

Admiralty Office, December 7.

Extract of a Letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, from Captain Harris Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Jamaica.

From on board His Majesty's Ship the Falkland, in Port Royal Harbour in Jamaica, Sept. 8, 1722.

On the 28th past, about Eight in the Morning, we had a very violent Hurricane which held all the Day, so that of about 30 Sail of Merchant Ships, but two are left Swimming, and but one Sloop of many that were in this Harbour is saved. The Island in General has suffered very much, many of their Houses, Mills, &c. blown down, and I do not hear of any that have escaped being much damaged: One third Part of Port-Royal is intirely destroyed, and many Families lost by the Sea breaking into it. His Majesty's Ships here, viz. this Ship, the Swallow, Weymouth, and Happy Sloop, are safe, but we have lost all our Masts, and parted most of our Cables; our Boats are all gone, as are most of those belonging to the Town, which hinders us very much in looking for our Rafts of Masts, &c. We have got all our Anchors again, and our Ships into proper Births and moored. The Launceston, Adventure, and Mermaid are at Sea. The Naval Storehouse is blown down: I have People there clearing away the Rubbish and securing the Stores in the best manner they can in the Victualling Storehouse, which stands without great Damage. When we can get our Rafts together, we shall endeavour to fix Jury Masts for the Swallow and Weymouth to carry them Home. I shall be getting this Ship masted, and fitted for Sea as soon as possible. The Storm made the Happy Sloop complain so much, that the Captain was obliged to clear his Decks of all his Guns, &c. to preserve her from foundering; but as we have got Masts for her, of some of the Sloops that were lost, we hope we shall get her fit for Sea next Week.

Whitehall, December 7.

Extract of a Letter to the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Sir Nicholas Lawes Governour of Jamaica.

St. Jago de la Vega Sept. 20, 1722.

On the 28th of August last it pleased Almighty God to visit this Colony with a most dreadful Storm, which has blown down many of our Houses, destroyed most of the Shipping in our Harbours; and many hundreds of People, particularly at Port-Royal, have lost their Lives by the Fall of Houses and Inundation of the Sea. The Damage done to the Plantations throughout the whole Country is inconceivable. I have with the Advice of the Council issued Writs for calling a new Assembly, to meet the 22d of October next.

Whereas a short fat Man, about 50 Years of Age, with a round Face and pale Complexion, wearing black Cloaths with a light coloured Frize Coat over them, and a tied Wig, who speaks Latin, Dutch, and English, but the latter very much like an Irishman, and called himself sometimes James Oker, at other times Abraham Whitro, was on the 26th Day of November last apprehended at Hockley near Birmingham in Warwickshire, for uttering treasonable Expressions, and publishing traitterous Libels, and for the same, as also for divers strong Causes of Suspicion of other Crimes and Misdemeanors, was bound to appear at the next General Quarter Sessions for the said County; but has since absconded and fled from Justice, together with Henry Kempson, his Surety, who kept a

Publick House at Hockley aforesaid, where the said Oker alias Whitro lodged: All Persons whom it may concern are desired not to conceal or harbour him or his Bail aforesaid, but to apprehend and carry them before the next Magistrate, in order to their being dealt with according to Law.

Notice is hereby given, That Principal and Interest in the Lottery for 1,400,000 l. Anno 1714, will be ready to be paid on Tuesday next, as followeth, viz. On the several Orders subscribed into the Capital Stock of the South Sea Company, all the Interest due at Michaelmas 1720. On the several Orders remaining unsubscribed into the Capital Stock of the said Company, all Interest due at Michaelmas last past. And also the Principal Money of the several Orders so remaining unsubscribed, so far as No 95, in the 45th Course of Payment, there being Money reserved in the Exchequer for discharging the same.

South-Sea-House, London, Thursday Dec. 6, 1722.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be kept open beside the usual Days, on Thursday the 20th Instant till One a-Clock, and also on Friday the 21st till Six a-Clock, when they will be shut, in order to the making the Dividend for the half Year ending at Christmas next; and further Notice will soon be given when they will be opened.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be holden at the East-India-House in Leadenhall-street, London, on Friday the 21st of this Instant December, at Eleven in the Forenoon: That the Transfer-Book of the said Company will be shut up from Friday the said 21st of this Instant December, to Monday the 21st of January next: And that the Annuity and Dividend Warrants due at Christmas, will be ready to be delivered to the Adventurers on Thursday the 24th of January next.

Apothecary's-Hall, London, Dec. 6, 1722.

The great Quantities of corrupt and adulterate Compositions daily vended through the Kingdom for Venice Treacle, hath rendered it necessary the Publick should be informed, That Venice Treacle, duly and exactly prepared under the Care and Inspection of the Master and Wardens of the Society of Apothecaries, is now sold by the Apothecaries of London and Westminster, put up in Tin Boxes, each containing half a Pound Troy Weight, and sealed with the publick Seal of the Company.

These are to give Notice, that the Governours of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy have agreed to augment the sixty two small Livings following with 200 l. each, 21 of which do not exceed the yearly Value of 10 l. fifty seven are augmented in Conjunction with several charitable Benefactors, and the other five by Lot. The Names of the Livings are as follows, viz. The Curacies of Worsborough, Greasbrook, and Wentworth; the Vicarages of Stainton, Pontefract, and Aughton; all in the C. and D. of York. The V. of Bishops-Lydeard, and Donative of Hill-farance in the C. of Somerset and D. of Bath and Wells. The R. of All Saints in Dorset, and the V. of Abbotsbury in Dorsetshire in the D. of Bristol. The V. of Bethorn, the Cur. of Graytigg, Selside, Preston Patrick, in the Par. of Burton, Burnefide in the Par. of Kirkby Kendall, all in the C. of Westmorland. The C. of Capesthorne, Witton, Ringeway, Wincle, in the C. of Chester. The Cur. of Church Kirk, Clitherow, Altham Downham, and New Church in Pendle, in the Par. of Whalley; the Cur. of Atherton alias Chowbent, Hollingreen, and Astley, in the Par. of Leigh in the C. of Lancaster, all in the D. of Chester. The V. of Falmer, in the C. of Suffex and D. of Chichester. The V. of Holy Island and St. Mary le Bow, in the C. and D. of Durham. The C. of Cwmyoy, in the C. of Monmouth and D. of St. David's. The V. of Wotton-Under-Edge and C. of Church-Downe, in the C. and D. of Gloucester. The C. of Pixley and V. of Ocle-Pytchard, Woolhope, and Preston upon Wye, in the C. and D. of Hereford. The V. of Patahill, the C. of Cannock, the