

of any Letters Patents, Edicts, Declarations, &c. provided however that this be done in eight Days, that within those eight Days they ask Leave to do it, and that they previously communicate such their Remonstrances to one of the Secretaries of State to be examined; but that after the Expiration of the eight Days, the Matter shall not be resumed. Here the first President stood up and said, That he hoped from the King's Justice the Company might have a certain Space of Time granted them for deliberating at Leisure and distinctly upon all these Points, &c. Whereupon the Keeper of the Seals, first approaching the King to receive his Pleasure, turned to the first President, and with an audible Voice pronounced these Words, The King will be obeyed, His Orders admit of no Delay. Immediately after, the Keeper of the Seals read another Paper, which contained a short and succinct Compliment to the Dukes and Peers, and especially upon their Rank and Quality; adding, that it was a crying Injustice to grant to any whatsoever any Pre-eminences to their Prejudice; that this was a Truth which the Regency was very sensible of in the Minority of Lewis XIII, when immediately after the Death of Henry IV, his Bastard Son César de Vendome, or César Monsieur, was declared to be divested of and fallen from all the Privileges and Prerogatives which King Henry IV had granted him above the other Dukes and Peers; that the present Regency, which is no less vigilant for the Interests of the King and of the State, looking upon that Example to be most just and equitable, would not decline advising the King to follow it, by declaring the Duke du Maine and the Count de Toulouse to be degraded and fallen from all the Advantages, Pre-eminencies, Privileges, Titles and Prerogatives granted to them by the late King, to the Prejudice of the Dukes and Peers; and that his Majesty did actually declare them so to be; that is to say, to have no other Precedency, or Seat, than according to the Date and Creation of their Dutchies and Peerages; that however, in Consideration of the essential and personal Services of the Count de Toulouse, his Majesty was pleased to reinstate him in his ancient Titles and Prerogatives; that is to say, to enjoy, during his Life, the Honours of the Parquet (a Place in the Parliament allowed only to Princes of the Blood,) but even this not to descend to his Posterity, nor to be made a Precedent. This done, Monsieur the Duke presented a Petition to the King, setting forth, that the Duke du Maine being inferiour to M. de Villeroy in Rank, according to the Creation of his Dutchy, it was not just that he should keep the Title or the Trust of Surintendant of the King's Education; that therefore he besought his Majesty to confer that Employment on him Monsieur the Duke, as being his Due by Birth, adding, that he would have claimed the said Office at the late King's

Death, had he not at that Time been a Miner. The King judged this Demand of Monsieur the Duke to be very rightful and equitable, and his Majesty ordered that Letters Patents should forthwith be made out, not only for investing Monsieur the Duke with the Office of Surintendant of his Education, but for all the other Matters above-mentioned. His Majesty likewise commanded, that all those Letters Patents should be entred and registred in his Presence, after the same had been read by Gilbert the Register with a loud Voice. All that the King's Counsel required, was, that on the Back of each of the Letters Patents it should be noted, that such and such Articles were registred on such a Day, the King being present and holding his Bench of Justice.

Turin Aug. 24. The 22d Instant at Night a Courier arrived with Advice, that the British Fleet commanded by Sir George Byng had attacked the Spanish in Sight of Syracuse, and after a Fight of 8 Hours had defeated it, having sunk nine Spanish Ships, burnt two, and taken four, and that 13 were fled. Yesterday in the Morning another Courier arrived with the same Advices from Count Maffei, adding, that of those 13 Ships 12 had retired to Cape Passaro, where as they were refitting to put to Sea again, the British Fleet had surprized them and blocked them up; and that the Admiral had sent them Word, that they must either surrender in 2 Hours or he would burn them; the other Ship was retired towards Malta. Yesterday Morning an English Officer arrived here, being sent by the Admiral, with an Account that those 12 Ships had yielded at Discretion. Te Deum is to be sung here this Day in the Church of St. John for this Victory, with a triple Discharge of the Artillery.

Advertisements.

THE Assignees of the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Dame Sarah Floyer, of London, Widow and Reheiser, do hereby give Notice to all her Creditors, that they forthwith bring all their Accounts or other Securities to the Accountant in the Accountant's Office, at the House late the said Dame Floyer's in Fleet-lane, in order to the settling those Accounts, and making a right Calculation of the Debts she owed, that a quick and equal Dividend may be made of the said Bankrupt's Estate.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Higdon, late of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, Merchant, intend to meet on Tuesday the 23d Day of September next, at Nine in the Forenoon, at the House of Mr. Garratt, being the Sign of the King's Head in the High-street in Kingston upon Hull aforesaid, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contributed Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend, which will be forthwith made; And at the same Time, the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate, the said Bankrupt having perfected his Examination.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Matthias Peltzer, of London, Merchant, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Parker, Baron of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; this is to give Notice, That his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 17th of September next.

