

wards Peace, which is above all things desired by the generality.

*Dover, Sept. 10.* The Dutch Fleet yesterday quitted their hole in St. Johns Bay, and were out of sight in the afternoon, the wind S. S. W. and blowing hard that night, it proved a storm, and they, it seems, were forced to Anchor off of the North-Forelands; since which we believe they are thrown to the Northwards, and the nights being dark, may receive much damage.

*St. Helens Road, Royal Charles, September 12.* The high winds have hitherto hindered the sailing of the Fleet according to their intentions. Letters of the Tenth instant new stile, from Jersey, inform us, That the French Fleet was on Sunday last at Bell-Isle, consisting of 40 Sail, whereof 8 Dutch that came with them from the Straights; and that they expect an addition of 14 Fregats from Brest, and have in their number 12 Fireships; that they are all ready to sail, but with what designs is not known. That their men were sick and weak, and their ships very foul, and unhealthy, so as they were not able to put their Noses into their Holds. They give out that they are for Calais Road, and they shall receive fresh men aboard when they come thither; and hope to join with the Hollanders, from whom 'tis not known that they have of late received any certain intelligence.

*Norwich, Sept. 12.* The Bill of Mortality for this last week runs thus. Buried of all diseases 154. whereof of the Plague 135.

*Lyme, Sept. 12.* This Town upon consideration of the great wants and necessities into which many persons have fallen by the late dreadful fire in London, are making a free and liberal Collection towards their Relief. An example of that Christian Charity, which 'tis hoped, other parts of the Nation will think themselves obliged to follow.

*Portsmouth, Sept. 13.* This morning part of our Fleet is under sail, the rest being ready, will be all at Sea before night, being very well fitted out, full mann'd, full of health and courage to seek out the Enemy.

*Whitehall, Septemb. 15.* His Majesty, upon the humble Petition of Sir Edmond Turner Knight, who had been named in His Majesties Proclamation of the 10 of August last, as a party equally guilty of certain misdemeanors, and indirect proceedings had and committed by one George Carew Esq; by vertue and colour of His Majesties Letters Patents of the 19 of August, 1665. for the equipping and sending to Sea such ships as they should think fit against the Dutch, for and until the reimbursement of a certain Sum of money: In which the said Sir Edmond Turner was no wayes concerned for himself, but only in trust for Sir John Wolfenholm, and the rest of the old Farmers of His Majesties Customs: Nor hath he in the least acted in the execution of the said Commission. His Majesty therefore taking the same into His Princely consideration, and being very well satisfied of the integrity and innocency of the said Sir Edmond Turner in the premises, was pleased the 12th instant, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, to declare, that the said Sir Edmond Turner is free and clear from committing any misdemeanors, indirect or illegal proceedings whatsoever, mentioned in, or charged upon him by the said Proclamation: And for the better vindication of his credit and reputation herein, and for satisfaction of all whom it may concern; was pleased to order and command that this publick Notice should be given of that his Gracious Declaration.

*Whitehall, Sept. 15.* His Majesty pursuing with a gracious impatience, His pious Care for the speedy re-aurazion of his City of London, was pleased the Twelfth instant to pass in Council His Declaration to His City of London upon that Subject, full of that Princely tenderness and affection, which He is pleased on all occasions to express for that His beloved City.

In the first place, Upon the desires of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, He is pleased to prohibit the hasty building of any Edifices, till such speedy care be taken for the Re-edification of the City, as may best secure

it from the like Accidents, and raise it to a greater beauty and excellencies than formerly it had; the Lord Mayor and Aldermen being required to pull down what shall contrary to this Prohibition be erected, and return the Names of such refractory persons to His Majesty, and His Council, to be proceeded against according to their Deserts.

That any considerable number of men addressing themselves to the Court of Aldermen, and manifesting in what places their ground lies upon which they design to build, shall in short time receive such order and direction, that they shall have no cause to complain.

That no person Erect any Houe or Building, but of Brick or Stone; and that they be encouraged to practise the good Husbandry of strongly arching their Cellars, by which divers persons have received notable benefit in the late Fire.

That Fleet-street, Cheap-side, Cornhil, and all other eminent Streets, be of a breadth, to prevent the mischief one side may receive from the other by fire; That no streets, especially towards the water, be so narrow, as to make the passage uneasy or inconvenient; nor any Allies or Lanes erected, but upon necessity; for which there shall be published Rules and particula Orders.

That a fair Key and Wharfe be left on all the River side, no Houes to be erected, but at a distance, declared by the Rules. That none of those Houses next the River, be inhabited by Brewers, Dyers, or Sugar-Bakers, who by their continual smokes, contribute much to the unhealthiness of the adjacent places; but that such places be allotted them by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, as may be convenient for them, without prejudice of the Neighbourhood.

That the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen cause an exact Survey to be made of the Ruinae, that it may appear, to what House and Ground did belong, what Term the Owners were possess'd of, what Rents were paid, and to whom the Reversions and Inheriencies did appertain, for the settling of all Interests, that no mans Right be sacrificed to the publick convenience. After which a Plot and Model shall be framed of the whole Building, which no doubt may well please all persons, as to induce them willingly to conform to such Rules and Orders as shall be agreed to.

His Majesty likewise recommends the speedy Rebuilding of some of those many Churches, which have been burnt, to the Charity and magnanimity of well disposed persons, whom he will assist and direct in the Model, and by his bounty encourage, all other ways that shall be desired.

And to encourage the work by his example, His Majesty will use all expedition to rebuild the Customehoue, and enlarge it with the most conveniences for the Merchants, in the place where it formerly stood: And upon all his own Lands will part with any thing of his own Right and Benefit, for the advancement of the publick Service and Beauty of the City; and remit to all persons that shall erect any new Buildings, according to this his Gracious Declaration, all Duties arising from Hearth-money, for the space of Seven years, as by the Declaration it self more at large appears.

*Whitehall, Sept. 16.* Last night late arrived here in Post Sir Thomas Clifford from his Majesties Fleet between Dangonness and Dover, with a full Account to his Majesty of the great vigour and courage with which they are now going to seek the Enemy; who very wisely took the first wind to get away farther from them.

*Ditto,* By an Exprez arrived this day from the Coast of Suffex, we are told that Captain Ball sent out to Cruise in the Channel by his Highness, discovered a Fleet beating up near the height of Portland, of about Forty Sail, standing a little cross to the French Coast, which he judged to be the French Fleet under De Beaufort: If so, we hope in few days to be able to tell you further News of them.