

Gibraltar, Decemb. 5. N. S. Our Garrison, notwithstanding the Losses we have sustained, can still make 1000 Men in Arms, and the Risk and wounded: We want neither Stores nor Provisions. Admiral Leake negécts nothing that may contribute to the Variation of the Place. The Enemies Batteries continue to fire briskly; they have much damaged the Round-Tower, and cut off Communication from it to the Town; however, we have new Works within, and do not fear losing it, for the Approaches are extremely difficult. There is a Flanking Line runs from the Round-Tower up to the Mountain, which the Enemy has likewise battered down; but we have raised very good Works behind it, thro' with a great deal of Labour, being raised up Earth thicker to make them, it being a solid Rock: Thus the way by which they will probably Attack us, we are all the more enabled to defend it, which we the less doubt of, because of the difficult Access to it, and that the Enemy cannot draw up any number of Men to make their Assault without being discovered. Besides this Wall, there is another to the Body of the Place, part of it they have ruined, but not so much but we have a Covered Way, and there we can stop the Enemy if they should carry the Fortifications abovementioned; and to possess themselves of this Wall, they must mount two Breaches, which it will be very hard for them to do; and after all this, they must force us from very good Intrenchments that take in all the Breaches on the inside before they can Storm the Place: All which we look upon as impossible for them to do, not only because of the great Fire they must sustain from the Mountains that hang over the Ways through which they must pass, and from several great Guns we can bring to bear upon them; but because of the badness of the way by which they must come, which is up a steep Hill full of Rocks and Holes, where a Man can hardly go had he no other Hindrance: This is the manner of their upper Attack. They have also for a long time fired upon the Curtain next the Sea, and think they have made a sufficient Breach there; so that we presume they may make a false Attack on that side; But as to the Breach it is not practicable to mount it, for, besides the Works we have made within, we every night clear away all that they beat down in the day time from the foot of the Wall, and the Rubbish we cast from it has raised a Work so high that it almost covers the Breach, and leaves a deep Ditch between it and the Wall. The Ditch is doubly Pallisadoed, with very good Flanks within to scour the Moat when they enter, and a Lodgement for 300 Musketeers within the Breach to fire upon the Enemy when they mount it; But before they can proceed thus far, they must be Masters of the Covered-way, which is well Pallisadoed, and Guarded by 300 Men, and under its Glacis we have run a Mine from the Rock to the Sea, which is about 150 Paces, and will in 3 or 4 days have four Chambers ready to spring if there be Occasion; and besides this, the Enemy to come at it must march without any Cover above 300 Paces exposed to all the Fire from the Line between the Town and the Round-Tower, from our Covered-way, from all our Guns on the Old Mole, and from about 10 more on the Curtain and in other Places. The Enemy has cast up an Intrenchment in the Front of his Batteries for fear of any Surprise; and from thence under the side of the Rock, has made Approaches, in order, as we suppose, to cast up a Work as near as they can to our Covered-way, to Flank our Men upon the Hill when they make their Attack; but we have kept continually such a Fire upon them, that we beat them away, and throwing down Fire-Barrels near that Intrenchment every night they cannot move without our perceiving them, and notwithstanding they brought a great number of Chandeliers to cover their Workmen, we still beat them off; and now those Approaches being filled by a great Rain which fell 3 days ago, we believe they have given over that design. The Enemies Batteries have been in disorder some days by reason of the wet Weather, but they have now repaired them and Fire as before: They have only 3 Mortars which sling small Shells and do little harm. Their Army is but weak, and if not reinforced, cannot attack us, many of the French being sick; and if we have more Rain it will be impossible for them to go on with their Siege.

Lisbon, Dec. 19. N. S. The Succours designed for Gibraltar failed from hence the 10th instant, consisting of the Battalion of English Guards, the Lord Barymore's and Lord Donnegall's regiments complete, a Dutch Battalion, and 300 Portuguese, making in the whole above 3000 Men, who we hope are before this time got safe thither. Our freshest Advices from thence are of the 10th, which say, the Enemies Batteries had made some Breaches in the Wall, but that the Garrison had raised new Works behind them, and continued to make a resolute Defence, not doubting but they could hold out till the arrival of the Succours. They write from Abrantes, That Captain Mauchere, an Engineer in Her Majesty of Great Britain's Service, is repairing the Fortifications of that Place, and putting it into a good Condition of Defence, it being of great Importance for the laying up of Stores and Provisions for our Army, and preserving the Communication between the Provinces of Beira and Alentejo.

Plimouth, Dec. 19. This day came in the St. Peter of and for Dantzick, from Crossick, with Salt. The same day Her Majesty's Ships the Southampton and Lizard sailed for Torbay.

The Dutch Mails of Tuesday and Friday last are not yet come in.

By the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Her Majesty's Navy.

These are to give Notice, That His Royal Highness having been pleased to Appoint the Company of Her Majesty's Ship the Borne at Portsmouth, to be removed into Her Majesty's Ship the Devonshire at Woolwich, and great part of the said Company being Absent by Leave from their Duty, such of them as are now in or about London, must apply to the Lord Dursley, their Captain, for his Directions; and such of them

as are near unto Portsmouth, or may more conveniently repair unto that Place than to London, will be allow'd the Convenience of a Vigil to attend the said Ship, with their Bedding and Clothes, from thence thither.

Advertisements.

It is to give Notice, that if any Soldiers or Seamen, belonging to Her Majesty's Army or Navy, have by any misfortune been blinded in their Sight, they may apply themselves to Dr. READ, Surgeon in Ordinary to His Majesty, who lives in Du-ham-yard in the Strand, London, with a Certificate from their Superior Officers, that they are not in a Condition to be cured, and they shall be cured Gratis by the said Dr. READ, who makes it his chief Care to relieve the Poor, as appears by his restoring to Sight between sixteen and seventeen hundred who were Blind of Cataracts, and all other Curable Distempers relating to the Eyes, since New-Year's day last, being recommended as such fit Objects by the Ministers of their respective Parishes. These Charitable Cures have had so good Effect, that it hath encouraged him to continue his Generosity, which he does all at his own Charge, as a New-Year's Gift to the Poor for the Year ensuing.

James On Hill, Apothecary, at the Black-Spear in Watling-street near Friday-street, London, doth hereby Certifie, That the True and Original Drawing, Mixture and Ointment, making more plentiful Discharges than Blister, Issues, and Scators, are observ'd to do, and with less Trouble and Pain, and may be continued for as long time as desired without the least Danger, as hath been experienced by the great Numbers who have used the same, are now to be had but at the Author's House as above, with Printed Directions how any Persons may manage it themselves. Price 2 s. 6d. Those who sell it again, at lower Prices.

Heracles M. Miles Arkinson, Rector of Thurstaston in the Wirral near West-Chester, left his Abode on Michaelmas-day last: He was observed to be somewhat Melancholy a little before, and was seen at Leeds in Yorkshire about the 16th of October last, and supposed to be Murdered, being not heard of since: He is a short Man, about 58 years of Age, grey Hair, but had on an old black Wig, an old black Coat, black Plain Breeches, a long Beard, supposed not less than 3 Months growth. He rode on a white Mare that Trots all, the Saddle too big for her, and hurts her Back. Whoever gives Notice of him to Mr. Joshua Sendal in Queen's-street near Cheap-side, London, to Mr. Rich. Arkinson in Leeds in Yorkshire, or to Mr. Meolles, Grocer, in West-Chester, shall have 5 Guinea's Reward and reasonable Charges.

All Persons that have any Debts due to them (by Bond or otherwise) from Mr. George Matthews, Apothecary, late of St. Alban's-street, deceased, are desired to bring in their Accounts to Mrs. Hodges at the Golden-Ball in Charles-street, near St. James's-Market. And whereas there hath been a great Loss by the Burning of the said George Matthews's House, and some Papers relating to his Effects consumed in the said Fire, it is desired, That all Persons who Sold him any Tallies, Army Debentures, Male-Tickets, Company Bonds, Stocks, Exchequer-Notes, or know of any other Notes or Debts due, or owing, to the said Geo. Matthews, would be pleas'd to give Notice to the said Mrs. Hodges, they shall receive 10l. per Cent. for all such Money as shall be recovered by their Discovery.

The major part of the Commissioners named in a Commission awarded against John Whaley late of Coleman-street, London, Merchant, give this further Notice, That they intend to sit on Wednesday the 30 day of January next at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish Chamber in Guild-hall London, to receive Contribution and prove Debts. And for that very few of the said Bankrupt's Creditors appeared upon the last publick Notice to prove their Debts, the said Commissioners therefore give this further Notice, that for saving Charge to the said Bankrupt's Estate, this will be the last sitting for Proof of Debts: Therefore the said Bankrupt's Creditors are for their dispatch desired in the mean time to send an Account of their respective Debts to Mr. Robert Wakelin, Attorney, in Carleton-street, London, one of the Commissioners, in order to prepare their respective Proofs.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Smith, late of Westminster, Grocer, All Persons that Owe him any Money, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his, or belonging to his Estate, in their Hands, are desired forthwith to Pay and Deliver the same to Mr. Thomas Piggott in Queen-hill, London, Greer, and Mr. John Mariette in Stock-Market, London, Greer, or one of them, Assignees, or they will be sold.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Ralph Holmes late of Faylesworth in Larcashire, Chapman, All Persons that Owe him any Money, or have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Richard Veale of the City of Exon, Fuller; All Persons that Owe him any Money, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but such only as the Commissioners shall appoint, but they are desired forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. John Atkin, of the said City, Linen-Draper.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Robert Aley, of Norwich in the County of Norfolk, Grocer, intend to meet at Mr. Augustus Curtis's House at the sign of the King's Arms by the Red-Well in Norwich, on Thursday the 25th of January next, in order to make a Distribution of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where all Creditors concerned are to make Proof of their Debts and pay their Contribution-Money, or they will be excluded the said Distribution.

Offered out of Major Thomas Harrop's Company in Colonel Thomas Stringer's Regiment of Foot, William Dickenson of Sheffield in the County of York, a Scizzar or Knife-Maker, but pretends to be a Horse-Burton-maker, of about 5 Foot 7 Inches high, and brown Hair; and Daniel Jones of Shepheld in Leicestershire, a Wood-cutter, of about Five Foot 6 Inches high, a fair Man, pitted a little with the Small-pox, both of them at out the Age of 25 Years. Whoever secures them, so that they may be delivered to Major Harrop, at his House in Quorndon near Loughborough in Leicestershire; or to Mr. Richard Dayby, at his House in Fetter-lane, London, shall have Two-Guineas Reward for each.

Taken out of Anthony Hillie's Stable at Fimingham the 17th Instant at Night, a bay Nag about 14 hands high, a black cut Tail, and black Mare, with a kind of black List round his Ears, a little white Star in his Forehead, a white Foot behind, and a Deat cross his Nose in the Halter-plate. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. Hillie at Fimingham, or John Liveings at Chertsey, or at the Old Lion at Kingston in Surrey, shall have a Guinea Reward.

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