

at first made some Difficulty, but were at last prevailed upon to deliver them up. The Deputy for the Peasants of Sudermania has endeavoured to make his Peace, but the Dalecarlian stands firm. On the 13th all the Dalecarlians in and about Stockholm, who get their Livelyhood by their daily Labour, repaired to the Assembly of the Peasants, to inquire the Reason of the Imprisonment of their Countryman and Deputy. They came thither with their Axes, and other Instruments which they use in working, and made such pressing Instances, that the Body of the Peasants sent a very numerous Deputation to the King, to desire that their two Members who were under Arrest might be set at Liberty, for that their whole Body would Answer for their Persons. The King referred this Affair to the States. This Morning between Twelve and One a-Clock, happened a most terrible Tempest of Hail Rain and Snow intermixed, with Thunder and Lightning. Four Churches, in distant Quarters of the Town, were all at once set on Fire by the Lightning. The Church of St. Jacob in the Heart of the Town (with Part of a large House of Count de la Gardié's, and several other Houses adjoining) in two Hours Time was quite consumed. The two Churches in the Extremitities of the Town were also burnt in the same Space of Time. The Church of St. Nicholas took Fire in the Chancel, but by good Help the Fire was extinguished before it got to a Head. The Consternation was general, no Body knowing whither to fly for Safety. His Swedish Majesty was the whole Time on Horseback giving Directions.

*Stockholm, May 22, O. S.* Two Expresses from Petersbourg arrived here on Monday Night, and brought the News of the Duke of Holstein's being contracted to the Princess of Muscovy. M. Bestuchef and M. Bassewitz had Yesterday a Conference with Count Horn, and acquainted him with this News. A Russian Frigate is come up this River this

Afternoon, and has brought Letters for his Swedish Majesty, who is gone into the Country; Prince Maximilian of Hesse Cassel being expected here Tomorrow, his Swedish Majesty is gone to a Place called Werbey to meet him.

*Paris, June 12, N. S.* The 6th Instant an Express arrived at Meudon, with an Account, that Prince Leopold-Clement, eldest Son of the Duke of Lorraine, died on the 4th of the Small Pox, in the 17th Year of his Age, after five Days Illness: On this Occasion the King will go into Mourning for three Weeks. On the 10th M. Pelletier des Forts and M. Fagon, Councillours of State and of the Royal Council, M. Dodun Comptroller General of the Finances, and the Count de Maurepas Secretary of State, Commissioners, appointed by the King for this Purpose, went to the Assembly of the Clergy, and acquainted them that his Majesty expected from them a Free-Gift of Eight Millions of Livres, to be collected and paid between this and the next Assembly which is to be held in 1725. The Commissioners withdrawing, the Assembly came unanimously into a Resolution to raise the Sum required; and a Deputation of Eight Prelates going to the Apartment whither the Commissioners had withdrawn, communicated to them the Resolution passed by the Assembly. The Prince of Pons is nominated to go to the Duke of Lorraine, to make his most Christian Majesty's Compliments of Condolance on the Death of the Prince his eldest Son.

*Whitehall, June 8.*

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable the Lord Waldegrave to be one of the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber, in the Room of the Duke of Richmond deceased.

The Person appointed by His Majesty to succeed the Reverend Dr. John Waugh (nominated to the Bishoprick of Carlisle) as Dean of Gloucester, is Dr. John