

and stood in for the Land. That on the 10th, in the Morning, he saw two Ships engaging, which proved to be His Majesty's Ship Sea-horse, and the Le Grand Frigate above-mentioned, the latter of which made all the Sail she could from the other, upon the Unicorn's coming within two Gun-shot of them. and escaped, notwithstanding he chased her till Evening, having greatly the Advantage in Sailing, the Unicorn having got a Mizzen Top-mast up for a Fore Top-mast, to ease the Fore-mast; and a Main-top-gallant-mast for a Mizzen-top-mast, and her Sails and Rigging much damaged in the Action with the Vestal.

Capt. James Smith, of His Majesty's Ship Seahorse, of 20 Guns and 160 Men, by Letter dated at Plymouth the 11th Instant, gives the following Account of the abovementioned Action with the Le Grand Frigate, which happened 34 Leagues S. W. from the Start, viz. That he saw her in the Morning, about Eight o'Clock, in the S. E. Quarter, crowding down upon him; that he continued his Course and prepared to engage. At a Quarter before Eleven the Enemy came within Pistol Shot, and an Action began, which lasted an Hour and Quarter with great Warmth, during which the Ships were Board and Board three different Times, which occasioned great Slaughter on both Sides. The Enemy then left the Seahorse (as is beforementioned in Mr. Symons's Letter) notwithstanding his utmost Endeavours to bring her to Action a second Time.

The Seahorse had 11 Men killed, and 38 wounded, many of the latter, Captain Smith fears, cannot recover.

Lieutenant Symons is preferred to the Command of the Mortar Sloop.

And another Captain is appointed to the Seahorse (which is to proceed, the Moment she is refitted, on her outward-bound Voyage) that Captain Smith may be at Home, in the Way to be preferred the first Opportunity.

Both these Gentlemen give the Officers and Seamen of their respective Ships the greatest Encomiums for their Bravery during the above Engagements.

His Majesty's Sloop Swallow has brought into Plymouth the Valour Privateer of St. Malo, of 4 Carriage Guns and 28 Men, taken by the Aquilon.

And the Hornet Sloop has taken and brought into Plymouth the Chevalier d'Artheslay, a Snow Privateer belonging to Granville, of 8 Carriage and 6 Swivel Guns, and 58 Men.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 16.

Orders for the Court's Change of Mourning on Sunday the 25th Instant, for His late Majesty King George the Second, of blessed Memory, viz.

The Ladies to wear Black Silk, fringed or plain Linnen, white Gloves, Black and White Shoes, Fans and Tippets, White Necklaces and Earrings.

Undress, White or Grey Lustrings, Tabbies or Damasks.

The Men to wear Black full trimmed, fringed or plain Linnen, Black Swords and Buckles.

Undress, Grey Frocks.

Leicester-House, January 15.

This Day the Baron de Cramm, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Brunfwick, had a private Audience of Her Royal Highness the Princess Augusta.

As likewise Baron Wittorff, Envoy Extraordinary from the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel.

To which they were introduced by Sir Charles Cotrel Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, January 17, 1761.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That, on Thursday, the 4th Day of December last past, in the Morning, a Threatening Letter, directed to the Reverend Mr. Brooke, of Over-Arely, in the County of Worcester, was found at the Door of the said Mr. Brooke's House, at Over-Arely, aforesaid, of which the following is an Extract, viz.

"If the Lord Lyttelton had sent the Devil among us, We could not have a worse Enemy than We have of You. For, what Business had You to go to Stafford for a Levy, when it was to be a Turn-

"pike Road, but to run the Parishioners to Charges; And if You do not turn up the Office to another Man next Spring, or behave better in it amongst the poor Labourers than You have done, — there will come a blue Plumb (that is, I suppose, a Bullet,) out of some Hedge between Arely and Churchill, and take Care that it does not lay hold of You; For it is a good Thing to destroy Our Enemy; For Somebody shall not pass that Way but a very little while longer, if He does not behave better than He has done. — All that You want is to have a Bow-string Green between Arely and Churchill, but You will never live to see it. The Parishioners are bound to curse the Time that You came into it; But hoping to hear of some ill End or other beidding You soon, take Notice of it, and not forget it."

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice, the Persons concerned in Writing the said Threatening Letter, and in laying it, or causing it to be laid, at the Door of the said Mr. Brooke's House, as aforesaid, is, hereby, pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person principally concerned therein,) who shall discover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices, in the said Facts, so as one, or more, of them, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLDERNESSE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Right Honourable the Lord Lyttelton does, hereby, promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid; to be paid upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

LYTTELTON.

Derby, January 12, 1761.

His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenants for this County have appointed a General Meeting to be holden at the George Inn in Derby, on the 23d of this Instant January, when all Persons that are qualified and willing to serve as Officers in the Militia for the said County, are desired to attend, and deliver in, or cause to be delivered in, their Names, to such Person or Persons as shall be authorized to receive the same, specifying the Rank in which they are willing to serve.

John Bateman, Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant of the said County.

Navy Office, January 8, 1761.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 20th Instant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Morning, they will expose to Sale at this Office, the Hulls of His Majesty's Ship Centaur, and Vulture Sloop, lying at Portsmouth; and on Thursday the 22d Instant, they will also expose to Sale the Hulls of the Beaver Frigate lying at Chatham, and Gibraltar's Prize at Sheerneck's, where such Persons as are willing to be Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them at any Time in the common Working Hours of the Yard, till the Day of Sale: And as a Deposit of 25 l. per Cent. or in that Proportion, is to be made by the Persons who shall purchase the said Ships, all Persons that shall attend the said Sales, are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpose. And unless the Ships so purchased shall be paid for and taken away at the End of forty Days, after the Days of Sale, the Deposit shall be forfeited, and become the Property of the Crown.

Navy Office, January 12, 1761.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that there are in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Navy, Money and Exchequer Bills to pay off all Bills registered on the Cause of the Navy in the Months of December 1759, and January 1760, in order that the Proprietors of, or Persons legally empowered to receive the same, may bring them to this Office to be satisfied accordingly.

London, January 15, 1761.

Notice is hereby given, that Warrants for the Dividend due at Christmas last, on the Stock of the Governor and Company for working of Mines, Minerals and Metals, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, will