
But loves without or fear or shame.
So have I seen the Tory race
Long in the pouts, for want of place;
Never
Never in humour, never well,
Wishing for what they dar'd not tell;
Their heads with country notions fraught,
Notions in town not worth a groat;
These tenets all reluctant quit,
And step by step at last submit
To Reason, Eloquence, and P——t.

At first to Hanover a plum
Was sent; — They said — a trivial sum;
But if he went one little further,
They vow'd and swore, they'd cry out murder:
Ere long a larger sum is wanted;
They pint'd and flown'd — but still they granted:
He pull'd for more, and more again——
Well — money's better sent than men:
Here virtue made another stand —
No — not a man shall leave the land.
What? not one regiment to Brüdhen?
They flurt — but now they're fairly hem'd in:
Their icon, and many more are sent;——
They're silent — silence gives consent.
Our troops, they now can plainly see,
May Britain guard in Germany;
The Hanoverians, Hessians, Prussians,
Are paid to oppose the French and Russians;
Nor scruple they with truth to say,
They are fighting for America:
No more they make a fiddle-faddle
About a Hessian hose or saddle;
No more of continental measures,
No more of wasting British treasures:
Ten millions, and a vote of credit. —
'Tis right — he can't be wrong who did it;
They're fairly sous'd o'er head and ears,
And cur'd of all their rustic fears.

DOLL COMMON.

A fragment, in answer to the foregoing.

So, lost to sense of shame and duty,
I came to town to tell her beauty:
Oh, in her heart, with heart-felt pain,
I'd preach'd my virtue's loss in vain:
In vain the try'd each winning art;
For Doll had lewdness in her heart,
Thus bent to be a fordid whore,
She knock'd at Prostitution's door:
* * * arose and let her in,
And droll'd her cheek, and chuck'd her chin;
While far from whimpers, sobs, or weeping,
Doll curtis'd, and was soon in keeping;
Now in Hyde-Park she flaunts by day,
At night she flutters at the play.
This keeper, and a second dy'd;
Now Doll is humbled in her pride.
At length she comes upon the town;
First palms a guinea; then a crown;
Say, flander says, that underhand,
The forlorn wretch did walk the Strand;
'Till grown the scorn of man and woman,
A pot of beer would buy Doll Common.
Mean time, deep smite with honest flame,
Celia espous'd a youth of fame.
From the chaste bed fair issue sprung;
With peals of joy the country rung.
Again the matron pregnant grown,
Now hastens to lye-in in town.
There, near the Park, Doll Common found her,
(Her little family around her.)
Then Doll began——"So, modest Mis!"
"Is all your prudery come to this?
"Why, but your apron's round, I see;
"You're e'en a strumpet rank, like me:
"Quite cur'd of all your virtuous fears,
"And fairly fous'd o'er head and ears.
"Coy simp'ring maids I find can fin:
"For shame, your belly's at your chin:
"In spite of all your virtuous lore,
"You're now become an arrant whore."
"Fair Celia's cheek a blufh o'erspread;
And thus, with calm disdain, she said:
"That love possess'd me, 'tis true;
"Yet, heav'n be prais'd! I am not you:
"My head's with country notions fraught,
"Notions (to you) not worth a groat.
"Aid'd by ev'ry virtuous art,
"A generous youth has won my heart.
"Yet never did I yield my charms,
"Till honour led me to his arms.
"My charms I never basely fold;
"I am no prostitute for gold;
"Nor has my William added more.

"Wealth
Wealth is our scorn; our humble labours
Aim but to serve or save our neighbours.
See—heaven has biet our chaste embrace:
Behold this little smiling race,
The offspring of an honest bed;
Here, Senegal, hold up your head:
This tawny boy, his parents' boast,
Shall bring us gold from Africa's coast.
And mark these twins, of Indian mien;
This Louisbourg, and that Du Queine:
Their bold and honest looks preface,
They'll be our comfort in old age.
And if the child that twells my womb
To a propitious birth shall come,
O'rejoy'd I'll bless the happy day,
And call our child America.
Thus Caelia spake with modest grace;
But rage deform'd the harlot's face:
Her fiery eyes began to roll,
A hag in look, a fiend in soul:
And now she vomits forth the din
Of oyster wenches drunk with gin.
Nay, rumour scruples not to tell ye,
The stropet kick'd the matron's belly;
Of the fair coming birth afraid:
For black abortion was her trade.

The SIMILE answered.

Corinna, in a maiden state,
You liken to a Tory:
She jealous of her virgin fame;
He of his country's glory.

Corinna, when debauch'd, you hint,
By some false flattering prig,
Becomes a prostitute as vile
As any fawning Whig.

Granted your principles are fair;
Not so your fly conclusion:
The SIMILE is faintly drawn,
Nor just is the allusion.

Expunge Corinna's name, and place
Britannia's full in view,
Each lively stroke your wit pursues,
Is apt, and strictly true.
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Britannia left her virgin pride,
Her faith and former plight,
By Hogan-Mogan wiles debauch'd,
And plunder'd of her right.
He *strip'd her first, and every ill
Of dire Pandora's box,
Transfus'd throughout her tender frame,
And left her in a pcox.
High German Doctors now were call'd,
To prop her constitution:
But what the foreign quacks prescrib'd,
Increas'd the first pollution.
A group of home-bred coblers next,
(The vilest scum on earth
Eled, purg'd and grip'd the wretched dame,
And tokens brought of death.
At length a Patriot Doctor came,
Scorning reward or fee;
Who aided by Britannia's friends,
From ruin set her free.
He eas'd her pains, restor'd her health,
No more her spirits fret;
No running evil now she feels,
But running more in debt.
This symptom too in proper time
He will subdue, no doubt,
For skilful doctors never refrain,
'Till all the venom's out.

Some STANZA'S addrested to no MINISTER nor GREAT MAN.

W * I TH! all thy titles, all thy large estate,
And all the favours which a king can grant,
Something is wanting fill to make thee real,
And fill that something thou wilt ever want.
For is it greatness at a sumptuous board
To feast a country, and to hear thy name
'Mid noisy revels riotously roar'd,
When longer then the banquet lasts not fame?
Or, is it greatness, in the pomp of pow'r,
Each morn a crowd obsequious to thee,
Plead to accept the cozenance of an hour,
When with the levee endeth all respect?
* Some read "clapt."
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He who is great some nobler purpose shews,
Nor feafts nor levees his attention claim:
That which is fit and right he first pursues,
And after finds it justify'd by fame.

What tho' a fawning academic train
(Or fame to learning!) on thy footsteps wait,
Tho' flattering mules, in a courtly strain,
Salute thee pillar of the British state:

Yet in fair history's impartial page,
Penn'd not in flattering nor invective strain,
Truth will report thee to the future age
No statesman, but a courier light and vain.

For, hath thy civil prudence well upheld
The state against foreign and domestick foe?
Was fierce rebellion by thy counsel quell'd?
By thee averted Gallia's threaten'd blow?

Where was thy foresight when the Gaul prepar'd
To seize the provinces of Allion's realm?
That foul disgrace with thee tho' others shar'd,
Yet seiz'd they were when thouwert at the helm.

And tho' once more Britannia lifts her head,
By powerfull nations fees herself rever'd,
And hails her valiant sons, by glory led,
'To assault that realm whence late assault the fear'd:

Yet from their deeds no honour thou canst gain,
Tho' victory's laurels should their brows intwine:
For when did't thou these arduous toils maintain?
Or, of their bold exploits, which plan was thine?

Didst thou secure the harvest of the land
Amid invasion's threat and war's alarm?
When martial weapons fill'd the reaper's hand,
Was it thy voice exhorted him to arm?

Have fleets and armies by thy orders mov'd
To distant lands, and oceans far remote?
And, when success those orders hath approv'd,
Do crowds thy wisdom and thy spirit note?

Yet in the triumph thou assum'dst a share,
Bunting, important, full of giddy zeal;
And vainly so:th, with ministerial air,
A fly of state on glory's chariot-wheel.
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STanzas addresed to a Great Minifter and Great Man.

With titles, honours, and a large estate,
And all a favour'd subject can purflefs,
Can aught be wanting still to make thee great,
Or can envenom'd flander make thee less?

For sure 'tis greatness, nobly to disdain
The high rewards that wait the statesman's toils,
And rather, with unflparing hand, to drain
The private wealth, than share the public spoils.

And sure 'tis greatness, to the muse's choir
Thy soft'ring care and bounty to extend,
With royal smiles her grateful train to fire,
And Attic grace with Spartan morals blend.

Who, such a length of years, 'midst party rage
And veering patriots, with deferv'd applause,
In place, in pow'r, has shone, from youth to age,
True to his King and to his country's cause?

On whose firm credit, ere the terms were known,
Have Britain's wealthy sons fo oft rely'd,
In whom fuch boundless confidence been shewn,
Or on whose word fuch millions been supply'd?

Hence to thy toils each distant nation pays
That just reward which envy here denies;
Hence, future annals shall record thy praise,
And lading trophies to thy honour rise.

Who, when of old the public torrent ran
With boift'rous rage, polluted from its source,
In early life, with care and celt began
To check, to turn, and regulate its course?

Who, unreproach'd, has since for half an age,
In Freedom's cause fuch fublime fent approv'd?
Who cou'd the effem of Sire and Son engage,
By each entrusted, and by each belov'd?

And tho' Detraction now those wreaths would tear,
And break those bands whence all our triumphs flow,
Who plac'd our Tully in the consul's chair?
To whose advice this statesman do we owe?

Say, when Hortensius in the senate rofe,
Who on his rival fix'd his fav'reign's choice?
That well-weigh'd choice, deplor'd by Britain's foes,
And prais'd with transport by the public voice!

Still
Still may the world, distinguished, pair, behold
What bliss your country to this union owes!
Still to the winds her conquering flags unfold,
And pour her strength collected on her foes!
And oh! in glory's radiance tho' the flies
Of envy float, on break but transient wing,
Their harangue rage disregard with scornful eyes,
Nor heed their buzz,—you cannot fear their sting.  

Crito.

An Ode to Mr. Pitt.

Our prayers unbrib'd, unpension'd, rise
For thee, the master of the skies,
The guardian of the land:
For thee, defender of the laws,
The foremost in fair Freedom's cause,
The chief of Virtue's band.
Long may thy light thy country cheer!
Thou minister without a peer,
Long may thy wisdom warm!
For, like the spring, thy genial ray
Improves the sun, adorns the day,
And guards us all from harm.
Behold the ox in safety feeds,
And Ceres scatters all her seeds,
And Plenty smiles around.
Each ship triumphant rides the main,
Bright Honour dreads black Slander's din,
And dances glad the ground.
Britannia now for battle burns,
Behold her genius now returns,
Her foes dismay'd with fear;
Her vengeance shall affright the brave,
Reduce the proud, and crush the slave,
If Pitt but points her spear.
Auspicious Pitt! thy glory beams
On Mississippi's silver streams,
And Ohio's savage shores;
It dazzles Afric's tawny race,
Inspires the noble, fears the base,
And ev'ry heart explores.
Now blest, and free, each Briton roves
Along his hills, or thro' his groves,
Nor fears the frowns of kings:
Enjoys himself (that bliss divine)
Or to the elm he joins the vine,
Or clears the bubbling springs.  

Then
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Then social quaffs the cheerful bowl,
While gratitude inflames his soul,
And Pitt employs his praiseful
In solemn pomp he crowns his built,
Amidst the great, the good, and just,
With laurels, palms, and bays.

Oh! be it thine at last to close
The scene of war, of Europe's woes,
And hush the world to rest:
Bid Peace advance with placid mien,
Proclaim her spores on ev'ry green,
And let each land be blest.

This is our pray'r, when cool we rise,
Ere morning blushes break the skies,
Or Phoebus sips the dew:
This is our pray'r, when thee we toast,
Auspicious Pitt! as Britain's boast,
And ev'ning joys renew.

**Ode for his Majesty's Birth-Day, Nov. 10, 1759.**

By William Whitehead, Esq; Poet Laureat.

**Strophe.**

Begin the song—Ye subject choirs,
The bard whom liberty inspires
Wakes into willing voice th' accordant lays.
Say, shall we trace the hero's flame
From the first soft'ring gale of fame,
Which bade th' expanding bofom pant for praise?
Or hail the star, whose orient beam
Shed influence on his natal hour,
What time the nymphs of Lynea's stream,
Emerging from their wat'ry bower,
Sung their soft carols thro' each o'erl shaded
And for the pregnant fair invoke'd Lucina's aid?

**Antistrophe.**

No. Haste to Sebold's admiring wave,
Distinguish'd amidst thousands brave,
Where the young warrior held his eager sword:
While Albion's troops with rapture view'd
The ranks confus'd, the Gaul subdued,
And hail'd, prophetic hail'd, their future lord,
Waiting the chief's maturer nod,
On his plum'd helmet victory fate,
While suppliant nations round him bow'd,
And Austria trembled for her fate,
'Till, at his bidding slaughter swell'd the Mayne,
And half her blooming fons proud Gallia wept in vain.

Epode.
But what are wreaths in battle won?
And what the tribute of amaze
Which man too oft mistaken pays
To the vain idol shrine of falle renown?
The noblest wreath the monarch wears
Are those his virtuous rule demands,
Unstain'd by widows' or by orphans' tears,
And woven by his subjects' hands.
Comets may rise, and wonder mark their way
Above the bounds of nature's sober laws,
But 'tis th' all-cheering lamp of day,
The permanent, th' unerring cause,
By whom th' enliven'd word its course maintains,
By whom all nature smiles, and beauteous order reigns.

Ode for the New Year 1759.
Written by William Whitehead, Esq; Poet Laureat, and set by Dr. Boyce, master of his Majesty's band of music.

Strophe.
Ye guardian powers, to whose command,
At nature's birth, th' Almighty mind
The delegated task assign'd
To watch o'er Albion's favour'd land,
What time your bolts with choral lay,
Emerging from its kindred deep,
Appellative hail'd each verdant leaf,
And white rock, glittering to the new-born day!
Angelick bands, where'er ye rove,
Whilest lock'd in sleep creation lies,
Whether to genial dews above
You melt the congregated skies,
Or teach the torrent streams below
To wake the verdure of the vale,
Or guide the varying winds that blow
To speed the coming or the parting gale;
Where'er you bend your roving flight,
Whilest now the ardent lord of light

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Winds to the north his sliding sphere,
Avert each ill, each bliss improve,
And teach the minutes as they move,
To bless the op'ning year.

Antistrophe.

Already Albion's lifted spear
And rolling thunders of the main,
Which justice' sacred laws maintain,
Have taught the haughty Gaul to fear.

On other earths, in other skies
Beyond old Ocean's western bound,
Tho' bleeds afresh th' eternal wound,
Again Britannia's cross triumphant flies.

To British George, the King of Isles,
The tribes that rove th' Arcadian knows,
Redcem'd from Gallia's polish'd wiles,
Shall breathe their voluntary vows:
Where nature guards her fair retreat,
And pleads' Africa lingers still,
While faith yet triumphs o'er deceit,
And virtue reigns from ignorance of ill.

Yet, angel powers, tho' Fame bend,
Tho' Fame, with all her wreaths, attend
On bleeding war's tremendous way,
The sons of Leisure still complain,
And muting Science fights in vain,
For Peace is still away.

Epode.

Go, then, ye faithful guides
Of her returning feet, Angelic band,
Explore the sacred seats where Peace resides,
And waves her olive wand.

Bid her the waftes of war repair.
—O southward seek the flying pair.

For not on poor Germania's harraisd plain,
Nor where the Vistula's proud current swells;
Nor on the borders of the frighted Seine,
Nor in the depth of Russia's snows the dwells;
Yet O, where'er, defenting freedom's ills,
She gilds the slave's delusive toil,
Whether on Ebro's banks she strays,
Or sighing traces Tiber's winding ways,
Or so't Aulonia's shores her feet detain,
O bring the wanderer back with glory in her train.

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FRIEND of my youth, who when the willing Mufe
Stream'd o'er my breaft her warm poetic rays,
Saw'ft the fresh seeds their vital power diFfuse,
And fed'ft them with the foft'ring dew of praise!

Whate'er the produce of th' unthrifty foil,
The leaves, the flowers, the fruits, to thee belong:
The labourer earns the wages of his toil;
Who form'd the poet well may claim the song.

Yes, 'tis my pride to own, that taught by thee
My confciouf soul superior flights effay'd;
Learn'd from thy lore the poet's dignity,
And fpurn'd the hirelings of the rhyming trade.

Say, scenes of Science, say, thou haunted fream!
(For oft my mufe-led fteps didft thou behold)
How on thy banks I rifled every theme,
That fancy fabled in her age of gold.

How oft I cry'd, "O come, thou tragic queen!
" March from thy Greece with firm majeftic tread!
" Such as when Athens saw thee fill her fcene,
" When Sophocles thy choral Graces led:

" Saw thy proud pall its purple length devolve,
" Saw thee uplift the glitt'ring dagger high,
" Ponder with fixed brow thy deep refoile
" Prepar'd to strike, to triumph, and to die.

" Bring then to Britain's plain that choral throng,
" Display thy bufin'd pomp, thy golden lyre,
" Give her historic forms the soul of fong,
" And mingle Attic art with Shakefpear's fire."

" Ah what, fond boy, doft thou presume to claim?"
The Mufe replied. "Miftaken fupplicant, know,
" To light in Shakefpear's breaft the dazzling flame
" Exhausted all Parnaffus could bellow.

" True art remains; and, if from his bright page
" Thy mimic power one vivid beam can fTeize,
" Proceed; and in the belt of tasks engage,
" Which tends at once to profit and to pLeafe."

She fpake; and Harewood's towers fu spontaneous fofe;
Soft virgin warblings echo'd thro' the grove;
And fair Elftrida pour'd forth all her woes,
The haplefs pattern of connubial love.
An Ode to Miss L——. On the death of General Wolfe.

BRITONS, the work of war is done!
Conquest is your's, the battle's won,
Loud triumphs rend the air:
Yet, tho' with martial pride elate,
Each heart bewails Wolfe's hapless fate,
Nor taints its joy sincere.
Too well they knew his dauntless mind;
They knew it open, unconfin'd,
Awake to glory's call:
The soldier heard this bold command;
They saw him lead their foremost band;
They saw their leader fall.
One common grief their hearts possess——
You, gentle maid, above the rest,
His fate untimely mourn;
Who vow'd, if heav'n should spare his youth,
With love, with conftancy and truth,
To crown his wish'd return.

Yet
Yet weep no more, but nobly claim
A proud alliance with his fame,
And all his glory share:
His country’s cause requir’d his aid;
For victory to heav’n he pray’d,
And heaven hath heard his pray’r.

His wound was honest, on his breast—
Lay me in peace, and let me rest,
Th’ expiring hero cry’d:
The pitying fates his death delay,
’Till heav’n for him declares the day—
He heard, rejoic’d and dy’d.

An Essay to an Epitaph on the truly great and justly lamented Major General Wolfe, who fell victoriously before Quebec, Sept. 12, 1759.

Here rests from toil, in narrow bounds confin’d,
The human shell of a celestial mind;”
Who once, with splendor, fill’d a scene so large;
And took the fate of empires in his charge.
A hero, with a patriot’s zeal inspir’d;
By public virtue, not by passion, fir’d.
A hero, disciplin’d in wisdom’s school;
In action ardent, in reflection cool.
In bloom of years, who gain’d a glorious name,
And reap’d, betimes, the harvest of his fame.
Before Quebec he charg’d the daring foe,
And, quick as lightning, struck the fatal blow;
By active valour made the day his own,
And liv’d to see the num’rous foe o’erthrown.
Crown’d by just vict’ry drew his latest breath:
As wont to smile on danger, smil’d on death:
And, having bravely for his country fought,
Dy’d nobly as he wish’d, and calmly as he ought.
The troops around him shar’d a glorious grief,
And while they gather’d laurels wept their chief:
Their grief! to whom the great Montcalm gave way;
And fell to crown the honours of the day!

On the Vicar of W——d.

The vicar’s rich, his income clear,
Exceeds eight hundred pounds a year.
Yet weeping want goes by his door,
Or knocks unheard—the vicar’s poor.
His daughter weds, her husband fails,
The rogue may beg, or bite his nails.

But
But shall the daughter serve? unkind,
The match was not the vicar's mind;
Besides she once has had her dow'r,
What can he more? — the vicar's poor.
Tom graceless quits his band and gown,
To spend a winter once in town;
The vicar saw the approaching curse,
And hard he strung his heart and purse;
But Tom's resolves as fixt remain,
His heart and purse are strung in vain.
Slow then he told with trembling thumb
Five guineas; death, a dreadful sum!
Tom saw the splendid pieces lie,
But saw them with a thankless eye:
What then, 'tis not sufficient, well,
Back go the guineas to their cell.
Unhappy Tom, whate'er thy lot,
A priest, a squire, a saint, or sot;
A civil polite, or sage demure,
Or sink or swim — the vicar's poor.
While fairer than her mother's fair,
With sparkling eye, and golden hair,
Miss Betty still divine appears,
Nor feels the force of forty years;
What pity such enchanting charms
Shou'd fill no generous lover's arms;
Be doom'd to please some country boor,
It must be so — the vicar's poor.
To see the vicar once there came,
A friend of equal years and fame,
A brother parson, free and gay,
Who nothing grudg'd the tedious way.
He knock'd — admitted — down he sat,
And ancient deeds records in chat.
A pipe was call'd, he lov'd to smoke,
He spoke, and puff'd, and puff'd and spoke.
Two pipes were done, the thirsty vicar,
Who long had look'd in vain for liquor,
Impatient now, he whisper'd, John!
Bring out the horses, let's be gone!
With whip and hat, enrag'd he flew,
Nor bad his wretched friend adieu!
Yet none for this will blame him sure,
What cou'd he do? — the vicar's poor.
The pulpit oft with black bespread,
To mourn some fool of fashion dead,
What won't he do to save his riches,
Supplies the vicar's coat and breeches.
But then to pay the taylor's pains,  
And ev'ry little trifle drains;  
His wife supplies the taylor's art,  
She mend'd just his neither part;  
A well-known task, and next with stitches,  
To work she falls and forms his breeches.  
But buckram must be bought I fear!  
Let 'cutcheons do for that my dear.  
And can there be a greater farce,  
Those coats of arms shall kifs your a—fe.  
Besides, my dear, you need not lock it,  
When rampant lions guard your pocket.  
Unhappy vicar and unhappy wife,  
By endless riches doom'd to endless trife,  
Content unknown, 'tis poverty they flee,  
And are for ever what they dread to be.

The following is the Prologue and Epilogue to the Adelphi of Terence, which was acted this year by the young Gentlemen of Westminster College.

PROLOGUS.

CUM patres populumque dolor communis haberet,  
Flere et Aemilium maxima Roma suam,  
Funcibres inter ludes, his dicitur ipis  
Scenis extinctum condecoratique ducem.

Ecquis adeat — scenam nocte hac qui spectet oandem,  
Nec luictum nobis santiat esse param?  
Utrumque arrius pulchris victoria captis,  
Qua sol extremas visat uterque plagas,  
Successus etiam medio de fonte Britannis  
Surgit amari aliquid, legitimique dolor.  
Si fapic generosa sitis, si bellica virtus,  
Ingenium felix, intemerata fides.

Difficiles Laurus, ipseque in flore juventae,  
Hem! levi nimium precipitata dies;  
Si quid habent pulchrum hac, vel si quid amabile, jure  
Eto tua hac, Wolfi, laus propriumque decus.  
Nec meriere omnis — quin unque corona vigebit,  
Unanimis Britonum quam tibi nectit amor.

Regia quin pietas marmor tibi nobile ponat,  
Quod tua perpetuis praedicet aeta notis.

Condulcit huc studio vitendi Martia pubes,  
Sentiet et flammat corda calere pari;  
Dumque legit mediis- ecclisiis heros triumphis,  
Dicit, ne detur vincere, sic moriar.

E. P I.
Quanta intus turba est! quanto molimine sudat
Accidit cultro & forcipe quisque coquus!
Monstrum informe maris teftudo in pranalia fertur,
Quae varia & simplex omnia sola sapit.
Pullina esca placet, vitulina, fuilla, bovina?
Praeflo est. Hae quadrupes angula pisces habet.
De gente Æthiopum conducitur Archimagirus,
Qui fecat & coquet & concoquat arte novâ,
Qui doctè contundat arcata, misceat aptè
Thus, apium, thyme, sal, cinnama, cepe, piper.
Qui jecur & pulmonem in frustra minutula scindat,
Cursetque ut penituts sint faturata mero,
Multo ut ventriculus pulchrè flauefent ab ovo,
Ut tremulis circum viscera vermet adeps.
His rite instruetis conchas sint ferrula, nam tu,
Teftudo, & patinis sufficit atque eibo.
Quam cuperem in laudes utriuque excurrere conchae!
—Sed vereor Calypso dicere vel Calepsæ.
Vos etiam ad cenaem mecum appellare juvaret,
Vellem & reliquias participare dapum,
At sunt convivæ tam multi tamque gulosi,
Rehabit, metuo, nil nisi concha mini.

The Dying Rake's Soliloquy: altered and enlarged from the Universal Visitor,
Numb. 3. p. 40. by Dr. Bartholomew.

In the fever of youth, ev'ry pulse in a flame,
Regardless of fortune, of health and of fame;
Gay pleasure my aim, and profusion my pride,
No vice was untailed, no wish was deny'd.
Grown headstrong and haughty, capricious and vain,
Not decency aw'd me, nor laws could restrain;
The vigils of Comus and Venus I kept,
Tho' tired, not fated; in sunshine I slept:
All my appetites pall'd, I no pleasure enjoy'd,
Excess made 'em taileless, their frequency cloy'd;
When my health and my fortune to riot gave way,
And my parts, and my vigour, felt total decay;
The doctors were sent for, who greedy of fees,
Engag'd that their skill should remove the disease;
With looks most important each symptom was weigh'd,
And the farce of prescription full gravely was play'd.

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Reduc'd by their arts, and quite worn to a lath,
My carcass was sent to the vultures of Bath;
When drench'd and well drain'd by the faculty there,
All the hope that remain'd was to try native air.
Scarce a doil in my purse, or a drop in my veins,
To my old mortgag'd house they convey'd my remains;
No friend to affilt, no relation to grieve,
And scarcely a bed my bare bones to receive;
With solitude curs'd, and tormented with pain,
Distracted my body, distracted my brain.

Thus from folly to vice, and from vice to the grave,
I sink, of my passions the victim and slave.
No longer debauch, or companions deceive,
But alarm'd at the vengeance, I'd fain disbelieve;
With horrors foreboding, desponding I lie,
Tho' tired of living, yet dreading to die.

Monf. Brocks à fom Lit.

THEATRE des ris et des pleurs:

Lit! où je nais et où je meurs—
Tu nous fais voir combien voisins
Sont nos plaisirs et nos chagrins.

IMITATED.

THOU bed! in which I first began
To be that various creature, man;
And, when again the fates decree,
The place where I must cease to be:
When sickness comes, to whom I fly,
To soothe my pain, and close my eye:
When cares surround me, where I weep;
Or lose them all in balmy sleep:
When fore with labour, whom I court,
And to thy downy breast reftort:
Where too ecstatic joys I find,
When deigns my Delia to be kind;
And full of love, in all her charms
Thou giv'st the fair one to my arms:
The center thou! where joy and pain,
Disease and rest alternate reign!
Instructive emblem of mankind,
In whom those opposites are joined:
Oh! if within thy little space
So many different scenes have place,
For the YEAR 1759.

Lessons as useful shalt thou teach
As fages dictate, churchmen preach;
And man, convic'd by thee alone,
This great important truth shall own,
That thin partitions do divide
The bounds where good and ill reside:
That nought is perfect here below,
But bliss still borders upon woe.

Ode to Health.

Doughter of Exercise! at whose command
Mirth spreads a smile upon the cheek of care:
At whose re-kindling breath
Sicknes looks up and lives:
Say! where (for much thy haunts I long to woo)
Shall I thy joy-infusing preference hail,
Amidst what sylvan scenes,
Or unfrequented plains?
Say! when the roslice finger of the Morn
Points out the glories of her short-liv'd reign,
Shall I thy steps pursue,
Climbing the mountain's side,
From whose tall brow, in eminence superb,
Fair Nature views her fruitful vales below,
While Phœbus darts around
His oriental eye?

Or shall I trace thy vestige o'er the heath,
Where in derision of the florist's aid,
Shoots up, untaught by art,
The voluntary flow'r?

For well 'tis known, that oft upon the heath,
In contemplation, devious art thou seen,
Or painting up the steep
Of un-imprinted hill.

Or, when cool Evening, in the floating vest
Sweeps o'er the lawns diffusing shady pomp,
And bids the sun recline
On Amphitrite's breast,
I will attend thee to the solemn grove,
Where love stands register'd on ev'ry tree,
Where the rook rocks his young,
And Echo learns to caw.

Or standing on the margent of the stream,
I will survey thee on the passive wave,
Then press the liquid bed
To meet thy Naiad kis.s.

O tell
O tell me, nymph, thy chosen residence,
Be it on mountain top, or forest wild,
And I will consecrate
A temple to thee there.

J. Copywell.

A Tankard of Porter.

Nunc est bibendum.

Hor.

The foaming cup replete with mad'ning juice
Of Gallic vines, to others' taste I leave.
Why should I ficken for exotic draughts,
Since with kind hand domestic Ceres gives
Potion more robust? — Replenish here —
Boy, take this honest tankard — fill it high
With buxom porter, such as Hercules,
Was Hercules in being, would imbibe.
Behold its pyramid of tow'ring froth,
Brown as a nut, and spangling on the sight;
The' some prefer it white as Alpine snow,
Or Cælia's milky orbs! encircled oft
Amidst my jovial intimates, to her,
Dignant goddess of the barley-mow,
Who ever guards, and swells the smiling ear,
Her own libation let me offer up
With thanks exulting, 'till I can no more.
'Tis this enlivens the freethinker's brain,
Great bulwark of the Robinhood debate!
By this he darts his florid argument,
And pours forth unpremeditated tropes.
How shall I speak its praise! this mental balm
To the desponding chairman, vigorous nurse
Of spirits warlike, to the soldier's breast
Impenetrable steel, nerve of his nerves;
And comfort to the sailor in the storm!
Roused from the lethargy of sleeping thought,
By porter's fluid, the mechanic prates
Of late connections, as at night he fits
With twelve envelop'd, over Truman's mild.
Say! is it he, who pleads for British freedom,
This little monarch in his potent cups!
Let he, whose ample mind excursive roves
To where the Prussian hero leads his troops
Against united forces! this the man
Who plans an expedition, lays down rules
To settle politic concerns, and dares
With sage advice to dictate to a throne?

Grant
Grant it! but 'tis the porter's manly juice
That animates his organs, gives his tongue
The liberty of speech, his hollow thought
Impregnates quick, and sets his brain on fire.
At rich Hortensio's table though thou'rt held
In estimation cheap, thy charms to me
Are not diminisht; for secure from ills,
I quaff thy salutiferous stream, whilst he,
(Sad slave to appetite, that knows no bounds)
Drinks in each glass th' inflammatory gout,
"And thousand other ills that flesh is heir to."
Can dear-bought claret beall of services
With thine co-equal? or can punch itself,
However temper'd, or with Wenman's rum,
Or Ashley's brandy, or Batavian 'rack,
High priz'd, diffuse hilarity like thine!
Aburd—before the nodding barley-sheaf
The Gallic vine must bow, and Gallic butlers
To the stout British draymen must give way.
Now when the evening creeps with gradual step,
And wraps the day within her sable shroud;
Come, tankard, to my hand, and with thee bring
The pipe, companion meet. Attended thus
My nectar will I quaff, and fill the room
With smoke voluminous, 'till Morpheus' wand
Slow-breaking thro' the cloud mine eye-lids close,
And fix me snoring in my elbow-chair.

A Drinking Song, from a collection published at Berlin.

E T Euler go measure the sun,
His knowledge must truckle to mine,
I measure the size of my tun.
  And I know it in bottles of wine.
Let Meyer chop logic for nought,
  A syllogist is but an ass;
While I, without wafting a thought,
  Can infer from the bottle the lafs.
Let Haller mispend half his time,
  O'er moss, weeds, and rubbish to pore;
I only seek out for a rhime,
  As himself, wiser once, did before.
Let Bodmer his inference draw,
  And stoutly with casuists fight;
He might as well balance a straw,
  He will never put folly to flight.
And to ages to come, tho' they cry,
'Such men when again shall we see!'
While I am forgot—What care I—
What are ages to come, pray, to me?

On Happiness.

O Happiness, where's thy resort?
Amidst the splendor of a court?
Or dost thou more delight to dwell
With humble hermit in his cell,
In search of truth? or doth thou rove
Thro' Plato's academic grove?
Or else with Epicurus gay,
Laugh at the farces mortals play?
Or with the Graces, dost thou lead
The sportive dance along the mead?
Or in Bellona's bloody car,
Exult amidst the scenes of war?
No more I'll search, no more I'll mind thee,
Fair fugitive:—I cannot find thee!

The Sky-Lark. A Song.

By William Shenstone, Esq;

O, tuneful bird, that glad'st the skies,
'To Daphne's window speed thy way;
And there on quivering pinions rise,
And there thy vocal art display.

And if she deign thy notes to hear,
And if she praise thy matin song,
Tell her the sounds that sooth her ear,
To Damon's native plains belong.

Tell her, in livelier plumes array'd,
The bird from Indian groves may shine;
But ask the lovely partial maid,
What are his notes compar'd to thine?
Then bid her treat yon witsels beau,
And all his flaunting race with scorn;
And lend an ear to Damon's woe,
Who sings her praise, and sings forlorn.
For the YEAR 1759.

An INSCRIPTION.

Within this monument doth lie
What's left of Cælia's gallantry.

STRANGER, whoe'er thou art, bellow
One figh in tribute ere you go:
But if thy breast did ever prove
The rapture of successful love,
Around her tomb the myrtle plant;
And berry'd shrubs, which ring-doves haunt;
The spreading cypreß; and below
Bid lumps of arbor vîta grow;
The' uxorious plant that leâns to find
Some female neighbour of its kind.
With beech to tell the plighted flame,
And favine to conceal the shame:
That ev'ry tree and ev'ry flow'r
May join to form the am'rous bow'r;
Wherein, at close of summer's heat,
The lovers of the green shall meet,
While Cælia's shadé propitious hears
Their fanguine vows, their jealous fears;
Well pleas'd to confection her grove
To Venus, and the rites of love.

To Dr. H——, upon his Petition of the Letter I to D—— G——, Esq;

If 'tis true, as you say, that I've injur'd a letter,
I'll change my note soon, and I hope for the better;
May the jult right of letters, as well as of men,
Hereafter be in'sd by the tongue and the pen;
Molt devoutly I wish that they both have their due,
And that I may be never mistaken for U.

The Beldames. A Poem.

The character which this author has satyrized, under the name of Beldame, he has thus described:

By no degree, no sex defin'd,
Their virtues flamp the Beldame-kind,
Who cringe and flander, fling and fawn,
In rags, in lice, or fur, or lawn;
Whether in periwigs or pinners,
If Whitfield's saints, or Arthur's sinner:
If now the scold at Wapping flames,
Or flaunts a Dutchess at St. James';
Alike, if they revile or flatter,
(Who lie in praise, will lie in satire)
All the foul fillerhood compose,
All those, and all resembling those.

The following extracts may serve as a specimen of this piece, in which,
though there is not minute accuracy, there is truth, elegance, and spirit.

As in the sun's meridian blaze
A cloud obscene of insects plays,
Or with invenom'd sting invades
The quiet of sequester'd shades;
Now swarms on filth, and now pollutes
The nectar of the fairest fruits:
So thro' each rank, thro' ev'ry page,
Wantons the ceafeless Beldame's rage.
Sublimely wrapt in patriot heat,
Furious she shakes the monarch's seat;
Now flooping, spurns the lowly cell
Where calm content and concord dwell,
Well pleas'd degraded worth to see,
Or felons load the groaning tree.

Behold the fiend all pallid stand,
A pencil trembling in her hand.
See malice mix the various dyes
Of fainter truths and bolder lies.
The deep'ning gloom thick spreads around,
And low'ring shades the dusky ground.
There sickness blights the cheek of health,
And begg'ry robs the robe of wealth.
Here, columns moulder in decay;
There, virtue fits with dubious ray.
Now heav'nly beauty fades, and now
The laurel droops on valour's brow.

Around the demon throngs her race,
The weak, the bony, and the base;
Eager to copy, and disperse:
Hence scolding prosers, and ribald verse;
The heaps that crowd Suilla's board,
And swell wise Paulo's precious hoard.
There scandal all its stores unloads,
Ballads, and epigrams, and odes.
Stern party whets her blunted knife,
And flaps the husband thro' the wife;
While notes historically sage
Fill the bread margin of each page;

Initials,
For the YEAR 1759.

Initials, dashes, well supply'd,
And all that fear or shame would hide;
Faithful record for future times,
To harden by their fathers' crimes.—
With liquid fire the goblet crown'd,
The livid tapers gleaming round,
While wisdom, valour, beauty, sleep,
The midnight hags their sabbath keep.
And recent from impure delights,
Fell Hecat leads th' infernal rites.
O'er her wan cheek diffusely spread,
Fierce glares the bright vermilion's red.
The borrow'd hair in ringlets flows
Adown her neck of art-form'd snows;
While baleful drugs in vain renew
Departing beauty's faded hue.

Some spotless name their rage demands,
The name rebellowing thro' the bands;
Some holy sage of fainting life,
A virgin pure, a faithful wife.
And you, who dauntless dar'd to brave
The ruthless foe, and threat'ning wave,
Vainly you 'scap'd th' unequal fight;
Deep yawns the gulph of deadlier spight;
There plung'd,—th' infatiate Beldames roar,
And the wide ruin gapes for more.

An

A work of Lord Clarendon appearing at this time, interests the learned world in the same manner as a fine antique statue dug up would the curious in arts and antiquities. We receive it with all the pleasure of novelty, and at the same time, with all the veneration we usually have for an established character. The history which we have before us, is not in general so correct in the language and disposition as the great work; it is indeed doubtful whether the noble author originally intended it should be published at all; for it is out of the general mass of this, as from the rude materials, that that history of the great rebellion is taken. Yet this work is by no means less entertaining than the other, as it enters yet more minutely and faithfully into the secret motives, the real springs and principles of action of those who acted on the great stage; and as it describes the private life, and marks the progress of the private fortune of a virtuous man, and marks the equanimity and readiness of his mind in the great revolution that fortune underwent, it may be of greater use to the generality of readers, than the more finished work. The style of this history is, like that of his works which have before appeared, full and flowing; but as it does not seem to be adjusted to any critical rules, the periods are long winded, the sentences sometimes embarrased, and the construction frequently ungrammatical. It is impossible not to observe sometimes an over minute attention to things, which nobody but a person who writes an account of himself could think of importance; indeed there is diffused through the whole work something of that character of vanity and self-partiality, that never fails to attend a writer of an history of his own life and times. However, it may be doubted whether these little imperfections, which shew us the man as well as the writer, do not make such books more entertaining, and soften down something of the severity of study. Few books have been more read, or pleased more, than Burnet's History; though, along with very many other faults, it had this in a great degree. Montaigne pleases the good-humoured and companionable reader, in proportion as he offends the stern critics of Port-Royal. On the whole, with whatever faults it may have, this work must always have a distinguished rank. The narrative glows with the feeling of a man conversant and interested in the events he described. The author was perfectly acquainted with the court, the nation, the laws, and human nature; and certainly no person, at that time, had such opportunities of knowing the true state of public affairs, and of particular characters; these
For the Year 1739.

These characters, which he has an admirable talent at drawing; abound in the work, and are often authenticated by well chosen and pleasing anecdotes. As we have given some of them in another article in our work, which may serve as a specimen of his happiness in that way, we shall content ourselves with an extract, which may give an idea of his style and manner on other occasions; and it is itself a passage curious enough: painting in very good colours a very important scene; and it shews in a strong light what mixture of human affairs, by which some disagreeable, though minute incident, are sufficient to take off, in a great measure, the pure and sincere relish of the highest, and most unexpected good fortune.

"It will be convenient here, before we descend to those particulars which had an influence upon the minds of men, to take a clear view of the temper and spirit of that time; of the nature and inclination of the army; of the disposition and interest of the several factions in religion, all which appeared in their several colours, without dissembling their principles, and with equal confidence demanded the liberty of conscience they had enjoyed in and since the time of Cromwell; and the humour and the present purpose and design of the parliament itself, to whose judgment and determination the whole settlement of the kingdom both in church and state was referred by the King's own declaration from Breda, which by God's inspiration had been the sole visible motive to that wonderful change that had ensued. And whoever takes a prospect of all those several vol. ii. passions and appetites and interests, together with the divided affections, jealousies and animosities, of those who had been always looked upon as the King's party, which if united would in that conjuncture have been powerful enough to have balanced all the other: I say, whoever truly and ingeniously considers and reflects upon all this composition of contradictory wishes and expectations, must consider that the King was not yet master of the kingdom, nor his authority and security such as the general notion and acclamations, the bells and the bonfires, proclaimed it to be; and that there was in no conjuncture more need, that the virtue and wisdom and industry of a prince should be evident and made manifest in the preservation of his dignity, and in the application of his mind to the government of his affairs; and that all who were eminently trusted by him, should be men of unquestionable sincerity, who with industry and dexterity should first endeavour to compose the public disturbances, and to provide for the peace and settlement of the kingdom, before they applied themselves to make or improve their own particular fortunes. And there is little question, but if this good method had been pursued, and the resolutions of that kind, which the King had seriously taken beyond the seas, when he first discerned his good fortune coming towards him, had been executed and improved; the hearts and affections of all degrees of men were prepared by their own natural inclinations and integrity, by what they had seen, and what they had suffered, by their observations and experience, by their
fears or by their hopes; that they might have been all kneaded into
a firm and constant obedience and resignation to the King's authority,
and to a lasting establishment of monarchical power in all the just
extents which the King could expect, or men of any public or hon-
ored affections could wish or submit to.

The first mortification the King met with was as soon as he arrived
at Canterbury, which was within three hours after he landed at Do-
ver; and where he found many of those who were justly looked
upon, from their own sufferings or those of their fathers, and their
constant adhering to the same principles, as of the King's party,
who with joy waited to kiss his hand, and were received by him
with those open arms and flowing expressions of grace; calling all
those by their names who were known to him, that they easily asser-
tered themselves of the accomplishment of all their desires from
such a generous prince. And some of them, that they might not lose
the first opportunity, forced him to give them present audience, in
which they reckoned up the inap-
sorable sufferings undergone by them-
sehces or their fathers, and some ser-
sices of their own; and there-
upon demanded the present grant
or promise of such or such an of-
lice. Some, for the real small val-
ue of one, though of the first clas-
s, pressed for two or three with
such confidence and importunity,
and with such tedious discourses,
that the King was extremely nau-
seated with their suits, though his
modesty knew not how to break
from them; that he no sooner got
into his chamber, which for some
hours he was not able to do, than
he lamented the condition to which
he found he must be subject; and
did in truth from that minute con-
tract such a prejudice against the
persons of some of those, though
of the greatest quality, for the in-
decency and incongruity of their
pretences, that he never afterwards
received their addresses with his
usual grace or patience, and rarely
granted anything they desired, though the matter was more rea-
sonable, and the manner of asking
much more moderate.

But there was another mortifica-
tion which immediately succeeded
this, that gave him much more
trouble, and in which he knew not
how to comport himself. The ge-
eral, after he had given all ne-
cessary orders to his troops, and
sent a short dispatch to the parlia-
ment of the King's being come to
Canterbury, and of his purpose to
stay there two days till the next
Sunday was past, he came to the
King in his chamber, and in a short
secret audience, and without any
premable or apology, as he was
not a man of a grateful eloquence,
he told him, "that he could not
do him better service, than by re-
commending to him such persons,
who were most grateful to the peo-
ple, and in respect of their parts
and interests were best able to serve
him." And thereupon gave him
a large paper full of names, which
the King, in disorder enough re-
ceived, and without reading it put
it into his pocket that he might not
enter into any particular debate
upon the persons, and told him,
"that he would be always ready to
receive his advice, and willing to
gratify him in any thing he should
defire, and which should not be pre-
prejudicial to his service." The King, as soon as he could, took an opportunity, when there remained no more in his chamber, to inform the chancellor of the first assault he had encountered as soon as he alighted out of his coach, and afterwards of what the general had said to him; and thereupon took the paper out of his pocket and read it. It contained the names of at least three dozen and ten persons, who were thought fitest to be made privy counsellors: in the whole number whereof there were only two, who had ever served the King, or been looked upon as zealously affected to his service, the Marquis of Hertford, and the Earl of Southampton, who were both of so universal reputation and interest, and so well known to have the very particular esteem of the King, that they needed no such recommendation. All the rest were either those counsellors who had served the King, and deferred him by adhering to the parliament; or of those who had most eminently diserved him in the beginning of the rebellion, and in the carrying it on with all fierceness and animosity until the new model, and distraining the Earl of Essex; then indeed Cromwell had grown terrible to them, and dispoled them to with the King were again possessed of his regal power, and which they did but with. There were then the names of the principal persons of the presbyterian party to which the general was thought to be most inclined, at least to satisfy the foolish and unruly inclinations of his wife. There were likewise the names of some who were most notorious in all the other factions; and of some who in respect of their mean qualities and meaner qualifications, no body could imagine how they could come to be named, except that, by the very odd mixture, any sober and wise resolutions and concurrence might be prevented.

The King was in more than ordinary consternation with the reading this paper, and knew not well what to think of the general, in whose absolute power he now was. However, he resolved in the entrance upon his government not to confide to his possessions, which might prove papistical letters and chains upon him ever after. He gave the paper therefore to the chancellor, and bade him "take the first opportunity to discourse the matter with the general," whom he had not yet fainted, "or rather with Mr. Morrice, his most intimate friend," whom he had lately presented to the King, and "with both whom he promised he would shortly be acquainted," though for the present both were equally unknown to him. Shortly after, when mutual visits had passed between them, and such proceedings as naturally are made between persons who are like to have much to do with each other; and Mr. Morrice being in private with him, the chancellor told him, "how much the King was surprised with the paper he had received from the general, which at first recommended (and which would have always great authority with him) some such persons to his trust, in whom he could not yet, till they were better known to his, repose any confidence." And thereupon he read many of their names, and said, "that if such men were made privy counsellors, it would either be im-
imputed to the King's own election, which would cause a very ill measure to be taken of his Majesty's nature and judgment; or (which more probably would be the case) to the inclination and power of the general, which would be attended with as ill effects." Mr. Morriss seemed much troubled at the apprehension, and said, "the paper was of his hand-writing, by the general's order, who he was assured had no such intention; but that he would presently speak with him and return," which he did within less than an hour, and exprest the trouble the general was in upon the King's very just exception; and that the truth was, he had been obliged to have much communication with men of all humours and inclinations, and so had promised to do them good offices to the King, and could not therefore avoid infirting their names in that paper, without any imaginations that the King would accept them; that he had done his part, and all that could be expected from him, and left the King to do what he had thought best for his own service, which he would always desire him to do, whatever proposition he should at any time presume to make to his majesty, which he would not promise should be always reasonable. However, he did heartily wish, that his majesty would make use of some of those persons," whom he named, and said, "he knew most of them were not his friends, and that his service would be more advanced by admitting them, than by leaving them out."

The King was abundantly pleased with the good temper of the general, and lefts disliked those, who he discerned would be grateful to him, than any of the rest; and so the next day, he made the general knight of the garter, and admitted him of the council; and kewife at the same time gave the signet to Mr Morriss, who was sworn of the council and secretary of state; and Sir Anthony Ashley Cooper, who had been presented by the general under a special recommendation, was then too sworn of the council, and the rat er, because having lately married the niece of the Earl of Southampton (who was then likewise present, and received the garter to which he had been elected some years before) it was believed that his slippery humour would be easily restrained and fixed by the uncle. All this was tranacted during his majesty's stay at Canterbury."
serious good and evil in the world in a light of pleasantery and humour; and as there were in all much false pretence and many striking follies, no man posseffed more strongly the talent of exposing them with all the force of wit, humour and satire. This was Butler. His Hudibras is the most witty book in the world. The posthuminous pieces, though there are few of them perfectly finished, carry the proof of their genuineness about them. Nobody could have written them but Butler. And it is pleasing even in the unfinished sketches, to trace the first drawings of thought in an ingenious mind, and to see in what manner a great master worked; we value the most incorrect sketches of a first rate painter.

These posthumous pieces shew Butler in a light in which he was not known in his own age, that of a profe writer; but it is a light in which he has great merit; his speeches, and his occasional reflections, are written in a spirited and manculine style, and are full of wit and good sense. A whole volume consists of characters; the drawing of which was a fort of exercise of the wits of that time; but to lay the truth, they are rather, for the greater part, motuary caricatures than just and regular pictures. They are forced and unnatural, and tire by the repetition of the same thing in new, indeed, but often odd and extravagant lights. However they have, like the rest of Butler's works, a profusion of wit; and there are detached parts where the thoughts are incomparable, and deserve to be better placed. To give the reader some idea of this way of writing (for the fashion is the same in all that drew fanciful characters at that time, tho' the stuff is here better than common) we insert the following:

"An impudent man is one, whose want of money and wit have engaged him beyond his abilities. The little knowledge he has of himself, being suitable to the little he has in his possession, has made him believe himself fit for it. This double ignorance has made him set a value upon himself, as he that wants a great deal appears in a better condition, than he that wants a little. This renders him confident, and fit for any undertaking, and sometimes (such is the concurrent ignorance of the world) he prospers in it, but oftener miscarries, and becomes ridiculous; yet this advantage he has, that as nothing can make him fee his error, so nothing can discourage him that way; for he is fortified with his ignorance, as barren and rocky places are by their situation, and he will rather believe that all men want judgment, than himself. For as no man is pleased, that has an ill opinion of himself, nature, that finds out remedies herself, and his own ease, renders him insensible of his defect.—From hence he grows impudent; for as men judge by comparison, he knows as little what it is to be defective, as what it is to be excellent. Nothing renders men modest, but a just knowledge how to compare themselves with others; and where that is wanting, impudence supplies the place of it: for there is no vacuum in the minds of men, and commonly, like other things in nature, they swell more with rarefaction than condensation. The more men know of the world, the worse opinion they have of it;"
and the more they understand of
truth, they are better acquainted
with the difficulties of it, and con-
sequently are the less confident in
their affections, especially in mat-
ters of probability, which com-
monly is conjectural, and looks
false nine ways at once. It is the office
of a just judge to hear both parties,
and he that considers but the one
side of things can never make a
just judgment, though he may by
chance a true one. Impudence is
the bane of ignorance, not only
unlawful, but odiously begotten
by a man upon his own under-
standing, and told by himself at
his own door, a member of unna-
tural production; for blame is as
much the property of human na-
ture (though covertly by the phi-
losophers) and perhaps more than
meant, blustering, or boasting a
fright, by which they disguard
men from beats; and the less men
have of it, the nearer they approach
to the nature of beasts. In folly
is but a subtle jealousy of honour,
and impudence the prodigality of
the true, whose face is proof ac-
quainted of infancy, must be as little fit-
able to glory. His forehead, like
a voluntary curiosity, is by his
fights and prints marked a fool. Nature
made man bashful, and civil order has preserved him so; but
so impudent does wear a visage as if he were a hundred
years older than his years might make themselves with.
Chance in matters moral conscience of good men. When
more is a condition that all, nature
begets with a tough hairy cuta-
as, like the breach in a new int-
tellect is with a brawny callous face
supplied. The face is the dial of
the mind; and where they do not
go together, 'tis a sign, that one or
both are out of order. He that is
impudent, is like a merchant, that
trades upon his credit without a
flock, and if his debts were known,
would break immediately. The
inside of his head is like the out-
side; and his peruke as naturally
of his own growth, as his wit.
He paffes in the world like a piece
of counterfeit coin, looks well
enough until he is rubbed and
worn with use, and then his cop-
per complexion begins to appear,
and nobody will take him but by
dealight."

That part intituled, Thoughts on
various subjects, is much better, of
which the following is a speci-
men.

"The ambition of some men,
and the wants of others, are the
ordinary causes of all civil wars.

Governments, like natural bodies,
have their times of growing,
perfection, and declining; and ac-
cording to their constitutions some
hold out longer, and some decay
sooner than others; but all in their
beginnings and infancies are sub-
ject to so many infirmities and im-
perfections, that what Solomon
said of a monarchy, 'It is to that
kingdom when prince is a child,
may be more judiciously said of a
new republic: and we may with as
much reason say, 'It is to that people,
that live under a young government:
for as both must of necessity be under
education, and keepers of
liberties, until they can give the
world an account, that they are
able to govern of themselves (which
a prince does in fewer years than a
republic can in ages) the people
always suffer under too many lords
and masters; and though a foun-
dation of liberty be laid, the
fruition of it is for after-ages, like
the planting of trees, whole shade
and
and fruit is only to be enjoyed by poverty.—For what protection can a nation have from a government that must itself be protected? That must maintain guards and armies at their own charge to keep themselves in obedience, that is, in slavery, until in process of time by slow degrees, that which was rugged at first becomes gentle and easy?—For as that, which was tyranny at first, does in time become liberty: so there is no liberty, but in the beginning was tyranny. All unripe fruit is harsh; and they that live in new-built houses, are apt to catch diseases and infirmities. Nor is it possible to fence any government by a model, that shall hold, as men contrive ships and buildings: for governments are made, like natural productions, by degrees, according as their materials are brought in by time, and those parts of it, that are unagreeable to their nature, cut off.

He that keeps a watchful and vigilant eye upon that man's interest whom he is to treat withal, and observes it as the compass that all men generally steer by, shall hardly be deceived with fair pretences.

Principles of justice and right have chiefly relation to the general good of mankind, and therefore have so weak an influence upon particulars, that they give place to the meanest and most unworthy of private interests.

The defects of good men do not produce so bad effects being un-rewarded, as the crimes of evil men unpunished. —For good men are but discouraged, but the bad become more perverse and wicked.

It is safer for a prince to tolerate all sorts of debauchery than licentious meetings at conventicles.

As those, that have the flower, the goat, or consumption, are not shut up, because their diseases are only hurtful to themselves; but those, that have any contagious maladies that are up, to spread and infect multitudes, are with all care to be shut up, and kept from conversing with others, whom their discontents may endanger, and in time propagate among the people.

The worst governments are the best, when they light in good hands: and the best are the worst, when they fall into bad ones.

The worst governments are always the most chargeable, and cost the people dearst; as all men in courts of justice, pay more for the wrongs that are done them, than the right. 

Princes that have lost their credit and reputation, are like merchants inevitably destined to ruin: for all men immediately call in their loyalty and respect from the first, as they do their money from the latter.

The vices of tyrants run in a circle, and produce one another, begin with luxury and prodigality, which cannot be supplied but by rapine. Rapine produces hate in the people, and that hate is in the prince: fear cruelty, cruelty despair, and despair destruction.

A tyrant is a monster of prodigy born to the destruction of the best men: as among the ancients, when a cow calved a monster, great numbers of cattle, that were fair and perfect in their kind, were presently sacrificed, to expiate and avert the ominous portent.

All governments are in their management so equal, that no one has the advantage of another, unless in speculation; and in that there
is no convenience that any particular model can pretend to, but is as liable to as great incontinencies some other way; insomuch that the work or all governments in speculation, that is, tyranny, is found to be the best in the hands of excellent princes, who receive no advantage from the greatness of their power, but only a larger latitude to do good to their subjects; which the best constitution forms, that is, the most limited, do but deprive them of, and tye them up from doing good, as well as hurt.

Princes have great reason to be allowed flatterers to adore them to their faces, because they are more exposed to the infamy and detraction of the world, than the meanest of their subjects; otherways they would be dealt with very unequally, to be bound to all the infamy, true or false, that can be laid upon them, and not to be allowed an equal freedom of praise to qualify it; for though he may be abused at any man’s pleasure, he cannot be flattered without his own.


The pieces which compose this book, we are informed by the translator, were selected from many others published by several ingenious members of the great and hitherto unrivalled school of natural history, the university of Upsal in Sweden. These were not selected as the best of the collection, but as answering best the excellent purpose of the translator, which was to make known more generally how far all mankind is concerned in the study of natural history. Indeed nothing can be better adapted to that purpose than the pieces he has chosen, which are not only written with a perfect knowledge of the subject, but with a spirit and eloquence very rare in those who make profession of the sciences; and on that account they are extremely useful to excite in young minds that laudable curiosity which is one of the great principles of science. To these pieces is prefixed by the translator a preface, to explain his reasons for publishing them, together with a defence of those enquiries in natural philosophy, the practical use of which does not immediately appear; and it is indeed such a piece of writing as, we believe, will make every body with that learned author otherwise employed than in translation.

"I can (says he) scarcely condemn mankind for treating with contempt a virtuoso whom they see employed in poring over a moss or an insect day after day, and spending his life in such seemingly unimportant and barren speculations. The first and most natural reflections that will arise on this occasion must be to the disadvantage of such pursuits. Yet were the whole scene of nature laid open to our view, were we admitted to behold the connections and dependencies of every thing on every other, and to trace the economy of nature thro’ the smaller as well as greater parts of this globe, we might perhaps be obliged to own we were mistaken; that the Supreme Architect had contrived his works in such
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such a manner, that we cannot properly be said to be unconcerned in any one of them; and therefore that studies which seem upon a first view to be quite useless, may in the end appear to be of no small importance to mankind. Nay, were we only to look back into the history of arts and sciences, we must be convinced we are apt to judge over-hastily of things of this nature. We should there find many proofs, that he who gave this instinctive curiosity to some of his creatures, gave it for good and great purposes, and that he rewards with useful discoveries all these minute researches.

It is true, this does not always happen to the searcher, or his contemporaries, nor even sometimes to the immediate succeeding generation: but I am apt to think that advantages of one kind or other always accrue to mankind from such pursuits. Some men are born to observe and record what perhaps by itself is perfectly useless, but yet of great importance to another who follows and goes a step farther still as useless. To him another succeeds, and thus by degrees: till at last one of a superior genius comes, who laying all that has been done before his time together, brings on a new face of things, improves, adorns, exalts human society.

All those speculations concerning lines and numbers so ardently pursued, and so exquisitely conducted by the Grecians; what did they aim at? or what did they produce for ages? A little arithmetic, and the first elements of geometry were all they had need of. This Plato affects; and though being himself an able mathematician, and remarkably fond of these sciences, he recommends the study of them; yet he makes use of motives that have no relation to the common purposes of life.

When Kepler, from a blind and strong impulse merely to find analogies in nature, discovered that famous one between the distances of the several planets from the sun, and the periods in which they complete their revolutions; of what importance was it to him or to the world?

Again: when Galileo, pushed on by the same irresistible curiosity, found out the law by which bodies fall to the earth, did he, or could he foresee that any good would come from his ingenious theorems, or was any immediate use made of them?

Yet had not the Greeks pushed their abstract speculations so far; had not Kepler and Galileo made the above-mentioned discoveries; we never could have seen the greatest work that ever came from the hands of man. Every one will guess that I mean Sir Isaac Newton's Principia.

Some obscure person, whose name is not so much as known, diverting himself idly, as a wanderer-by would have thought, with trying experiments on a seemingly contemptible piece of stone, found out a guide for mariners on the ocean, and such a guide as no science, however subtle and sublime its speculations may be, however wonderful its conclusions, would ever have arrived at. It was bare curiosity that put Sir Thomas Millington upon examining the minute parts of flowers; but his discoveries have produced the most perfect and most useful system of botany that the world has yet seen.

Other instances might be produced
duced to prove, that bare curiosity in one age is the source of the greatest utility in another. And what has frequently been said of chimneys may be applied to every other kind of virtuoso. They hunt perhaps after chimneys and impossibilities, they find something really valuable by and by. We are but instruments under the Supreme Director, and do not so much as know in many cases what is of most importance for us to search after. But we may be sure of one thing, viz. that if we study and follow nature, whatever paths we are led into, we shall at last arrive at something valuable to ourselves and others, but of what kind we must be content to remain ignorant.

I am sensible, that after all I have said, or can say, many people will not be persuaded to allow that study of some parts of natural history can be worthy of a rational creature. They never will vouchsafe to look on moths and insects in this light. Yet why may not the study of these likewise have its use in future times? It ought to be considered, that the number of the latter is immense, that it is but lately that any great attention has been paid to them, that one of them has been long the means of clothing thousands, and feeding more, that another affords us honey, another a fine dye, not to mention some few besides, of acknowledged benefit to mankind. Lastly, that they are capable of doing the greatest mischief, and that it is possible that a more thorough knowledge of them may instruct us how to secure ourselves against their attacks—Whether this be possible we can never know, till proper encourage-

ment has been given to this branch of natural history.”

As in this contracted scale we cannot give a full idea of the work, nor is it our intention to do more than to excite and direct the reader's curiosity, we must be contented with giving one short extract from the first of these pieces, which is an imitation of the celebrated Linnaeus on the curious and uncommon subject of Travelling in one's own Country. See what he says of himself and his country; nothing can be more sensible and animated.

“My design was, in the little time allotted me, to speak to you, gentlemen, not of the peculiar advantages of universities, or of journeying at this, rather than any foreign one: but chiefly of travelling in one's own country, thro' its fields, and roads; a kind of travelling, I confess, hitherto little used, and which is looked upon as fit only for amusement. I once more, most honourable auditors, beg your patience, and that I may not forfeit all right to your favour and benevolence, I promise to be as short as possible. You know the poet says,

The farmer talks of grasses and of grain,
The sailor tells you stories of the main,

You ought not therefore to wonder that I chose to make travelling in one's own country the subject of my discourse. Every one thinks well of what belongs to himself, and every one has pleasures peculiar to himself. I have travelled about, and paused over on foot the frosty mountains of Lapland, have climbed up the craggy ridges of Norland, and
and wandered along its steep hills, and almost impenetrable woods. I made large excursions into the forests of Dalecarlia, the groves of Gothland, the heaths of Smoland, and the unbounded plains of Scania. There is scarcely any considerable province of Sweden, which I have not crawled thro' and examined; not without great fatigue of body and mind. My journey to Lapland was indeed an undertaking of immense labour; and I must confess, that I was forced to undergo more labour, and danger in travelling through this one tract of the northern world, than thro' all those foreign countries put together, which I have ever visited; though even these have cost me no small pains, and have not a little exhausted my vigour. But love to truth, and gratitude towards the Supreme Being, oblige me to confess, that no sooner were my travels finished, but, as it were, a Lethean oblivion of all the dangers and difficulties came upon me; being rewarded by the ineffable advantages which I reaped from those devious pursuits. Advantages the more conspicuous, for that I became daily more and more skillful, and gained a degree of experience, which I hope will be of use to myself, and others; and, what I esteem above all other considerations, as it comprehends in one all other duties, and charities; to my country: and the public.

Good God! how many, ignorant of their own country, run eagerly into foreign regions, to search out and admire whatever curiosities are to be found; many of which are much inferior to those, which offer themselves to our eyes at home. I have yet beheld no foreign land, that abounds with more natural curiosities of all kinds, than our own. None which presents so many, so great, so wonderful works of nature; whether we consider the magazines of snow heaped up for so many ages upon our Alps, and amongst these vast tracks of snow, green meadows, and delicious valleys here and there peeping forth, or the lofty heads of mountains, the craggy precipices of rocks, or the sun lying concealed from our eyes for so many months, and thence a thick Cimmerian darkness spread over our hemisphere, or else at another season darting his rays continually along the horizon. The like to all which in kind, and degree, neither Holland, nor France, nor Britain, nor Germany, nor lastly, any country in Europe, can shew; yet thither our youth, greedy of novelty, flock in troops. But it was not my intent to speak of these things at present. I come now closer to my purpose, being about to shew by instances, that the natural philosopher, the mineralogist, the botanist, the zoologist, the physician, the economist, and all others initiated in any part of natural knowledge, may find in travelling through our country things, which they will own they never dreamed of before. Nay, things which to this day were never discovered by any person whatever. Lastly, such things as may not only gratify and satiate their curiosity; but may be of service to themselves, their country, and all the world.

To give a few examples. The sagacious searcher after nature will find here, wherewithal to sharpen and exercise his attention in beholding the top of mount Swucku,
of so immense a height, that it reaches above the clouds. The wonderful structure of mount Torfburg, the horrid precipices of the rock Bildkulla in an island of that name, situated near Oeland, and that presents by its name, fill used among the Suegothic vulgar, no less than by its dismal aspect, an idea of the stupidity and superstitious of that ancient people. Beside the wonderful vaults and caverns of the Skiula mountains, the high plains of the island Carolina, the unusual form and structure of the Kierkeesian fountains in Oeland; to pass over numberless other strange works of nature, the like to which perhaps are no where to be met with.

Where can we have greater opportunities, than in this Suegothic tract, of considering the intense rigour and vehemence of winter, the incredible marble-like strength of ice? And yet in this inclement climate grain of all sorts is observed to spring forth sooner, grow quicker, and ripen in less time than in any other part of the world.

Whoever desires to contemplate the stupendous metamorphoses of sea and land, will scarcely find any where a more convenient opportunity, than in the south and east parts of Gothland; where the rock-giants, as they are called, seem to threaten heaven, and where the epochas of time, the ages, the years, if I may so say, are as it were carved out in a surprising series upon the sea-shore, and the ground above the shore.

The philosopher will find room to exercise his ingenuity sufficiently in the Oeland stone, by trying to discover how to overcome its moist nature and quality, which whoever could accomplish would do no small service to his country, and above all would infinitely oblige the inhabitants of that place.

I shall say no more than what is known and confessed by all the world, when I say that there is no country in the habitable part of the globe, where the mineralogist may make greater progress in his art, than in this country. Let any one that can, tell me, and I shall esteem him no mean prophet, in what regions more rich and ample mines of metal are found, than in Sweden, and where they dig deeper into the very bowels of the earth than here.

Let the mines of Norburg, the ridge of Taberga, the pits of Dannemore, Pitberg, Grengia, and lastly the immense treasures of Salbergen and Fahluna, be my witnesses, which exceed all in the known world.

Where do the possessors suffer foreigners more freely to approach their furnaces, and observe their operations? Where are there men more ready to communicate their knowledge? Strangers are received by us with civility, and even pressed to say.

Who would not shudder on beholding those forges, vomiting forth immense clouds of fire, and

† Vid. a treatise concerning the cultivation of trees, published in this collection, and the prolegomena to the Flora Scandinavica, where he says that at Punkyan in Lapland, anno 1745, barley was May 1731, was ripe in July 28, i.e. in 28 days; and rice from May 30, was ripe, and cut Aug. 5, i.e. in 66 days.
smaok, where our iron ores are melted? Who would not behold with pleasure the simple countrymen in the thick pine groves of Dalecarlia, without furnace, without any apparatus, extracting an iron so very hard, so fit for use, that it yields to no other, tho' prepared with the fiercest fires, and greatest expence?"


THE instruction which is found in most works of this kind, when they convey any instruction at all, is not the predominant part, but arises accidentally in the course of a story planned only to please. But in this novel the moral is the principal object, and the story is a mere vehicle to convey the instruction.

Accordingly the tale is not near so full of incidents, nor so diverting in itself, as the ingenious author, if he had not had higher views, might easily have made it; neither is the distinction of characters sufficiently attended to: but with these defects, perhaps no book ever inculcated a purer and sounder morality; no book ever made a more just estimate of human life, its pursuits, and its enjoyments. The descriptions are rich and luxuriant, and shew a poetic imagination not inferior to our best writers in verse. The style, which is peculiar, and characteristic of the author, is lively, correct, and harmonious. It has, however, in a few places, an air too exact and studied.

The ideas which travellers have given us of a mountain in which the branches of the royal family of Abilinia are confined, though it may not be very well founded in fact, affords a ground for the most striking description of a terrestrial paradise, which has ever been drawn; in this the author places the hero of his tale.

"The place, which the wisdom or policy of antiquity had destined for the residence of the Abilinian princes, was a fpacious valley in the kingdom of Amhara, surrounded on every side by mountains of which the summits overhang the middle part. The only passage by which it could be entered was a cavern that paffed under a rock, of which it has been long disputed whether it was the work of nature or of human industry. The outlet of the cavern was concealed by a thick wood, and the mouth which opened into the valley was closed with gates of iron, forced by the artificers of ancient days, to impossibly that no man could, without the help of engines, open or shut them.

From the mountains on every side, rivulets descended that filled the valley with verdure and fertility, and formed a lake in the middle inhabited by fih of every species, and frequented by every fowl whom nature has taught to dip the wing in water. This lake discharged its superfluities by a stream which entered a dark cleft of the mountain on the northern side, and fell with dreadful noise from precipice to precipice till it was heard no more.

The sides of the mountains were covered with trees, the banks of the brooks were diversified with flowers; every blast shook spices from the rocks, and every month cropped
dropped fruits upon the ground. All animals that bire the grafs, or browse the shrub, whether wild or tame, wandered in this extensive circuit, secur'd from bealls of prey by the mountains which confined them. On one part were flocks and herds feeding in the paturages, on another all the bealls of chase tripping in the lawns; the sprightly kid was bounding on the rocks, the fable monkeys frolicking in the trees, and the solemn elephant repofing in the fiaie. All the divarities of the world were brought together, the blessings of nature were collected, and its evils extrac ted and excluded.

The valley, wide and fruitful, supplied its inhabitants with the necessaries of life, and all delights and superfluities were added at the annual visit which the emperor paid his children, when the iron gate was opened to the sound of music; and during eight days every one that resided in the valley was required to propose whatever might contribute to make feliciton pleasant, to fill up the vacancies of attention, and leffen the tediousness of time. Every desire was immediately granted. All the artificers of pleasure were called to gladden the festivity; the musicians exerted their power of harmony, and the dancers shewed their activity before the princes, in hopes that they should pass their lives in this biffful capivity, to which those only were admitted whose performance was thought able to add novelty to luxury. Such was the appearance of security and delight which this retirement afforded, that they to whom it was new, always deffered that it might be perpetual; and as those, on whom the iron gates had once closed, were never suffer ed to return, the effect of longer experience could not be known. Thus every year produced new schemes of delight, and new competitors for imprisonment." In this delightful exclusion, nothing that art or nature could supply, was wanting to solace or gladden its inhabitants; and the palace of the princes was decorated in the most pompous manner. "Here the sons and daughters of Abiffinia lived only to know the soft vicissitudes of pleasure and repofe, attended by all that were skillful to delight, and gratified with whatever the riches can enjoy. They wandered in gardens of fragrance, and slept in the fortifies of security. Every art was practiced to make them pleas'd with their condition. The fages who instructed them, told them of nothing but the miseries of public life, and decribed all beyond the mountains as regions of calamity, where confusion was always raging, and where man preyed upon man.

To heighten their opinion of their own felicity, they were daily entertain'd with fongs, the subject of which was the Happy Valley. Their appetites were exci'd by frequent enumerations of different enjoyments, and revelry and merriment was the bufiness of every hour, from the dawn ofmorning to the close of evening.

These methods were generally successful; few of the princes had ever wished to enlarge their bounds, but pass'd their lives in full conviction that they had all within their reach that art or nature could bestow, and pitied those whom fate had excluded from this tranquility, as the sport of chance, and the slaves of misery."
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Raffels, in the 26th year of his age, began to be uneasy in his situation, and thus expressed the source of his grief. "What, said he, makes the difference between man and all the rest of the animal creation? Every head that sways beside me has the same corporal necessities with myself; he is hungry and5 eats the grass, he is thirsty and drinks the stream; his thirst and hunger are appeased; he is satisfied, and sleeps; he rises again, and is hungry, he is again fed, and is at rest; I am hungry and thirsty, like him; but when third and hunger cease, I am, like him, pained with want; but am not, like him, satisfied with fulness. The intermediate hours are tedious and gloomy; I long again to be hungry, that I may again quicken my attention. The birds peck the berries out of the corn, and fly away to the groves, where they sit in seeming happiness on the branches, and waste their lives in turning one unvaried series of sounds. I likewise can call the insects and the frogs; but the sounds that pleased me yesterday weary me to-day, and will grow yet more wearisome to-morrow. I can discover within me no power of perception, which is not gratified with its proper pleasure; yet I do not feel myself delighted. Men have surely some latent sense for which this place affords no gratification; or he has some desires directions from sense, which must be satisfied before he can be happy."

In consequence of these reflections, he contrives to escape out of the valley; but if the hero of the tale was not happy in this situation, we are not to be surprised, that he did not find happiness in his execution into the world at large.

Though the author has not put his name to this work, there is no doubt that he is the same who has before done so much for the improvement of our taste and our morals, and employed a great part of his life in an astonishing work for the fixing the language of this nation; whilst this nation, which admires his works, and profits by them, has done nothing for the author.

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A Letter from M. Roufeau of Geneva, to M. d'Alembert, of Paris, concerning the Effects of Theatrical Entertainments on the Manners of Mankind.

Not one of the present writers have a greater share of talents and learning than Roufeau; yet it has been his misfortune and that of the world, that those of his works which have made the greatest noise, and acquired to their author the highest reputation, have been of little real use or emolument to mankind. A tendency to paradox, which is always the bane of solid learning, and threatens now to destroy it, a penchant dispositions carried to misanthropy, and an author's virtue purged to an unobservable sence, have prevented a great deal of the good effects which might be expected from such a genius. A taste upon civilized society, a satire upon learning, may make a tolerable sport for an ingenuous fancy; but it carried further, it can do no more (and then in such a way is far too much) than to unitle our notions of right and wrong, and lead by degrees to universal scepticism. This having be-
fore attempted two such subjects, must make his attack upon the stage far less formidable than otherwise it would have been. This last subject has been often discussed before it; more good pieces have been written against the stage than in its favour; but this is far the most ingenious, spirited, and philosophical performance that ever appeared on theatrical entertainments. The author has placed the matter in a light almost wholly new. So far as his remarks relate to small and indigent states in general, and to that of Geneva in particular, they are as just as they are ingenious; but with regard to the stage writers and performers in nations not so circumstanced, he seems to have pushed his objections much too far. There are certainly plays which show, that the stage may at least be made as innocent as any other public entertainments; as innocent as his favourite entertainment of dancing, and there are actors of both sexes, who (though it must be admitted their situation is a little dangerous) have proved by their conduct the injustice of his objection, which makes vice inseparable from their profession, and its infamy not created, but only declared by the laws. We shall give two extracts, in order to convey to our readers an idea of his manner of writing; one with regard to play, the other with regard to the actors.

"Public entertainments are made for the people, and it is only by their effects on them that we can determine their absolute qualities. There may be an infinite variety of these entertainments, as there is an infinite variety of manners, constitutions, and characters of different nations. Nature is the same, I allow; but nature, modified by religion, government, law, customs, prejudice, and climates, becomes so different from itself, that we must no longer enquire for what is suitable to man in general, but what is proper for him in such a place or country. Hence Menander's plays, which had been written for the Athenian stage, did not at all suit that of Rome: hence the faws of gladiators, which in the times of the republic used to inspire the Romans with courage, had no other effect, under the emperors, than to make those very Romans ferocious and cruel: from the same spectacle, exhibited at different times, the people learned at first to undervalue their own lives, and afterwards to sport with those of others.

With regard to the species of public entertainments, this must be determined by the pleasure they afford, and not by their utility. If there is any utility to be obtained by them, well and good: but the chief intent is to please; and provided the people are amused, this view is fulfilled. This alone will ever hinder these institutions from having all the advantages of which they are susceptible; and they must be greatly mislaid who form an idea of perfection, which cannot be reduced to practice, without offending those whom we would willingly instruct. Hence arise the different kinds of entertainment, according to the different character of nations. A people of an intrepid spirit, but determined and cruel, will have spectacles full of danger, where valour and resolution are most conspicuous. A hot fiery people are for bloodshed, for battles, for the indulging of sanguinary passions. A voluptuous
voluptuous nation wants music and dancing. A polite people require love and gallantry. A trifling people are for mirth and ridicule: *trahit tua queaque voluptas.* To please all these, the entertainments must encourage, whereas in right reason they ought to moderate their affections.

The stage in general is a picture of the human passions, the original of which is imprinted in every heart; but if the painter did not take care to flatter these passions, the spectators would soon be offended, not chusing to see their faces in such a light as must render them contemptible to themselves. And if he draws some in odious colours, it is only such as cannot be called general, and are naturally hated.

Let us not then attribute to the stage a power of changing opinions or manners, when it has only that of following or heightening them. An author who offends the general taste, may as well cease to write, for nobody will read his works. When Molière reformed the stage, he attacked modes and ridiculous customs; but he did not affront the public taste, he either followed or explained it, as Corneille did also on his part. It was the ancient French theatre that began to offend this taste; for tho' the age improved in politeness, the stage still preserved its primitive rudeness. Hence the general taste having changed since those two authors, if both their master-pieces were still to make their first appearance, they would certainly be damned. Nor does it signify that they are yet admired by connoisseurs; if the public still admires them, it is rather through shame of retracting, than from any real sense of their beauties. It is said that a good play will never miscarry; indeed I believe it; and this is because a good play never runs counter to the manners of the present time. Who can have the least doubt, but the very best tragedy of Sophocles would be hissed off our modern stage? We cannot put ourselves in the place of people with whom we have not the least resemblance.

The general effect of a play, is to heighten the national character, to strengthen the natural inclinations, and to give a new vigour to the passions. In this scene, one would imagine, that as this effect consists in heightening, and not in changing the established manners, the comic muse would have a good effect upon the good, and an ill one upon the vicious. Even in the first cafe the point would still be to know, whether when the passions are too much irritated, they do not degenerate into vices. I am not ignorant that the poetic art, so far as it regards the theatre, pretends to a contrary effect; and to purge while it excites the passions: but I have great difficulty to understand this rule. Is it that to grow temperate and wise, we should begin with being intemperate and mad?

"Not at all! it is not that, say the defenders of the stage. Tragedy indeed pretends, that the several passions should move us; but it does not always require, that we should have the same feeling, as a man really tormented by a passion. On the contrary, its aim more frequently is, to excite quite different sentiments, from those with which it inspires its heroes." They tell us, that a faithful representation of the passions, and of the anxieties attending them, is alone sufficient to make us
us avoid this rock with all possible care.

"To be convinced of the insincerity of these answers, we need only to consult our own breasts at the end of a tragedy. Can the concern, the pain, the pity we feel during the play, and which continue some time after it is over, can these be said to be the forerunners of a disposition to regulate and subdue our passions? These lively impressions, which by frequent repetition must needs grow habitual, are they proper to moderate our affections? Why should the idea of pain arising from the passions, excite the remembrance of joys which also flow from the same source, and which the poet takes care to represent in lively colours, in order to embellish his play? Is it not well known, that all the passions are sisters, that one only is sufficient to excite a thousand, and that to combat one by means of another, is the way to render the heart more sensible to them all? The instrument that serves to purge them is reason; and reason, I have already taken notice, has no effect upon the stage. It is true, we are not equally affected with all the characters: for, as their interests are opposite, the poet must make us prefer some particular one to another. otherwise we should not be affected at all: but to attain this end, he is far from chusing the passion he likes himself, he is rather obliged to chuse that which is our favourite. What has been said of the species of plays, ought also to be understood of the interest by which they engage the audience. At London a lady interests the spectators in her favour, by making them hate the French; at Tunis the favourite passion would be piracy; at Melfi-

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na, deep revenge; at Goa, the honour of committing Jews to the flames."

"When the Romans declared comedians infamous by law, was it with a view to disdrown the profession? Of what use would so cruel a decree have been? No; they did not disdrown the profession, they only gave open testimony of the dishonour inseparable from it: for good laws never alter the nature of things, they are only guided by it; and such laws only are observed. The point is not therefore to cry out against prejudices; but to know first of all whether these are really prejudices; whether the profession of a comedian is not in itself dishonourable.

What is then the so much boasted ability of a comedian? It is the art of counterfeiting, of assuming a strange character, of appearing differently from what he really is, of flying into a passion in cold blood, of saying what he does not think as naturally as if he really did think it; in short, of forgetting his own station to personate that of others. What is this profession of a comedian? A trade by which a man exhibits himself in public, with a mercenary view; a trade by which he submits to ignominies and affronts from people, who think they have purchased a right to treat him in this manner: a trade, in short, by which he exposes his person to public saile. I conjure every ingenious man to tell me, whether he is conscious in the bottom of his heart, that this traffic has something in it servile and bafe. What fort of spirit is it then that a comedian imbibles from his condition? A mean spirit, a spirit of falsehood, pride, and low ridicule, which qualifies him for
for acting every sort of character, except the noblest of all, that of man, which he lays aside.

I am not ignorant, that the action of a comedian, is not like that of a cheat, who wants to impose upon you; that he does not pretend you should take him for the real person he represents; or that you should think him actuated by the passions which he only imitates: I know, that by giving this imitation for what it really is, he renders it altogether innocent. Therefore I do not absolutely charge him with being a cheat, but with making it his whole business to cultivate the art of deception, and with practising it in habits, which, though innocent perhaps on the stage, must everywhere else be subservient to vice. Those fellows so garrulously equipped, and so well practised in the theory of gallantry and whining, will they never make use of this art to seduce the young and innocent? Those lying varlets, so nimble with their tongue and fingers upon the stage, so artful in supplying the necessities of a profession more expensive than profitable, will they never try their abilities off the stage? Comedians must be honesty by far than the rest of mankind, if they are not more corrupt.

The orator and the preacher, you will say, expose their persons in public, as well as the comedians. There is a very great difference. When the orator appears in public, it is to speak, and not to exhibit himself as a show: he represents only his own person, he acts only his own proper part, he speaks only in his own name, he says, or he ought to say, no more than he really thinks: as the man and the character are the same being, he is in his right place;
always the same, but they have always the same degree of goodness, modified in each sex by their own peculiar inclinations. In England the women are gentle and timid: the men are rough and bold: Whence comes this seeming opposition? It is because the character of each sex is thus heightened; and it is natural for this nation to carry every thing to extremes. This excepted, in other respects they are alike. The two sexes choose to live aloneder; they are both fond of good eating; both retire after dinner, the men to the bottle, the women to the tea: both fit down to play without any violent eagerness, and seem to make rather a trade of it, than a passion; both have a great respect for decency; both do honour to the conjugal vow; and if ever they violate their fidelity, they do not boast of the violation; they are both fond of domestic quiet; they are both remarkable for taciturnity; they are both difficult to move; they are both hurried by their passions; in both love is terrible and tragical; it determines the fate of their days, the consequence is nothing less, says Muralt, than to lofe either their reason or life: finally, they are both fond of the country, and the English ladies are so well delighted in wandering alone in their parks, as in thewning themselves at Vauxhall. From this general taste for solitude, arifeth that for meditation, and romances, with which England is over-run. Thus both sexes, more recollected within themselves, are left influence by foollish modes, have a greater relish for the real pleasures of life, and fludy lefts to appear than to be happy.

I have quoted the English thro' preference, because of all nations in the world, there is none where the manners of the two sexes seem to differ more at first sight. From the relation between men and women in that country, we may conclude for every other. The whole difference consists in this, that the life of the females continually shews their manners; whereas that of the men being more lost in the uniformity of business, you cannot judge rightly of them without seeing them in their pleasures. If you will therefore know the men, you must study the women. This is a general maxim, and so far all the world would agree with me. But if I should add, that the virtues of the fair sex, are to be found no where but in a retired life; that the peaceful care of a family is their peculiar province; that their dignity consists in modesty; that bashfulness is the inseparable companion of chastity; that to court the looks of men is a proof of corruption; and that every woman, who is fond of shewing her charms, brings dishonour on her person: instantly I hear the noise of this new-fangled philosophy, which has its rise and declension in the corner of a large city, and would tain life the voice of nature and all mankind.

The Theory of Moral Sentiments, by Adam Smith, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Glasgow.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, confidently with the brevity of our design, to give the reader a proper idea of this excellent work. A dry abstract of the system would convey no juster idea of it, than the skeleton of a departed beauty would of
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of her form when she was alive; at the same time the work is so well methodized, the parts grow so naturally and gracefully out of each other, that it would be doing it equal injustice to shew it by broken and detached pieces. There will, in a work of this kind, always be great deficiencies; but we are far from professing to make our accounts fland to the reader in the place of the books on which we remark. Had we thought that this in any degree would happen, we should certainly think ourselves obliged totally to omit this article in the Register, as it would be an effect the farthest in the world from our design, which is in the strongest manner to recommend to the attention of our readers, some of these books which we think deserving of it; we chuse none which we cannot recommend; we give our judgment with candour and impartiality; but never aiming to impose our opinions dogmatically on the public, we think it but justice to the authors and the readers, to give some specimen, however imperfect, of each writer's way of thinking and expression. We mean to raise, not to satisfy curiosity.

There have been of late many books written on our moral duties, and our moral sensibilities. One would have thought the matter had been exhausted. But this author has struck out a new, and at the same time a perfectly natural road of speculation on this subject. Had it been only an ingenious novelty on any other subject, it might have been praised; but with regard to morals, nothing could be more dangerous. We conceive, that here the theory is in all its essential parts just, and founded on truth and nature. The author seeks for the foundation of the just, the fit, the proper, the decent, in our most common and most allowed passions; and making approbation and dish-approbation the tests of virtue and vice, and shewing that those are founded on sympathy, he raises from this simple truth, one of the most beautiful fabrics of moral theory, that has perhaps ever appeared. The illustrations are numerous and happy, and shew the author to be a man of uncommon observation. His language is easy and spirited, and puts things before you in the fullest light; it is rather painting than writing. We infer the first fiction, as it concerns sympathy, the basis of his theory; and as it exhibits equally with any of the rest, an idea of his style and manner.

Of Sympathy.

"How selfish forever man may be supposed, there are evidently some principles in his nature, which interest him in the fortune of others, and render their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it except the pleasure of seeing it. Of this kind is pity or compassion, the emotion which we feel for the misery of others, when we either see it, or are made to conceive it in a very lively manner. That we often derive sorrow from the sorrow of others, is too obvious to require any instance to prove it; for this sentiment, like all the other original passions of human nature, is by no means confined to the virtuous and humane, though they perhaps may feel it with the most exquisite sensibility. The greatest ruffian, the most hardened violator
of the laws of society, is not altogether without it.

As we have no immediate experience of what other men feel, we can form no idea of the manner in which they are affected, but by conceiving what we ourselves should feel in the like situation. Though our brother is upon the rack, as long as we are at our own ease, our senses will never inform us of what he suffers. They never did, nor ever can carry us beyond our own persons, and it is by the imagination only, that we can form any conception of what are his sensations. Neither can that faculty help us to this any other way, than by representing to us what would be our own, if we were in his case. It is the impressions of our own senses only, not those of his, which our imaginations copy. By the imagination we place ourselves in his situation, we conceive ourselves enduring all the same torments, we enter as it were into his body, and become in some measure him, and thence form some idea of his sensations; and even feel something, which, tho' weaker in degree, is not altogether unlike them. His agonies, when they are thus brought home to ourselves, when we have thus adopted and made them our own, begin at last to affect us, and we then tremble and shudder, at the thought of what he feels. For as to be in pain or distress of any kind excites the most excessive sorrow, so to conceive or to imagine that we are in it, excites some degree of the same emotion, in proportion to the vivacity or delites of the conception.

That this is the source of our fellow sentiments for the misery of others, that it is by changing places in fancy with the sufferer, that we come either to conceive or be affected by what he feels, may be demonstrated by many obvious observations, if it should not be thought sufficiently evident of itself. When we see a stroke aimed and just ready to fall upon the leg or arm of another person, we naturally shrink and draw back our own leg, or our own arm; and when it does fall, we feel it in some measure, and are hurt by it as well as the sufferer. The mob, when they are gazing at a dancer on the black rope, naturally writhe and twist, and balance their own bodies, as they see him do, and as they feel that they themselves must do in his situation. Persons of delicate fibres, and a weak constitution of body, complain, that in looking on the sores and ulcers that are exposed by beggars on the streets, they are apt to feel an itching or uneasy sensation in the corresponding part of their own bodies. The horror which they conceive at the misery of those wretches affects that particular part in themselves, more than any other; because that horror arises from conceiving what they themselves would suffer, if they really were the wretches whom they are looking upon, and if that particular part in themselves was actually affected in the same miserable manner. The very force of this conception is sufficient, in their feeble frames, to produce that itching or uneasy sensation complained of. Men of the most robust make, observe that in looking upon sore eyes they often feel a very sensible forebodings in their own, which proceeds from the same reason; that organ being in the strongest man more delicate than any other part of the body is in the weakest.
Neither is it those circumstances only, which create pain or sorrow, that call forth our fellow-feeling. Whatever is the passion which arises from any object in the person principally concerned, an analogous emotion springs up, at the thought of his situation, in the breast of every attentive spectator. Our joy for the deliverance of those heroes of tragedy or romance who interest us, is as sincere as our grief for their distresses, and our fellow-feeling with their sufferings is not more real than with their happiness. We enter into their gratitude towards those faithful friends, who did not desert them in their difficulties; and we heartily go along with their resentment against those perfidious traitors, who injured, abandoned, or deceived them. In every passion, of which the mind of man is susceptible, the emotions of the bystander always correspond to what, by bringing the case home to himself, he imagines, should be the sentiments of the sufferer.

Pity and compassion are words appropriated to signify our fellow-feeling with the sorrow of others. Sympathy, though its meaning was, perhaps, originally the same, may now, however, without much impropriety, be made use of to denote our fellow-feeling with any passion whatever.

Upon some occasions sympathy may seem to arise merely from the view of a certain emotion in another person. The passions, upon some occasions, may seem to be transferred from one man to another, insensibly, and unresisted to any knowledge of what excited them in the person principally concerned. Grief and joy, for example, strongly expressed in the look and gestures of any one, at once affect the spectator with some degree of a like painful or agreeable emotion. A smiling face is, to every body that sees it, a cheerful object; as a sorrowful countenance, on the other hand, is a melancholy one.

This, however, does not hold universally with regard to every passion. There are some of which the expressions excite no sort of sympathy, but before we are acquainted with what gave occasion to them, serve rather to disgust and provoke us against them. The furious behaviour of an angry man is more likely to excite us against himself, than against his enemies. As we are not acquainted with his provocation, we cannot bring the case home to ourselves, nor conceive any thing like the passions which it excites. But we plainly see what is the situation of those with whom he is angry, and to what violence they may be exposed from his enraged adversary. We readily, therefore, sympathize with their fear or repentance, and are immediately disposed to take part against the man, from whom they appear to be in so much danger.

If the very appearances of grief and joy inspire us with some degree of the like emotions, it is because they suggest to us the general idea of some good or bad fortune that has befallen the person in whom we observe them; and in those passions this is sufficient to have some little influence upon us. The effects of grief and joy terminate in the person who feels these emotions, of which the expressions do not, like those of resentment, suggest to us the idea of any other person for whom we are concerned, and whose interests are opposite to his. The general
general idea of good or bad fortune, therefore, creates some concern for the person who has met with it; but the general idea of provocation excites no sympathy with the anger of the man who has received it. Nature, it seems, teaches us to be more averse to enter into this passion, and, till informed of its cause, to be disposed rather to take part against it.

Even our sympathy with the grief or joy of another, before we are informed of the cause of either, is always extremely imperfect. General laments, which express nothing but the anguish of the sufferer, create rather a curiosity to enquire into his situation, along with some disposition to sympathize with him, than actual sympathy that is very sensible. The first question that we ask is, What has befallen you? Till this be answered, the we are uneasy, both from the vague idea of his misfortune, and still more from torturing ourselves with conjectures about what it may be, yet our fellow-feeling is not very considerable.

Sympathy, therefore, does not arise so much from the view of the passion, as from that of the situation which excites it. We sometimes feel for another a passion of which he himself seems to be altogether incapable; because when we put ourselves in his case, that passion arises in our breast from the imagination, though it does not in his from the reality. We blush for the impudence and rudeness of another, though he himself appears to have no sense of the impropriety of his own behaviour, because we cannot help feeling with what confusion we ourselves should be covered, had we behaved in so absurd a manner.

Of all the calamities to which the condition of mortality exposes mankind, the loss of reason appears, to those who have the least spark of humanity, by far the most dreadful, and they behold that last stage of human wretchedness with deeper commiseration than any other. But the poor wretch, who is in it, laughs and sings perhaps, and is altogether insensible of his own misery. The anguish which humanity feels, therefore, at the sight of such an object, cannot be the reflection of any sentiment of the sufferer. The compassion of the spectator must arise altogether from the consideration of what he himself would feel if he was reduced to the same unhappy situation, and, what perhaps is impossible, was at the same time able to regard it with his present reason and judgment.

What are the pangs of a mother when she hears the moaning of her infant, that during the agony of distress cannot express what it feels? In her idea of what it suffers, she joins, to its real helplessness, her own consciousness of that helplessness, and her own terrors for the unknown consequences of its disorder; and out of all these forms, for her own sorrow, the most complete image of misery and distress. The infant, however, feels only the uneasiness of the present instant, which can never be great. With regard to the future it is perfectly secure, and in its thoughtlessness and want of forethought, posesses an antidote against fear and anxiety, the great tormentors of the human breast, from which reason and philosophy will in vain attempt to defend it when it grows up to a man.

We sympathize even with the dead, and overlooking what is of real importance in their situation, that awful
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awful futurity which awaits them, we are chiefly affected by those circumstances which strike our senses, but can have no influence upon their happiness. It is miserable, we think, to be deprived of the light of the sun; to be shut out from life and conversation; to be laid in the cold grave a prey to corruption and the reptiles of the earth; to be no more thought of in this world, but to be obliterated in a little time from the affections and almost from the memory of their dearest friends and relations. Surely, we imagine, we can never feel too much for those who have suffered a dreadful calamity. The tribute of our fellow-feeling seems doubly due to them now when they are in danger of being forgot by every body: and, by the vain honours which we pay to their memory, we endeavour, for our own misery, artificially to keep alive our melancholy remembrance of their misfortune. That our sympathy can afford them no consolation, seems to be an addition to their calamity; and to think that all we can do is unavailing; and that, what alleviates all other diftre's, the regret, love, and the lamentation of their friends, can yield no comfort to them, serves only to exasperate our feene of the misery. The happiness of the dead, however, most assuredly is affected by none of these circumstances; nor is it the thought of these things which can ever disturb the security of their repose. The idea of that dreary and endless melancholy, which the fancy naturally ascribes to their condition, arises altogether from our joining to the change which has been produced upon them, our own consciousness of that change, from our putting ourselves in their situation, and from our lodging, if I may be allowed to say so, our own living souls in their inanimated bodies, and thence conceiving what would be our emotions in this case. It is this very illusion of the imagination which renders the foresight of our own dissolution so terrible to us, and the idea of those circumstances, which undoubtedly can give us no pain when we are dead, makes us miserable while we are alive. And from thence arises one of the most important principles in human nature, the dread of death, the great poison to the happiness, but the great restraint upon the injustice of mankind, which, while it afflict and mortifies the individuals, guards and protects the society.”

The history of Scotland, during the reigns of Queen Mary and King James VI., till his accession to the crown of England. With a review of the Scottish history previous to that period; and an appendix containing original papers. By William Robertson, D.D. minister of Lady Yofler's Edinburgh. In two volumes Quarto. A. Millar, in the Strand.
important and interesting in itself. The history of Scotland furnished
him with a long detail of facts prior to their great revolution in re-
iligion and in political connections; but he has happily thrown all of
that aside, except what does in some measure lead to and explain the
great events of that interesting pe-
riod. And after the accession of
James I. to the crown of England,
he again contracts his plan, and
satisfies himself with a general view
of the state of Scotland to the Union;
sensible that from this period the
affairs of that kingdom naturally
made part of the English history, and
that they could not be treated of separately, but in a disorderly
and unconnected manner. The same
judgment appears every where in
the conduct of the work; the reader
is never tired, and pays as little for
a great deal of instruction as can be
imagined. He is admirable for the
clearness with which he states all
the points relative to politics and
manner, that may make for the
illustration of his narrative; and no-
body ever introduced or made them
blend with the body of the story
with more propriety or grace; his
account of the ancient feudal con-
sitution is one of the best specimens
of his dexterity in this way.

At the time when Robert
Bruce began his reign in Scotland,
the same form of government was
established in all the kingdoms of
Europe. And the surprising simi-
larity in their constitution and
laws, demonstrates that the nations
which overthrew the Roman em-
pire, and erected their kingdoms,
though divided into different tribes,
not for their leader, but for themselves; and being free in their own country, renounced not their liberty when they acquired new settlements. They did not exterminate the ancient inhabitants of the countries which they had subdued, but reizing the greater part of their lands, they took their persons under protection. And the difficulty of maintaining a new conquest, as well as the danger of being attacked by new invaders, rendering it necessary to be always in a posture of defence, the form of government which they established, was altogether military, and nearly resembling that to which they had been accustomed in their native country. Their general still continuing to be the head of the colony, part of the conquered lands were allotted to him; the remainder, under the name of beneficio or jeft, was divided amongst his principal officers. As the common safety required that these officers should, upon all occasions, be ready to appear in arms, for the common defence, and should continue obedient to their general, they bound themselves to take the field, when called, and to serve him with a number of men in proportion to the extent of their territory. Their great officers again parcelled out their lands among their followers, and annexed the same condition to the grant. A feudal kingdom was properly the encampment of a great army; military ideas predominated, military suibordination established, and the possession of land was the pay which soldiers received for their personal service. In consequence of these notions, the possession of land was granted during pleasure only, and Kings were elective. In other words, an officer disagreeable to his general was deprived of his pay, and the person who was most capable of conducting an army, was chosen to command it. Such were the first rulers, or in reality, of feudal government.

But long before the beginning of the fourteenth century, the feudal system had undergone many changes, of which the following were most considerable. Kings formerly elective, were then hereditary; and fees granted at first during pleasure, descended from father to son, and were become perpetual. These changes, not less advantageous to the nobles than to the prince, made no alteration in the aristocratical spirit of the feudal constitution. The King, who at a distance seemed to be invested with majesty and power, appears, at a nearer view, to possess none of those advantages, which belong on monarchs their grandeur and authority. His revenues were scanty; he had not a standing army; and he enjoyed no proper jurisdiction.

At a time when pomp and splendor were unknown, even in the palaces of Kings; when the officers of the crown received little salary besides the fees and perquisites of their office; when embassies to foreign courts were rare; when armies were composed of soldiers who served without pay; it was not necessary that a King should possess a great revenue; nor did the condition of Europe, in those ages, allow its princes to be opulent. Commerce made little progress in the kingdoms, where the feudal government was established. Institutions, which had no other object but to inspire a martial spirit, to train men to be soldiers, and to make arms the only honourable profession, naturally discouraged the commercial arts. The revenues,
arising from the taxes imposed on the different branches of commerce, were by consequence inconsiderable, and the prince's treasury received little supply from a source, which among a trading people, flows with such abundance, and is almost inexhaustible. A fixed tax was not levied even on land; such a burthen then would have appeared intolerable to men who received their eiiates as the reward of their valour, and who considered their service in the field as a full retribution for what they possessed. The King's demesnes, or the portion of land which he still retained in his own hands unalienated, furnished subsistence to his court, and defrayed the ordinary expenses of government.* The only fixed taxes which the feudal law obliged vassals to pay to the King, or to those of whom they held their lands, were three; one when his eldest son was made a knight; another when his eldest daughter was married; and a third to ransom him if he should happen to be taken prisoner. Besides these the King received the feudal casualties of the ward, marriage, &c. of his own vassals. And, on some extraordinary occasions, his subjects granted him an aid, which they distinguished by the name of a benevolence, in order to declare that he received it not in consequence of any right, but as a gift, flowing from their good will †. All these added together, produced a revenue, scanty and precarious, which far from enabling the King to attempt any thing that could excite the jealousy or fear of the nobles, kept him in continual indigence, anxiety, and dependence.

Nor could the King supply the defect of his revenues, by the terror of his arms. Mercenary troops, and standing armies were unknown as long as the feudal government subsisted in vigour. Europe was peopled with soldiers. The vassals of the King, and the sub-vassals of the barons, were all obliged to carry arms. And while the poverty of princes prevented them from fortifying their frontier towns, while a campaign continued but a few weeks, and while a fierce and impetuous courage was impatient to bring every quarrel to the decision of a battle, an army, without pay, and with little discipline, was sufficient for all the purposes both of the security and of the glory of a nation. Such an army, however, far from being an engine at the King's disposal, was often no less formidable to him, than to his enemies. The more warlike any people were, the more independent they became; and the fame persons being both soldiers and subjects, civil privileges and immunities were the consequences of their victories, and the reward of their martial exploits. Conquerors, whom mercenary armies, under forms of government, often render the tyrants of their own people, as well as the scourges of mankind, were commonly, under the feudal constitution, the most indulgent of all princes to their subjects, because they stood most in need of their assistance. A prince whom even war and victory did not render the master of

† Du Cange voc. Auxilium.
his own army, possessed no shadow of military power during times of peace. His disbanded soldiers mingled with his other subjects; not a single man received pay from him: many ages elapsed even before a guard was appointed to defend his person; and delinquent of that great instrument of dominion a standing army, the authority of the King continued always feeble, and was often contemptible.

Nor were these the only circumstances, which contributed towards depressing the regal power. By the feudal system, the King's judicial authority was extremely circumscribed. At first, princes seem to have been the supreme judges of their people, and in person heard and determined all controversies among them. The multiplicity of causes soon made it necessary to appoint judges, who, in the King's name, decided matters, that belonged to the royal jurisdiction. But the Barbarians, who over-ran Europe, having destroyed most of the great cities, and the countries which they seized being cantoned out among powerful barons, who were blindfolded by numerous vassals, whom, in return, they were bound to protect from every injury; the administration of justice was greatly interrupted, and the execution of any legal sentence became almost impracticable. Theft, rapine, murder, and disorder of all kinds prevailed in every kingdom of Europe, to a degree almost incredible, and scarce compatible with the subsistence of civil society. Every offender sheltered himself under the protection of some powerful chief-tain, who screened him from the pursuits of justice. To apprehend, and to punish a criminal, often required the union and efforts of half a kingdom*. In order to remedy these evils, many persons of distinction were entrusted with the administration of justice within their own territories. But what we may presume was, at first, only a temporary grant, or a personal privilege, the incroaching spirit of the nobles soon converted into a right, and rendered hereditary. The lands of some were erected into baronies, those of

* A remarkable instance of this occurs in the following history, so late as the year 1561. Mary, having appointed a court of justice to be held on the borders, the inhabitants of no less than eleven counties were summoned to guard the person, who was to act as judge, and to enable him to enforce his decisions. The words of a proclamation, which afford such a convincing proof of the feebleness of the feudal government, deserve our notice.—"And because it is necessary for the execution of her highness's command, and service, that her justice be well accompanied, and her authority sufficiently fortified, by the concurrence of a good power of her faithful subjects—Therefore commands and charges all the luny earls, lords, barons, freeholders, landed men, and other gentlemen, dwelling within the said counties, that they, and every one of them, with their kin, friends, servants, and household men, well bodin in fear of war in the most substantial manner, (i.e. completely armed and provided,) and with twenty days viands, to meet and to pass forward with him to the borough of Jedburgh, and there to remain during the said space of twenty days, and to receive such direction and commands, as shall be given by him to them in our Sovereign Lady's name, for quietness of the country; and to put the same in execution under the pain of losing their life, lands and goods." Keith's hist. of Scotland, 193.
others into regalities. The jurisdiction of the former was extensive, that of the latter, as the name implies, royal, and almost unbounded. All causes, whether civil or criminal, were tried by judges, whom the lord of the regality appointed; and if the King's courts called any person within his territory before them, the lord of the regality might put a stop to their proceedings, and by the privilege of replications, remove the cause to his own court, and even punish his vassal, if he submitted to a foreign jurisdiction. Thus almost every question, in which any person, who resided on the lands of the nobles, was interested, being determined by judges appointed by the nobles themselves, their vassals were scarce sensible of being, in any degree, subject to the crown. A feudal kingdom was split into many small principalities, almost independent, and held together by a feeble and commonly an imperceptible bond of union. And the King was not only stripped of the authority annexed to the person of a supreme judge, but his revenue suffered no small diminution, by the loss of those pecuniary emoluments, which were, in that age, due to the person who administered justice."

† Craig, lib. iii, Dieg. 7.
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