

Paris, Jan. 18. The Letters from *Brest* of the 12th confirm the departure of Monsieur de Pointi with the Squadron under his command: 'Tis the general Opinion he is bound to the *West-Indies*. Our Plenipotentiaries continue their preparations for their departure, and the common Discourse is, that they will set out from hence about the middle of the next month. The French King has put out a Declaration, commanding all Grefriers, Notaries, and other Publick Persons, to deliver in an Extract of the Sentences, Judgments, and Contracts that have passed through their Hands, wherein any Person hath taken upon him the Title of a Gentleman, in order to discover and punish such as have no right to it; This gives great uneasiness to a vast number of People, and not without reason, seeing this new kind of Enquiry is like to be carried on with great severity, and to the ruine of many. Monsieur *Bignon*, Councillor of State, died here suddenly on the 15th of this month. The Marechal de *Villeroy* continues at *Lyons*. We are told that the Marechal de *Catinat* is to command the French Army in *Catalonia* the next Summer. 'Tis said at this Court, that, by the last Letters from *Madrid*, the King of *Spain* continued very much indispos'd.

Brussels, Jan. 20. The Advices from the Frontiers say, the French make preparations for an early Campaign, and that they provide great Magazines. The Marechal de *Boufflers* is still at *Lille*. They write from *Ghent*, that a strong Party was sent from thence some days ago, with Orders to pass the Canal of *Bruges*, and to protect the Country thereabouts, which the French threaten with Military Execution, because they have refused to bring in the Forage required of them by the Intendant of *Ipres*. The Count de *Noyelles* is come hither from *Holland*; and the Prince of *Nassau-Sarbrucke* is expected this Evening.

Hague, Jan. 22. N. S. The *Milfort* Frigate coming with 9 or 10 Merchantmen from *Zar-mouth*, bound to *Rotterdam*, was on Thursday last attacked by two French Privateers of 24 Guns each, with whom the *Milfort* engaged two hours, but having lost many Men, and the Ship being much disabled, she was taken, with several of the said Vessels, and carried to *Dunkirke*. The Letters from *France* say, Monsieur de *Pointi* sailed from *Brest* the 9th Instant, having been joined by some Ships from *Port-Louis*. The States of *Holland* and *Westfrizeland* meet again to morrow.

Falmouth, July 11. Yesterday arrived in this Port His Majesty's Ships, *Anglesey* and *Lyn*, from the Coast of *Ireland*, where they took a French Privateer of 12 Guns and 75 Men, and sent her to *Kinsale*.

Plymouth, Jan. 12. The *Child's-Play* and *Sea-fort* Frigats, with the Vessels that sailed hence the 10th Instant for the *Downes*, were put back yesterday by contrary Winds. A Ship is arrived at *Dartmouth* from *Newfoundland*, having on Board above 200 Passengers; They bring an account, that the French have made themselves Masters of the Settlement at *St. Johns*; The Inhabitants, after having made the best defence they could, yielded upon Articles, which the French did not perform.

Whereas Two Letters have been lately sent to Thomas Papillion, Esq; one of the Commissioners for Vetting His Majesty's Navy, concerning Abuses committed in the Victualling of the Navy; One of the said Letters being dated the 14th of Decemb. 1696, and sign'd T. E. and the other dated the first of this Instant January, and sign'd F. T. and W. H. These are to give notice, that if the Person or Persons who wrote the said Letters will attend the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty at their Office near Whitehall, or give an Account where he or they may be sent for, in order to be Examined therein, they may have all fitting Encouragement and Protection.

Advertisements.

Richard Rhodes of *Hygate* in the County of *Surrey*, Owneer, having in a barbarous manner & unreasonably urged Against his Servant, in a Court of Justice: He is a thin Man of middle stature, long Visaged, wearing his own Hair of a dark brown colour, curled at the ends, having light grey Eyes, and often blood-shot, and a scar from the corner of one of his Eyes downward, aged about 40. Whoever can discover him, and cause him to be apprehended, shall be well rewarded by the Friends of the deceased, living at *Hygate* aforesaid.

Ovid's *Metamorphosis*. Translated by Mr. Tate and several other eminent Hands. Vol. I. containing the first five Books, Adorn'd with Sculptures. Printed for W. Rogers at the Sun in Fleetstreet, F. Saunders in the New Exchange, and A. Pope at the Black Boy over against St. Dunstons Church in Fleetstreet.

Mark William Read, an Experienced and Approved Optick, who hath performed divers great Cures upon People that have lost their Sight, and others born Blind, doth now Practice his Operation of Couching Cataracts, and curing other Distempers incident to the Eyes (as formerly at Oxford) now at Cambridge, where he may be spoken with at present, and after his removal thence, all the next Summer, at his House in St. Edmunds-Bury in Suffolk.

Dr. Rugeley's Library, being a Curious Collection of Theological, Historical, Philological, Medicinal, Mathematical, and Chymical Books, in Gr. Lat. Ital. Germ. Fr. and English, will be sold by Auction, by Jo. Bullock at Dr. Rugeley's late Dwelling-House in Bloomsbury, on Tuesday the 19th Instant. Catalogues may be had gratis at the Place of Sale.

The Royal Luttering Company of England will sell by Inch of Candle a parcel of Narrow and Broad Allamodes and Renforcers, in small Lots, at their House in Austin-Fryers, on Thursday the 21th Instant, at 10 in the morning; where the said Goods are to be seen the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Sale.

Lost about 3 weeks since between Stony-Stratford and Newport-Pagnell in Buckinghamshire, a Gold Watch with a Scabb'd Case, a red String, and Silver Seal. Whoever discovers it (so as it may be had again) to Mr. Anthony Chapman of Newport aforesaid, or to Mr. Tho. Rose, Sword Cutler in Ludgate street, London, shall have a Guinea Reward and Charges.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Reynolds, late of London, Gunlock-maker, all Persons that owe him any Money, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their hands, they are desired to forbear payment thereof to him or any Person but such as shall be Authorized by the Commissioners; and all Creditors are desired to pay their Contribution-money to John Rawkins, of the Minorities, in the Parish of St. Dunstons without Aldgate, Gun maker, and the said Commissioners do intend to meet on Wednesday the 20th Instant, at the Ship and Fountain Tavern behind the Royal Exchange, by 9 in the Forenoon.

Stopt the 5th Instant by John Willmott, Pawn-broker, living with Mrs. Milburn at the Clothworkers-Shears in Mount-Slick, one Silk Gown and Petticoat, one Stuff Gown and Petticoat, and one Blanket. The Owner may have them again paying the Charges.

Taken away on the 15th Instant, from Mr. Tho. Burton of Coggeshall in the County of Essex, by 3 Highwaymen, about 5 afternoon, between Ilford and Stratford, a brown Mare, about 14 hands high, 3 white Feet, short Mane, a little white on her Fore-head, white slip on her Nose, with a black Saddle, a Matepillar and Crooper. Whoever secures her, and gives notice to Mr. Peter Morris at the Spread-Eagle-Inn in Gracechurch Street, or to Mr. Benjamin Cleere at the Greyhound in Bare-street, shall have a Guinea Reward, and Charges.

Lately come over several Hundred of Canary Birds of various Colours, as White, Ash-colour, and Grey, and as good as any come over this 20 years, and are to be sold at reasonable Rates at James Kendrick's at the Black-Lyon in White-Mart-Yard next Drury-Lane.