

having a fresh Gale at South, they all bore down again almost within Gunshot of us, at which time 3 sail appearing in sight a-head of us, two of which stood to the Westward, and the other to the Eastward, which last was a Ketch and we suppose a Prize, the 5 French brought to a Stern; one of the other two which were a-head and stood to the Westward, being a Ship between 20 and 30 Guns, when she could fetch us, tack'd and stood athwart us, shewing an English Ensign and designing as we thought to speak with us, but when we saw she would go from us, the *Berwick* fired 3 Shot at her, however she got away, and stood to the other 5, whom having spoke with, they all laid by a considerable time, and then making sail stood to the Westward; after which we saw them no more, and made the best of our way homeward, and on the 3d Instant Capt. Barker with the *Berwick*, and Fire-ship, and all the Merchant Ships above-mentioned arrived at *Scilly*; where they found two homeward bound Merchant Ships, one from *Jamaica*, and the other from *Legborne*, and have taken them under their Convoy, intending to proceed for the *Downes* with the first opportunity.

*Plimouth, May 9.* On the 5th Instant came in the *Charles of Bermudas*, laden with Sugars from *Antegoa*. On the 7th the *St. Philip* of and from *Bilboa*. This day arrived here His Majesty's Ship the *Expedition*, with divers Vessels and Coasters from *Falmouth*; A Vessel is come in who gives an account, that the *Bilboa* Fleet is passing by to the Eastward.

*Plimouth, May 9* This day came into the *Sound* the *Germoon*, and brings an account that His Majesty's Ship the *Medway* has taken a French Privateer of 44 Guns and 360 Men, and carried her into *Kinsale*; and that the *Dover* has taken another Privateer of 18 Guns.

*Whitehall, May 12.* By Letters from Rear-Admiral *Buxbam*, of the 9th Instant, we have an account, That he took the same day a French Privateer of 12 Guns and 80 Men.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do hereby give Notice, that although the Bills now issued at the Receipt of the Exchequer, do contain therein a particular Exception as to the Aid of 3s. in the Pound lately Granted in Parliament, yet by Virtue of a subsequent Act, and of His Majesty's Royal Proclamation in this behalf, the said Bills are to be current to the Receivers as well of the said 3s. Aid as of all other His Majesty's Taxes, Aids or Revenues whatsoever.

The Duty of 4s. a Quarter of Malt, is by Act of Parliament made a Fund for giving out 140000 Tickets, at 10l. a Ticket, for which New Money, Hammer'd Silver Money, Plate with the Hall-Mark, or otherwise Sterling, is to be taken at 6s. an Ounce, till the 24th of June 1697, with a Rebate at 14l. per Cent. per An. for so many days, as such Money or Plate, shall be paid in, before that time. Fifty six thousand Pound is divided into 3500 Prizes, every 10l. Blank will have One Farthing a day Interest, and Chance is to determine the Priority of Payment. In short, 33 Ounces of Silver with 2s. in Money, or 8l. 12s. 6d. new Money, will pay for a 10l. Ticket, so that the most Unfortunate Adventurer makes 20 per Cent. of his Money, and the most Fortunate 100 for 1. Goldsmiths Receivers, are, Sir John Johnson, Mr Hoage, Mr. Smith, Mr. Shale, Mr. Mompellion, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. Coggs.

The Commissioners for Transportation being by an Act of the last Session of Parliament appointed for the Licensing, Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty-Chapmen, do hereby give Notice, That the said Hawkers, Pedlars, and Petty-Chapmen, and other Trading Persons going from Town to Town, or to others Mens Houses, are according to the said Act upon several Penalties therein mentioned before the 24th of June, 1697: to deliver to the Commissioners for Transportation a Note in Writing under his or her Hand, or under the Hand of some Person Authorized in that behalf, how or in what manner he or she will Travel, whether on Foot, or with one or more Horse or Horses, &c. And also are at the same time to pay or secure to be paid to the Commissioners for Transportation the Duties by the said Act payable for the same; And thereupon are to receive a License for him or her self to Travel or Trade. And they do further give Notice, That for Receiving of the said Notes, and Granting of Licenses pursuant to the said Act, there will from and after the 17th of May be due Attendance given at their Office on Great Towerhill, London.

The Bank being obliged by the late Act of Parliament to adjust their Accounts forthwith. The Court of Directors give notice, That those who have not paid in the 20 per Cent. on their Subscriptions, which was ordered to be paid

in or before the 10th day of November last; and those who are Indebted to the Bank upon Mortgages, Pawns, Notes, Bills, or other Securities, do pay in the said 20 per Cent. and the several Sums due for Principal and Interest upon the said Securities on or before the 10th day of June next, to prevent further Trouble.

Whereas several Persons having Receipts for Loans under the Hand of Sir Leonard Robinson Kt. late Chamberlain of London, deceased, for Money lent to His Majesty's several Funds, which prove deficient, may be desirous to subscribe the said Loans to the Capital Stock of the Bank of England, pursuant to an Act of Parliament, in that behalf. These are to give Notice, That any Person having any of those Receipts, and desiring to make any such Subscription, may bring them to the Chamber of London on or before the 12th day of June next, with One Fifth Part of the Subscription in Bank Bills or Bank Notes, according to the Direction of the said Act of Parliament, and Talleys and Orders shall be subscribed for them as Effectually and Carefully as if the Persons, having those Receipts, had Talley and Orders in their own Possession.

*Advertisements.*

The Life of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. An Heroick Poem Dedicated to Her Most Sacred Majesty, In Ten Books. Attempted by Samuel Wesley, M. A. Chaplain to most Honourable John Lord Marquis of Normanby, and Doctor of Epworth in the County of Lincoln. Each Book Illustrated by necessary Notes, explaining all the more difficult Matters in the whole History: Also a Prefatory Discourse concerning Heroic Poetry. The Second Edition, revised by the Author, and improved with the Addition of a large Map of the Holy-Land, and a Table of the Principal Matters. With 60 Copper-Plates, by the Celebrated Hand of W. Faithorn. Printed for Charles Harper, at the Elephant-Luce over against St Dunstan's Church in Fleetstreet.

The Bishop of Worcester's Answer to Mr Locke's Letter, concerning some Passages relating to his Edify of Humane Understanding mentioned in the late Discourse in Vindication of the Trinity. With a Postscript in Answer to some Reflections made on that Treatise, in a late Socinian Pamphlet. Sold by Henry Atterick, at the Phoenix in St. Paul's Church-yard.

This day is Published, An exact Catalogue of the Nobility of England, and Lords Spiritual, according to their respective Precedencies; with all their Titles of Honour (whether by Creation, Succession or Office) and the Particular Times of their several Promotions; Together with their Personal Coats of Arms; and also Those of the Archbishop and Episcopal Sees, in Reason. By Robert Dale, Gent. Blanch-Lion Pall-mall, and Dep. Register to the College of Arms. To which is prefixed, a Scheme shewing the Installations of all the present Knights of the Garter, with a complete Alphabetical Index, for the reader finding what Titles are born by every Nobleman. Sold by Geo. Grafton in the Middle-Temple-lane, Fleetstreet. Octavo. Price bound 2s 6d.

These are to give notice, That the Collection of Mr. Henry Purcell's Ayres is already Printed, and that the Sonata's will be finished next Trinity-Term; by which time both will be delivered to the Subscribers. Subscriptions will not be taken after the first day of Trinity Term.

On a Specie Bank Note, dated the 8th of this Instant, payable to John Rudkin for 30l. If the same be offered in Payment or to Discount, you are desired to stop it, and bring it to Mr. Robert Wedger, one of the Cashiers of the Bank of England, and you shall have 10s. Reward.

Taken on the 12th Instant out of Mr. Cook's House at Hickey, a gold fashion'd Hat (Portengers mark) W F M; a bottom of a Cashor Sugar, no mark but the Hall mark, 2 Inches and half Diameter; 3 large Spoons, 2 mark I C K; 4 Children Spoons, 3 mark'd K C, T G, I C; a long Tea Spoon no mark'd; a weighty Pint Porringer, and one lesser, new Fashion, no mark but the weight at bottom; 4 Forks with 3 Prongs, mark'd I C K; and a Childs Cup. Whoever find the Goods or Party, and give notice to Atwell and Company, Goldsmiths, in Exchange Alley, London, shall have Three Guineas Reward.

Stephen Clifford, alias Gill, being Attainted of High Treason for Clipping and Coining at the last Assizes at Derby, broke His Majesty's Gaol of Derby the first of April last, he is of low Stature, aged about 50 or 60, black brown Hair, swarthy Complexion, stammers a little in his Speech, talks very loud, bow Legg'd, walks brinkly if he don't Counterfeit, pretty large black Teeth, sometimes wears a Parton's Gown. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to John Whisker of Bernard's Inn, London, or to William Brookhouse at Derby, shall have 10l. Reward.

The Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt issued out against Nathan Travis, late of London Bridge, Haberdasher of Han, give notice, that they intend to make a Dividend of the said Travis's Estate, on Monday the 31st Instant, at 10 in the Forenoon, at the Irish Chamber in Guildhall, London; at which time and place all the Creditors of the said Travis, who have not paid their Contribution Money, are to pay the same, and prove their Debts, otherwise they will be excluded the Benefit of the intended Dividend.

Taken or Bred'd out of a Ground at Newington-Green, on the 8th Instant, a black Gelding, full aged, about 14 hands, with a bob Tail, has a down his Lip in Kiding, a small white Spot in the Forehead, a little white spot over the near Eye, and several small Breaks of white behind the Ear and on the near Shank, saddle Spots on each side, and Trot all. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. Manning, at the Bull and Mouth Inn near Aldersgate, so that he may be had again, shall have 10s. and reasonable Charge.