

which we may believe to have been groundless, seeing we have not as yet any News of the said Fleets being put to Sea; However the States have ordered three Men of War to go out with the four Frigats built at Amsterdam for the Crown of Spain, which are now in the *Fenel*, to join the four Men of War that are already abroad, and to go and meet the said *East-India* Ships, if that Company thinks it necessary. The States-General having, as we have already told you, resolved to build 36 new Ships, they of *Amsterdam* and *Horne* have begun to build those that are of their Quota. The *Sieur Petiscum*, the Danish Minister, will in a day or two receive an Answer to the Memorial he lately presented to the States, which it's believed will be very like that which was given to the *Sieur Dieft*, the *Brandenburg* Envoy. By a Vessel arrived at *Amsterdam* from the *West-Indies* we have advice that the Subjects of this State had on the 10th of *April* last possessed themselves of the Island of *St. Eustache*, which they abandoned in the last War; and that they found there about 800 Persons of several Nations, 10 Sugar-Mills, and much Cattel.

Paris, Aug. 5. The Petition presented to the Parliament by the Doctors of the *Sorbonne* has had the effect they desired, for on Friday last they obtained an Arrest to take off the Prohibition the Parliament had made to those of the Faculty to meet, and the next day they held their Assembly in the usual manner. We are told that it has been signified to the Bishops, that were of the late Assembly of the Clergy, that the King desires they would return to their several Diocesses; and at the same time it is said that the three Doctors, which we told you were banished for opposing the Registering of the Kings Edict upon the late Declaration of the Clergy, will be recalled; if so, it's believed things are in a great tendency to an accommodation with the Court of *Rome*, from whence our last Letters told us that the Cardinal *d'Estree* had had a very long Audience of the Pope on that subject. It is reported that the Duke of *Savoy* is somewhat better.

Paris, Aug. 8. The sixth Instant about 10 at night the Dauphiness was (to the great joy of this Court) brought to bed of a young Prince, who is called Duke of *Burgundy*: This good news being brought hither, was the next Morning published to the People by the Cannon of the *Bastile* and the *Arsenal*, and the great Bells of the Town house and the Palace; and great preparations were made against the Evening, to express the publick joy on this occasion. We have advice that the five Gallies, which parted from *Brest* the 24th of *June*, passed by *Cadix* on the 10th past, to go and join the Fleet commanded by the *Sieur du Quesne*.

Buckingham, July 5. At the Affixes held for the County of *Bucks*, there was a remarkable Trial of one *William Barton* of *Newport-Pagnel* Shoemaker, a person very notorious, having not long before been tried for his Life for Felony in this County, and escaped very narrowly, who after the Election of the last Parliament that sat at *London*, gave out a false and scandalous report of *Sir Richard Temple*, chosen a Member for his place. That he was a Papist, and that he had seen him at *Mals* at *Mr. Digby's* at *Gosburt* several times, many years since, when he the said *Barton* first became a mercenary Convert of *Mr. Digby's* to the Popish Religion. Whereupon *Sir Richard Temple* brought his Action of Scandal against

the said *Barton*, for the Words, and had 500 Pounds Damage given him: But at the Intercession of several Gentlemen, in compassion to the Poverty of his Wife and Family, did not take out Execution. But when, after several Prorogations, that Parliament met, the said *Barton* did not only come up as a Witness to the Committee of Priviledges, but prevailed with a Popish Wench of about 18 years of age, to come up for the same purpose, against whom also *Sir Richard Temple* had since recovered 500 Pounds Damages, and found at his return into the Country, that the said *Barton* had been Suborning several Persons to swear against him, particularly one *Michael Cutler* of *Olney*, upon whose Testimony, and of two more credible Witnesses, a Bill of Indictment for Subornation of Perjury was found against the said *Barton*. And since, at the last Affixes at *Ailesbury*, a Bill of Indictment was found against *John Forty*, Bailiff of the Liberty of *Hanlope*: The former of which Indictments coming to Trial, the Subornation was clearly proved by several credible Witnesses (although the said *Cutler* were dead) against the said *Barton*; as also against the said *Forty* (who was admitted as a Witness for the said *Barton*, for want of Process:) Whereupon the Jury found the said *Barton* Guilty, and Sentence was given by the Lord Chief Baron, That he should be fined 20 Mark, and be committed until he paid the same; and that he should stand with his Head in the Pillory in *Ailesbury-Market*, on the fourth of *November* next, with this Inscription upon it, FOR SUBORNATION OF PERJURY. And the said *Forty* being then in Court, was also compelled to Plead to his Indictment.

Dea e, July 30. The whole Fleet of Merchant Ships that sailed the 17th Instant, is returned into the Downs, the Wind being directly against them.

Dea e, Aug. 2. The Men of War and Merchant Ships outward bound, are still detained in the Downs by the contrary Winds.

Advertisements.

Whereas His Majesty has granted to *Sir William Craven* Kt. and Esq. and his Heirs, two Fairs in *Wakefield* in the County of *York*, with the Tolls and Profits thereof; one of them begins on the third Tuesday in August yearly, and holds the two days next after; and the other on the Tuesday after *Easter-Sunday*, and the next day after, for buying and selling all kind of Cattel, to hold to them and their Heirs and Assigns for ever.

His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to Incorporate the Borough of *Tarvick* in the County of *Devon*, by the name of *Mayor, Aldermen, &c.* and hath Granted them a Market to be held Weekly on every Tuesday, and two Fairs to be held yearly, one on Thursday next after *Whitsunday*, and the other on *St Swithin's day*.

These are to give Notice to all whom it may concern, That the Guild-Merchant for the Borough of *Proton* in the County of *Lancaster* (which is held once in Twenty years) is to begin upon Monday the fourth day of *September* next, when and where all Persons who claim any Freedom in the said Borough, either by Ancestry or Purchase, are to attend, and claim their Freedom if they think fitting.

Whereas the Horse-Fair of *Penridge* in the County of *Stafford*, which by an ancient Charter ought yearly to begin upon the 23 day of *September*, and continue for the space of eight days, having formerly been disordered, and of late years reduced by a Subscription made by the Gentlemen of the County. And whereas by the Chapmen coming the last year a week before the Legal time, there hath been great disappointments, This is therefore to give Notice, and also to request all persons to take notice of the Legal time, so that none may be at the Charge of making ineffectual Journeys thither.

On Friday the 28th of July last, a Negro Man, about 30 years of Age, very well set, having three small Scars in each Cheek, and speaking very good English, went away from *Bell-Wharf* in *Lower-Shadwell*. Whoever gives notice of him to *Mr. John Pitcock*, at the *Pump* and *Dolphin* in *Lower-Shadwell*, shall be well Rewarded,