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Madrid, Feb. 27. N. S.

THE Count de Harcourt, Ambassador from his Most Christian Majesty, is arrived here, and has been Complimented by the Introdutor of Ambassadors. Don Antonio d'Uvilla is made Secretary of the Universal Dispatches. The Galeons from the Havana are expected about the latter end of April; and in July a Fleet will sail for New Spain.

Dantzich, March 11. Our last Letters from Warsaw bring us these Particulars of the Proceedings of those Gentlemen, who having separated themselves from the Cardinal Primate, and the rest of the Rokozz, came with the King's Commissioners to Blony, and afterwards repaired thither to make their Submissions to his Majesty. That some Articles were first proposed, as being necessary for settling the Peace of the Kingdom, and Asserting their Priviledges and Liberty; which being Agreed upon by the Assembly, and Consented to by the King's Commissioners, an Instrument was Drawn up and Signed in the Name of the Palatinates, from whom they were Deputed, desiring his Acceptance of the same, and Acknowledging him for their Lawful Sovereign; and withall, assuring him of their Duty and Loyalty. The 3d of this month they came to Warsaw, and on the 5th they attended his Majesty, having at their Head the Bishop of Kiow, the Palatine of Bles, and the Great Treasurer of the Crown. Their Audience was very Solemn, the Bishop on behalf of the Senate, and the Starost of Srabowic for the Nobility and Gentry of Poland, made Speeches suitable to the occasion, and were answered by the Great Chancellor of the Crown in the King's Name, after which they Kissed his Majesty's Hand. The King left Warsaw the 8th instant, and came that night to Szum near Marienburg, into which last place he intended to make his Entry as this day, and to be here on Monday next, against which time all things are preparing for his Reception.

Vienna, March 8. The Count de Stirum is gone hence for Poland, being to Command the German Forces in that Kingdom. The Emperor's Ministers hasten the Preparations for the next Campaign, in order to bring their Armies early into the Field. We hear, the Commissioners sent by the Duke of Lorraine to take Possession of that Dutchy, are arrived at Nancy. Some Commissioners are likewise sent by the Emperor to the Brisgaw to take Possession of the Places to be restored by France, who, we hear, are arrived there in order to acquit themselves of that Commission. Our last Advices from Hungary say, the States of Transylvania were still assembled at Hermanstadt;

to provide for the Security of their Frontiers, and the Supplies Demanded of them towards the Subsistence of the Forces in those Parts.

Hambourg, March 18. We hear from Berlin, that Mr. Stepney, His Majesty of Great-Britain's Envoy Extraordinary to the Elector of Brandenburg, arrived there the 14th Instant. The same Advices add, that his Electoral Highness designed on the 30th of this month to set out thence for Prussia.

Paris, March 19. On the 16th instant, My Lord Portland was visited by the Ambassadors of Portugal, Venice, and Savoy. The 17th, the Prince of Conti returned the Visit his Excellency made him *incognito* before his Entry. The same day my Lord went to Visit the Duke of Maine, and the Count de Thoulouze, at the Arsenal, with six Coaches and two Horses each, filled with the Gentlemen who immediately belong to his Excellency, his Twelve Pages being before and behind his Coach, and Fifty Footmen walking before. The 18th, his Excellency went to Versailles, and had Audience of the Princess of Candé, and the Dutchess of Bourbon, the Princess Dowager of Conti, and the Dutchess of Maine. The French Court went this day to Marli; My Lord Portland is going to the House of the Prince d'Armagnac at Royaumont, for 2 or 3 days.

Brussels, March 20. The Duke of Holstein, General of Horse, is dangerously ill. The Prince of Vaudemont intends next Wednesday to set out for Italy, and will go by Paris. Our Advices from Madrid say, The King of Spain has been indisposed, but fresher Letters inform us, that his Majesty is on the mending hand.

Hague, March 21. N.S. The Great Council of War which has been assembled here some days, is now broke up, having determined the Affairs that were before them. The Sieurs Plessen and Lenthe, Ambassadors from the King of Denmark, had yesterday their Audience of Leave of the States with the usual Ceremonies. Don Quiros, Ambassador from the King of Spain, is gone hence to Brussels, and is expected back in a few weeks. Yesterday the Sieur Heemskerke made his Report in the Assembly of the States General, of his Embassies to the Imperial and Ottoman Courts, and will in a day or two go hence on his Embassy to France.

Dublin, March 9. Yesterday Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne of Denmark's Regiment of Foot arrived here from Highlake; as did also a Troop of Major-General Levington's Regiment of Horse, the rest being hourly expected.

Plymouth, March 15. Yesterday came in here the Provincial, Thomas Burley Master, and the Mary of Topsham, John Kingston Master, from Cadiz, laden with Wine and Fruit, from whence they parted in Company of 9 other English Merchant Ships homewards bound, but our sailing them, left them off at Lisbon.

Barnstable, March 15. Last Sunday came in here the Leviathan of Biddiford from Cadiz, laden with Salt, Wine and Fruit, having left that place in Company with two others, from whom she was separated last Saturday by ill Weather.

Portsmouth, March 17. His Majesty's Ship the Swan, having sprung her Fore-Pop-Mast, came last Wednesday to Spithead; as did also His Majesty's Ship the Seaford from Hampton; and the same day His Majesty's Ships the Dartmouth and Lyon came into this Harbour.

Deal, March 18. Yesterday His Majesty's Ships the Dragon and Bedford failed hence to the Westward. Last night came down hither His Majesty's Ship the Sea-Horse.

Kensington, March 17. The King went this afternoon to Windsor, where His Majesty intends to stay a few days.

Whitehall, March 18. Baron Dobrzanski, Envoy Extraordinary from his Electoral Highness of Brandenburg, had yesterday publick Audience of His Majesty, being conducted by Sir Charles Cotterel Master of the Ceremonies in the usual manner.

London, March 19. The Count de Tallard, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Most Christian King, having Embarked last Wednesday night at Calais, landed yesterday at Greenwich, and arrived here this Afternoon.

Whitehall, March 20. This Evening came in the Letters from Holland of Tuesday last, which bring an Account, That Monsieur Heemskirke, Ambassador from the States General to the Court of France, was gone that morning for Brussels, to pursue his Journey to Paris. The Advices from Brussels say, The Elector of Bavaria had received Letters from Madrid of the 6th instant, which confirm the Recovery of the King of Spain's Health. Those from Paris of the 21th, bring an Account, That the Marquis de Cascais, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Portugal, had on the 17th publick Audience of the French King; as had likewise on the 18th, Baron Boshmar, Envoy from the Duke of Zell, being conducted to their several Audiences by the Sieur Bonneuil, Introdutor of Ambassadors, with the usual Ceremonies.

The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury are pleased to give Notice, That all Persons who have an Estate for one Life, payable out of the first 9 d. a Barrel Excise, or out of $\frac{7}{8}$ of another 9 d. a Barrel Excise, have a Liberty given them by Act of Parliament before the 25th of this Instant March, to change the said Life into a Term of 96 Years, to be reckoned from the 25th of January 1695, at the Rate of 56 l. for every 100 l. and that all Persons who have or have not any such Estate for Life have liberty after the said 25th of March, and on or before the 10th of April 1698, to purchase the Residue of the said Term of 96 Years after the Expiration of any such Life; and that the Purchasers may satisfy the Purchase-Money by Arrears, incurred betwixt the 17th day of May 1696, and the 17th day of May 1697, on the Tunnage-Annuities or by Lottery-Tickets, which became due within the same Time on the Salt Act.

The Court of Directors of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England, give Notice, That from and after the 25th of March instant, all Bank Seal'd-Bills that are or after the Expiration of the Year from the Date thereof, shall be brought to the Bank to be changed, shall be changed for other Bank-Bills at the Interest of Three Pence a Day, or else paid off. And that the General Court held at the Bank on Wednesday the 16th of March instant, is Adjourned to Wednesday the 23th of the same Month, at Ten in the morning.

The Court of Directors of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England, give Notice, That on Friday the 8th of April next, from 9 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 1 to 6 in the afternoon, a General Court will be held at the

Bank for the Election of a Governour and Deputy Governour of the said Company, which Election will be Declared either that Night or the day following. And that on Tuesday and Wednesday the 12th and 13th of April aforesaid, during the same hours, another General Court will be held for the Election of Twenty Four Directors, which Election will be Declared as soon as the Scrutiny can be taken.

Advertisements.

* * A Practical Essay of the Contempt of the World. By William Nicholas, D. D. Revised and Enlarged by the Author, together with the Additions of several Divine Poems. To which is Prefixed a Preface to the Deists, and Vicious Libertines of the Age. Printed for Evan. Saunders at the Blue Anchor in the New-Exchange.

* * Miscellanea Sacra: Or, Poems on Divine and Moral Subjects. Collected by N. Tate, Servant to his Majesty. The Second Edition, with Additions of several Poems and Meditations in Prose, being very proper for this time of Lent. Printed for Hen. Playford in the Temple-Charge in Fleet-Street. Price in Red Calf, 2 s. 6 d.

THE Writing directing the Payment of the Money to the Persons appointed upon Sale of the Estate of Edward Backwell Esq; deceased, for the uses of the Proposals, being now Executed by all Parties; The Creditors of the said Edw. Backwell Esq; are desired to meet at Garraway's Coffee house in Exchange-Alley, on Monday the 28th instant, at 4 in the afternoon, where Abstracts of the said Writings will be delivered to them, and such Person as have not yet signed the Instrument of Agreement, and cannot then attend, are desired to Order some Person to appear and sign for them in order to their speedy receiving the Benefit of the said Proposal.

His Majesty has been pleased to Grant unto James Van Dusen, his Royal Letters Patents for the Sole Use of his new Invention, (being a Wagon with double Troughs that shoot out their Load at once, and return into their Places again, and is wrought with a sort of Scaffolds that may be removed entire) which will be found very proper and usefull in such sort of Works as require the Expedition, removing of great quantities of heavy Matter, and particularly in the making of Rivers Navigable, and such like Works. Any Persons therefore that have any Works, in which the said Engine may be Serviceable, may apply themselves to Mr. Gerard Muijken of London, Merchant, at his House in Bucklers Bury, for their more exact Information.

His Majesty hath been pleased to Grant to Sir Benjamin Bathurst his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, for the holding of two Fairs yearly at Cirencester in Gloucestershire; One upon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before Palm Sunday, and the other upon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before St. Bartholomew's day, in such manner as that the said 3 days of the Week may fall before St. Bartholomew's Day; being for the Sale of all manner of Cloth, Wooll and Woollen Manufactures, and of Horses and all other sorts of Cattle, and of all other Merchandize whatsoever. And for the Encouragement of those that shall come to the said Fairs, the said Sir Benj. Bathurst doth Promise to give the Stalls Grati.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against John Pearce, late of Spittlefields, Silkman, give further Notice, that they intend to meet on Monday the 4th of April next, at Mr. Thomas Poore's in Cateaton-Street, London, and then actually Seal the Deed of Dividend of the said Bankrupts Estate; and such Creditors who have not paid their Contribution Money, and fully proved their Debts, are then desired to do the same, otherwise they will be excluded the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Thomas Glover of Hackney in Middlesex, Merchant, give Notice that they intend to meet in the Irish Chamber in Guildhall, London, on Friday the 8th of April next, at nine in the morning, where all the Creditors of the said Tho. Glover are desired to come and prove their respective Debts, and pay Contribution Money; and thereupon a Dividend will be forthwith made of the said Bankrupts Estate.

Stolen out of the Stables of Mr. Edward Southworth at well-Sham near Redford in Nottinghamshire, the 13th instant at night, a light grey Sioned Horse, 6 years old, between 14 and 15 hands, hollow Eyed, Paces well; also a dappled grey Gelding, 14 hands or better, 8 years old, trout all. Whoever brings them to Mr. Hargrave at the Rainbow Coffee-house near the Temple Gate, London, or to the Post-Master of Redford aforesaid, shall have 5 Guineas Reward, or proportionable for each.

A Diamond Watch-Hook made in a kind of a Knot set in about 100 Leaves, the 3 middle Diamonds set in Silver, with Gold about them, a Joyn of the Chain being 3 Diamonds, the middle of the 3 with Gold about it, hanging to the Knot, was left the 17th instant in the afternoon at the Royal Exchange. Whoever gives Notice of it to Edward Lambert, and Comp. at the Hecce in Lombard Street, shall have 5 Guineas.