

Port Royal Harbour in Jamaica, Oct. 2. 1742.

Captain Brodrick in the *Shorcham*, appointed to command the Convoy with Succours for the Defence of the Provinces of Carolina and Georgia, put to Sea from hence the 14th of last Month, together with the *Sloop* and the *Transports*, which had on board 500 Soldiers design'd for that Service. On the 23d past arrived here his Majesty's Ship the *Gibraltar*, Capt. Fowke, from England, and, in Consequence of the Orders by him brought, Vice-Admiral Vernon and Major General Wentworth are preparing to return home; the former proposes to sail about the 18th Instant. On the 24th past returned hither the *Island Sloop*, who brought with her the Captain and Part of the Officers and Crew of his Majesty's Ship the *Tilbury* of 60 Guns, which took Fire by Accident at Sea, and burnt down and sunk on the 22d off the *Navassa*, notwithstanding all possible Endeavours for preserving her, Capt. Hore, in the Defiance, having taken on board about 140 more of the Crew of the said Ship.

Vienna, Nov. 24. The French have at last by ruinous Marches, in the latter with 17900 Men, and have 9000 still beyond *Dingelsing*, whilst 4000 have posted themselves near *Deckendorf*. There are People who think the Intention of the French is to endeavour to force the Austrians quite out of *Bavaria*, and to finish their Campaign with the Taking of *Passau*, and even of *Lintz*. In the mean while Prince Charles passed the Inn the 20th at *Scharning*, with a Design to pass *Count Seckendorf* beyond that River, by dislodging him from *Braunau*.

Ratisbon, Dec. 3, N. S. Letters from *Augsburg* say, that *Marshal Broglie* had sent his Adjutant-General to propose to the Magistrates of that City to consent that the French Generals might take their Quarters in that City, he himself intending to pass the Winter among them; But that the said Magistrates, absolutely refused it, and being apprehensive lest the French might use Force, not only armed all their Burgers, but also drew their Militia from the adjacent Country into the City, mounted their heavy Artillery upon the Ramparts, and put every Thing in such Posture, as to be able to repel Force with Force.

Dresden, Dec. 5. The French at *Teutschew* surrendered themselves, on the first Summons, Prisoners of War, their Garrison consisting only of 80 Men, but upwards of 30 Officers, there being several there on their Way to *Prague*. The Place was without Hopes of Succour, and in no State of Defence, neither were there found in it any considerable Quantity of Provisions. The Austrians are, in Consequence of this Acquisition, become again sole Masters of all *Bohemia*, excepting the Towns of *Prague* and *Eger*: In the Neighbourhood of the latter, there reigns a contagious Distemper among the Cattle, and such a Mortality in the Town itself, that fresh Orders have been sent by this Court to *Voigtland*, to cut off all Communication with that District. The Sicknes is said to be general amongst all the French Troops in Germany, particularly in *Marshal Broglie's* Army, which,

by all Accounts, must daily diminish; yet, some imagine from *Count Saxe's* keeping with about 15,000 Men on this Side the *Danube*, that he intends, whenever the Weather and Opportunity permit, to make one vigorous Effort to pierce into *Bohemia*, and relieve the Garrison at *Prague*, by transporting his Men on Sledges, or in some such expeditious Manner; however, it is now assured, that the Austrians have never abandoned *Deckendorf*, having still there three Battalions, though the rest of their Army is on the other Side the River.

Hamburg, Dec. 7. The Dispositions which are making for the several Encampments of the King of *Denmark's* Forces, are imputed to the Jealousy which that Crown conceives at the Election of the Duke of *Holstein*. Orders have been dispatched to the Lieutenant General of the Danish Artillery, *Arenschild*, to be in immediate Readiness to march with 600 Men, the Regiment of Horse in Garrison at *Odensee*. The Capital of *Fuhness* is likewise commanded to march, and it has been signified to their Colonel *Roepestorff*, that henceforward he is to receive his Orders from the Margrave of *Culmbach*. The Peasants are summoned to bring in extraordinary Provisions of Hay, &c. to supply the Magazines, and it is said that an augmentation is intended in the Danish Cavalry. The vacancy in the Magistracy of this Town, occasion'd by Mr. *Widow's* Promotion to the Charge of Burgher Master, from that of Senator, was filled up Yesterday by the Nomination of Mr. *Ankelman*.

Hague, Dec. 11. N. S. We hear from *Bavaria*, that upon the Approach of Prince Charles's Army, *Count Seckendorf* retreated with Part of his to *Altsoeting*, having left a Garrison of 5000 Men at *Braunau*.

Whitehall, December 4.

The King has been pleased to appoint Sir *Thomas Parker*, *Knt.* one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, to be Chief Baron of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have appointed *John Jefferys*, Esq; to be joint Secretary of the Treasury with the Hon. *John Scrope*, Esq; in the room of *Henry Furness*, Esq;.

General Post Office, London, July 3, 1742.
Whereas divers Persons, thro' Ignorance or Carelessness, frequently put Letters into the General Post Offices, and the Receiving Houses both in Town and Country, directed on board of Ships, and to Foreign Parts, without paying at the same Time the Postage, as ought to be done; And whereas Letters and Packets are often put into the said Offices with Money and Rings inclosed, and in Fraud of his Majesty's Revenue, divers Persons presume to send Letters with false and counterfeit Franks; This is to acquaint the Publick, that no Letters under any of the Circumstances aforesaid have any Right by Law to be forwarded.

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