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Lisbon, August 13, N. S.

ON the 28th past arrived the Rio Fleet, consisting of 13 Sail, besides three they left at Oporto. By this Fleet came Dom Joan Manoel de Noranha Governour of Angola, and Dom Braz Baltezar de Silveira Governour of the Mines. It brings 86 Arobas of Gold, and 432052 Moedas registred, besides above, as much which is not registred; 5365 Chests and 649 half Chests of Sugar, 1252 Elephants Teeth, 3279 tanned Hides, and 1546 not tanned, 280 Roles of Tobacco, and 70 Pipes of Train Oyl.

Madrid, Aug. 15. On the 12th Instant the Earl Stanhope arrived here, and Yesterday went to Fresnera, a Seat within half a League of the Escorial, where Cardinal Alberoni had caused very commodious Lodgings to be fitted up for him. The same Evening about Six a-Clock, his Lordship went to the Cardinal at the Escorial by Appointment, and had a long Conference with him. We have had no Advices from Sicily, since the taking of the Castle of Palermo.

From on board the Barfleur at Naples, July 25, O. S. On the 21st Instant late at Night Sir George Byng with the British Fleet under his Command, came to an Anchor in this Port. The next Morning the Admiral, with several Officers, went ashore, and being received by the Viceroy with all Marks of Esteem and Distinction, had a Conference with him. The Viceroy having received Directions from the Emperour to give the King of Sicily what Assistance he is able, in order to it he has caused 2000 Men to be embarked for reinforcing the Garrisons of the Citadel and Fort of Messina. That the Transports may go safe, the Admiral is

now unmooring, designing to proceed this Night to Sea, and secure their Passage.

From on board the Barfleur going through the Faro of Messina, the 30th of July, O. S. Sir George Byng, with the British Fleet, came off of the Point of Messina last Night, and sent Captain Saunders ashore with a Letter to the Marquis de Lede, who is Captain General and commands in chief the Spanish Army in the Island of Sicily: Upon the Receipt of which in the Conference Captain Saunders had with him, as likewise by the Letter he sent to Sir George Byng in answer to his, he declared that, he had no Powers to treat, and that he would pursue his Orders, which were to seize on Sicily. The small Forts above the Town of Messina, as likewise the Town it self, were surrendered to the Spaniards by the Sicilians, upon Capitulation that they should not bring their Troops within the Town. General Wetzell, with all the Tartans and German Troops is gone to Reggio, and from thence will send over to the Citadel and Fort of Messina, which still hold out, and will be able to do so some Time, the Spaniards not having yet raised any Batteries against them, but only placed Mortars to play upon them, which have yet done but very little Damage. Sir George Byng had also Intelligence, that Yesterday Morning the Spanish Fleet weighed in some Confusion from Messina, and went through the Faro; and as we were standing in this Morning towards Messina, he received Advices from the Calabria Shore, that the Spanish Fleet were in Sight of Reggio; upon which he has resolved to follow them. When he is through the Faro, he will send to the Viceroy Count Maffei, who is now

at Syracuse, and will be able; as we are informed, to defend that Place. Sir George had a Letter this Morning from the Governour of Melazzo, who still holds out against the Spaniards.

Syracusa, Aug. 11. N. S. The 9th Instant at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, the Spanish Fleet set Sail from the Faro, and made towards Catania upon this Coast, where Yesterday in the Evening we discovered a great Number of Ships. They had left their Army at Land, which continued then the Bombardment of the Citadel of Messina, pretending that they were coming to this Place; but in reality they were flying from the British Fleet, which they understood was coming with full Sail towards the Faro. Yesterday at Two in the Afternoon, the British Fleet consisting of about 25 large Men of War, came into the Faro; and the Spanish Fleet having no Wind, they came up with them at a Place about 12 Miles from this Town, off of Avola, as they were making towards Cape Passaro: The Rear Guard of the Spanish Fleet was in Sight this Morning till about Sun Rising, making off towards the said Cape, and about an Hour after we heard a continued terrible Noise of the firing of Cannon, whereby we understood there was an Engagement between the two Fleets. About Noon we had Intelligence, that Admiral Byng, with the greatest Part of his Ships, was pursuing the Body of the Spanish Fleet, which had been very roughly handled, and that six or seven British Men of War staid behind to attack the Spanish Rear, whereof they had then sunk four. Since which Advice, we saw from hence five other Spanish Ships blown up behind the Point of Sta. Barbara d'Ognona; and this Evening late we still discovered the Fires. Admiral Byng has acquainted Count Maffei here, that he had surrounded 12 Spanish Ships of War in such Manner that they could no ways escape, and that it would cost him but a few Hours to make himself Master of them.

Hague, Aug. 26. The Marquess de Prié having agreed to state and settle the Accounts of the Sums raised during the Time of his late Catholick Majesty King Charles II. in the manner proposed by the Council of State here, the Imperial and Dutch Commissaries appointed for the Examination of this Matter, continue to meet every Day. They have now made a considerable Progress, and the British Ministers press them to finish with all imaginable Expedition. The States being informed, that the Danes do again take their Ships trading to Sweden, and that above 30 of them were already carried into the Ports of Norway by the Danish Frigates, invited Yesterday the Danish Resident to a Conference, and complained of these

Proceedings. He told them, that the King his Master in releasing their Ships last Winter had promised not to disturb any more their Trade, provided Sweden would do the same, and not upon any other Foot. That most of their Ships had false Bills of Lading for Neutral Ports, when in reality they were bound for Sweden, and taken sailing that way. That the greatest Part of them were laden with Corn and all other Sorts of Provisions to store Magazines, for the Use of a Swedish Army now ready to invade Norway; and that the King his Master cannot suffer such Supplies to be furnished to his Enemy; as enable him to invade his Country; nor will consent to the Free Trade they insist upon, till Sweden has acquiesced to the same.

Advertisements.

THE Freehold and Copyhold Estate late of Thomas Richmond, Esq; deceased, situate and being in the several Parishes of Paggelham, Little Wackerling, Langford, Ulph, Hatfield Peverel, Mundon, Putleigh, Tollehurst, Beckingham and Walsden, in the County of Essex, of the yearly Rent of 240l. and upwards, are, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, to be sold before Samuel Browning, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn; where Particulars may be had.

WHEREAS Four Orders of Tonnage of 1669, in the Name of Anthony Byans, and assigned to John Greenwood, for 12l. per Ann. each, viz. N^o 1657, during the Life of Jane Byans; N^o 1658, during the Life of Elizabeth Byans; N^o 658, during the Lives of The said and Anthony Byans; and N^o 301, during the Lives of John and Elizabeth Byans: Were about Midsummer 1716 carried to the Exchequer for Interest, and were taken out by some Person by Mistake, or were otherwise lost or mislaid, so that they have not been heard of since; the Person that found them, or taken them out of the Exchequer by Mistake, is desired to bring them to Mr. Wright at the Exchequer, and he shall have two Quintas Reward.

William Booth, Gent. Son of the Lady Rosamond Booth of Dulwich, in the County of Surry; lately deceased, is desired to come to Mr. Walter Baynes, at the Rose Tavern without Temple-Bar, upon particular business.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Harrison, of Whitehaven, in the County of Cumberland, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; the Commissioners intend to meet on Tuesday the 16th of September next, at the House of James Draper, in Worthington, in the said County, Inhabitant, to appoint Assignees; and on Thursday the 18th of September next, at the House of John Bell, Inhabitant, in Whitehaven aforesaid; and on Tuesday the 23d of September next, at the House of Katherine Peile, Inhabitant, in Cookermouth in the County of Cumberland; at which said Times the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay their Contribution-Money; And all Persons that are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods, or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any but such whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but are forthwith to give Notice to Mr. Tho. Wilson in Whitehaven aforesaid.

THE Commissioners in a renewed Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Robert Eden, late of Woodchurch, in the County of Cheshire, Cheek-factor, intend to meet at the Sign of the Plume of Feathers, in the Bridge-street in the City of Cheshire, on Thursday the 25th of September next, at Ten in the Forenoon, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; and the Creditors of the said Bankrupt may then come to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money; they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend, and be allowed of disallow of a Certificate.

