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Boston, May 3.

OUR Governor Sir *William Phips* is arrived here, and has been received by the People with great Satisfaction. As soon as conveniently he could he assembled the Council, and caused Their Majesties Royal Charter, granted to Their Subjects of the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, to be publickly Read; as also Their Majesties Commission to him as Governor of the said Province; After which he took the Oaths, and Subscribed the Declaration according to the Charter; and at the same time the Lieutenant, or Deputy-Governor, the Secretary, and Council were Sworn. He has since issued our Writts for chusing Representatives to have in the General Court, which is appointed to meet at *Boston* the eighth day of the next Month to compleat the settling Their Majesties Affairs, and the Peace and Security of this Province.

Port Royal in Jamaica, June 23. On the 7th instant about 12 at Noon, happened here a most terrible Earthquake; It was most violent on the Harbour side, where the Houses all Sunk down in a Minutes time, from the depth of 3 to 5 Fathom Water in the Streets next the Wharf; the Earth opened it self wide and deep, and instantly gushed out an Inundation of Water, so that many of the Inhabitants were Drown'd: Some part of the Town is yet standing and free of Water, but the Houses shattered; and many of the Buildings are thrown down in the Island with the Sugar and Indigo Works.

But amidst this great Calamity, it has pleased God to send us very reasonable

Weather, which is of great help for the Relief of the Poorer sort of People, of whom great Care is taken by the Government.

There still continue some little Tremblings of the Earth. Among other Accidents of the Earthquake, the *Swan* Frigate lying at the Wharf for Carrening, was driven in among the Houses, and there lost. About the same time we heard that the French had landed 300 Men on the North-side of the Island upon which Their Majesties Ship the *Centurion*, and several Sloops, were sent against them; and we have advice of the good Success they have had, having burnt the Enemies Ships, and taken and destroy'd all their Men both by Land and Sea, except 18 who escaped in a Sloop.

Rome July 25. On Sunday last was held a Congregation, composed of the Cardinals *John Spada, Noris, and Lancia*, and a Franciscan, and two Augustin Fryars, to examine the matter about the French Bishops that assisted in the Assembly of 1682, and whether the Satisfaction they offer be such as may induce the Pope to grant them his Bulls, as he has done to the other Bishops; but not agreeing in their Opinions, they parted without coming to any Determination therein, which was the Reason that no Consistory was held last Monday, notwithstanding the pressing Solicitation of the Cardinals *Bithun and de Pignerol* for that purpose; and that an Express has been since sent to the Court of *France* by the same Cardinals, to give an account of the present State of this Affair, and to desire farther Instructions how to proceed in it. Another Congregation has been held here this Week to consider of the earnest Instances that are made by the Emperor, the King of *Poland*, and the Republick of *Venice*, for Assurances against the Turks, in which the Pope seems willing to assist them, but the way of doing it is not yet agreed upon. We hear from *Naples*, That upon advice that the Court of *Rome* does very much press the King of *Spain* to permit the

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