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AT the Court at St. James's, the 11th Day
of February, 1758,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty
in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day
pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs,
viz.

Essex, John Heneger, of Stratford, Esq;
Rutlandshire, Thomas Hotchkins, of Presh-
ton, Esq;

Constantinople, December 23. The Mecca Caravan, which has been lately plundered by the Arabs, was attacked by a numerous body of that People; some say from 30 to 40,000. The Action lasted 16 Hours. They first cut off the Pascha of Sidon, who marched out as usual to supply the Pilgrims with Provisions; he was killed in the Engagement; then they turn'd and attacked the Caravan: The Emir Hadgé, or commanding Pascha, offered them 1000 Purfes of Money to desist; but they refused any Terms, being determined, by a mere Principal of Revenge, for their Tribes having been laid aside as Conductors or Guards to the Caravan, and others substituted in their Place; and it is thought the Removal of their Favourite, Ezade Pascha, from that Post to Aleppo, had also some Share in it. At the Return to Damascus of the fugitive Soldiery, who convoyed the Caravan, those in the Town rose up in Arms against them, as Traitors to their Faith; a great Slaughter ensued, and continued some Time; but there are Advices since, that all is quieted there. The Pascha of the Caravan fled to Gaza, with about 15 or 16 of his People, and it is thought he will lose his Head. The Riches lost to many Cities of this Empire, which is either taken by the Arabs or dispersed in the Deserts, is computed to amount to an immense Sum, as they are supplied from India with all Sorts of valuable Merchandize, Spices, &c. by that Canal. A like Accident happened in the Year 1694, under Achmet the 2d. The Grand Seigneur has been at the Arsenal to review all the Stores, Ships, &c. and gave all the Officers great Marks of his Generosity. It is assured that he distributed above 20,000 Dollars amongst them. The Janizar Aga, who has signalized himself by preserving great Order among that Corps, has had, besides 20,000 Dollars Gratuity sent him by the Sultan, the three Tails. Seneck Mustapha Pascha, at present at Sivas, Brother in Law to the Grand Seigneur, is made Nessangi Pascha, the Office to which the Imperial Signature is confided.

Extract of a Letter from Rear Admiral Cotes to Mr. Cleveland, dated on Board His Majesty's Ship the Marlborough, the 9th of November 1757, in Port Royal Harbour.

The 25th of last Month, Capt. Forrest, in His Majesty's Ship the Augusta, with the Dreadnought and Edinburgh under his Command, returned from their Cruize off Cape

Francois. Captain Forrest gives me the following Account of an Action that happened the 21st, between the Ships under his Command, and Seven French Ships of War.

At Seven in the Morning the Dreadnought made the Signal for seeing the Enemy's Fleet coming out of Cape Francois; we made Sail to discover them plain; and at Half past Eight made Seven Sail of large Ships, a Schooner, and a Pilot Boat. I then made the Signal for the Line a-head, and shortened Sail, to let the Enemy come up, and to preserve the Weather Gage. At Noon saw with great Certainty they were four Ships of the Line, and three large Frigats. I then made the Signal for the Captains Suckling and Langdon, who agreed with me to engage them: Accordingly we bore down, and about Twenty Minutes after Three the Action began with great Briskness on both Sides, and continued for two Hours and an Half, when the French Commodore made a Signal, and one of the Frigats immediately came to tow him out of the Line, and the rest of the French Ships followed him. Our Ships had suffered so much in their Masts, Sails, and Rigging, that we were in no Condition to pursue them. Both Officers and Seamen behaved with the greatest Resolution the whole Time of the Action, and were unhappy at the Conclusion of it, that the Ships were not in a Condition to follow the French, who had Frigats to tow them off. I am informed the French, on this Occasion, had put on Board the Sceptre her full Complement of Guns, either from the Shore or out of the India Ship; and had also mounted the Outardé Storeship with her full Proportion of Guns; and had taken not only the Men out of the Merchant Ships, but Soldiers from the Garrison, in Hopes their Appearance would frighten our small Squadron, and oblige them to leave their Coast clear for them to carry out their large Convoy of Merchant Ships; but our Captains were too gallant to be terrified at their formidable Appearance; and so far from avoiding them, that they bore down, and engaged with the greatest Resolution and good Conduct. And I have the Pleasure to acquaint their Lordships, that the Captains, Officers, Seamen and Marines, have done their Duty on this Occasion, much to their Honour; and I hope their good Behaviour will be approved by their Lordships.

Admiralty-Office, February 10.

Captain Man, of His Majesty's Ship the Penguin, gives an Account, in his Letter of the 6th Instant, That on the 3d, between the Bemyhead and Deadman, he took a Snow Privateer belonging to Havre de Grace, called the Fidelle, mounting eight Carriage Guns 4 Pounders, and eight Swivels, and 48 Men. She had been out nine Days, and taken nothing.

His Majesty's Sloop the Dispatch is arrived in the Downs with a Cutter Privateer, of 6 Carriage Guns and 50 Men, taken by her off Shoreham.

*Memorandum
of Newston
Hall*

