

Cape Nichola with Hides, but the Spaniards made their Escape a-shore.

*Cumberland, in Port-Royal Harbour, Jamaica, November 8.*

This Day arrived here from off of Porto Rico, his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Litchfield, Capt. Burnaby Commander, with two Privateer Sloops taken in her Cruise, the one called the St. Raphael, whose Men all left her and went a-shore, and scuttled her, endeavouring to sink her: She has Ports for 14 Guns. The other called the St. Antonio de las Animas, with eight Carriage and 14 Swivel Guns, and 42 Men: Besides which, she sunk and destroyed two more Privateers, the one off the East End of Hispaniola, and the other off the West End of Porto Rico, and burnt another Sloop in Aguada Bay, and destroyed a Battery a-shore, which she had got under, of four Guns, and landing some Men, with an Officer, dismounted the said Guns, knock'd off the Trunnions, spik'd them up, burnt the Carriages and Guard-Houses, and brought off the Colours in the Presence of a Multitude of Spaniards, of whom they are suppos'd to have killed near 200, and with the Loss of but one Man.

*Petersbourg, Dec. 17.* The Czarina has put off her Journey to Moscow till the latter End of February or the Beginning of March, on account of the Great Duke's Indisposition, and her Majesty has declared her Intention of staying a Year at Moscow when she goes next to that Place.

*Florence, Jan. 7, N. S.* On the 1st Instant a Battalion arrived here from Leghorn, consisting of about 950 Men, lately raised in Tuscany, mostly of German Deserters; and on the 3d, escorted by Detachments of the Lorrain Regiment, Foot Guards and Cuirassiers Militia, was set in March without Arms to Bologne, to be received on the Confines by others from Prince Lobcowitz, and by them to be conducted to join the Austrian Army, in Consequence of an Agreement between the Queen of Hungary and the Great Duke, reciprocally to restore the Deserters of each State. As these Soldiers were going out of the Gates of Florence, some Disorder arose on their declining to march to the said Army, but M. de Braitwitz went to them at some Distance out of the Town, and induced them to proceed on their March. The same Day a Battalion of the Lorrain Regiment Foot Guards from Leghorn arrived at Florence, to join their Regiment. The same Day, the 1st, an equal Number of Troops out of Mess. Capponi and Pandolfini's Regiments Militia, from Prato, Pistoia, Pescia, &c. were ordered to Leghorn to replace those marched to join Prince Lobcowitz. On the 3d the Regiment of Militia Cuirassiers was also ordered to march to Leghorn. Dispositions are making all over Tuscany to compleat the old Militia, and for raising new Corps. We do not hear any fresh Particulars with regard to the Armies in the Romagna;

both of them remain in their former Situations. On the 26th past the Duke of Modena, attended by Marquess Gherardini, Count Tabatini, and some few of his Domesticks, set out from Fano for Venice, having left the Spanish Army on account of the Disagreements between him, M. de Gages, and the Spanish Generals. This Day, the 7th of January, being the Day fixed for the Nuptials at Vienna of Prince Charles of Lorrain and the Archdutchess Marianne, the Members of the Regency received the Compliments of the foreign Ministers, Nobility, and military Officers in their rich Habits; on which Occasion a Quantity of Bread and Wine was, by Order of the Government, distributed to the Poor; and in the Evening there are to be artificial Fireworks at the old Palace. The Cannon of the Castles is to be fired, and a great Illumination to be made in the Theatre.

*Berlin, Jan. 14.* Prince William of Hesse left this Place on the 11th Instant, and his Prussian Majesty goes to Potsdam in a few Days; after which he returns here again, and is not to set out for Silesia till the Month of March, towards the Time of the Fair of Breslaw.

*Liege, Jan. 17.* A few Days ago Count Figuerola, Minister from the Queen of Hungary, arrived here to take Care of the Interests of that Princess at the ensuing Election of a Bishop and Prince of Liege. M. Burrish has also presented new Credentials to the Chapter on the Part of his Britannick Majesty, and was complimented the next Day in the Name of the Chapter by their Ecolatre, or Orator, M. Clerx. Yesterday Count Virmundt, Grand Judge of Wetzlar, arrived here in Quality of Imperial Commissary to preside at the ensuing Election.

Whitehall, January 17, 1743-4.

*Whereas it has been represented to His Majesty, That on Monday the 9th of this Instant, an Anonymous Letter was sent by the Penny Post to Mr. Crozier, on St. Mary's Hill, Billingsgate, directing him to lay Five Hundred Pounds in a Bag, near the West Gate of St. Paul's Church-yard, on the 14th Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Morning; and in Case of Refusal, threatening him with the Damage of almost as many Thousands: His Majesty, for the better Discovery of the Person or Persons concerned in writing the said Letter, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

*And as a farther Encouragement, I do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person making such Discovery as above-mentioned.*

Tho. Crozier.

General-Post-Office, London, January 12, 1743.

*Whereas the Post-Boy carrying the North Mail from Huntington to Stilton, was Yesterday, the 11th Instant, about Six in the Evening, attacked on the Highway at a Place called Stangate Hole, by a single Highwayman, who presented a Pistol to the Post-Boy's Breast, and carried off the following Bags, viz. Durham, Hull, Bolton, Falkingham, Lincoln, Horncastle, Louth, Spalding, Stamford, Bourn, and Peterborough.*

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