

Yesterday arrived here a mail from Lisbon, in 16 days, by which we have advice of the arrival there of 32 English ships, all laden with corn from London.

The new treaty of commerce between this court and Russia, is far advanced, and will be, it is said, very advantageous to the two nations: Tho' the English colonies of America are now in a condition to furnish us with many articles which we have a long time imported from the Northern countries.

March 31. It is said as his Royal Highness the Duke of York had determined to visit Rome, the reason of his assuming only the title of Earl of Ulster, was to remove every difficulty that might have been raised in respect to his reception in that city; the Pope having already received the second son of the Pretender, under the title of Cardinal York.

The distemper among the horned cattle, has very much abated, which has been effected by hanging four or five onions about the beast's neck directly after they are taken ill, and will not eat. Those onions draw the infection out, and look the next day as if they had been boiled. This remedy is to be repeated several times, and the onions which have been used, are to be buried in a deep hole. In a few days after, the cattle are taken with a running at the nose, which carries off that distemper: It is also proper at that time, to hang up some onions in the distemper'd cattle's stables.

*St. James's, March 31.* Information having been given, that several of his Majesty's subjects, in the underwritten list particularly mentioned, have been for a considerable time, and are now detained in France as hostages for the payment of ransom bills, which have not yet been satisfied; these are therefore to give notice, that in case such ransom bills are not forthwith discharged, prosecutions will be commenced in his Majesty's Court of Admiralty, against all masters, owners, and others, unjustly refusing or neglecting to pay the sums of money stipulated for the release of those unfortunate persons, who have suffered so long an imprisonment.

*List of hostages for English ransoms, detained in French prisons.*

Alexander Faulkener, at Dunkirk, Margaret of Dundee, 3d of April, 1759, for 285 guineas.

Robert Sutherland, at Dunkirk, Friend's

Goodwill, 18th of April, 1760, for 350 guineas.

Francis Kipps, at Brest, Hercules, about three years ago, the sum not specified.

Francis Newton, at St. Maloes, Hope, 7th of September, 1760, for 312 guineas:

John Henry Carey, at Rochelle, Dreadnought, 9th of April, 1761, for 300 l. sterling.

Henry Constant, at Bourdeaux, Dove, 18th of January, 1762, for 30,000 livres Tournois.

John Turner, at Bourdeaux, The Desire, 18th of September, 1762, for 250 guineas.

Among the hostages detained in France for want of ransom being paid, is Francis Kipps, at Brest; though the sum is not specified, it was for 2900 l. sterling. He became bound, at the pressing instances of a person who lives in Carolina, and on the strongest assurances of being speedily released. Kipps has this person's bond now with him at Brest, (or it is in the hands of the owners of the frigate, who accepted the ransom) in which he engages to release him.

The London Gazette contains the King's proclamation, dated March 26, 1764, for the sale by auction of all his Majesty's lands in the islands of Grenada and the Grenadines, Dominico, St. Vincent and Tobago, excepting such lands as shall be necessary for fortifications, and other military works, glebes for ministers, allotments for school-masters, high roads, wood-lands, and other public purposes; under the following conditions: That the purchasers pay twenty per cent. of the whole purchase-money down, ten per cent. in one year, ten per cent. in the second year, and twenty per cent. every year after, till all is paid. That every purchaser shall keep one white man, or two white women, for every hundred acres cleared, or pay twenty pounds for every white woman, and forty pounds for every white man wanting. That one acre in twenty shall be cleared every year, till half the land be cleared, or pay five pounds for every acre not so cleared. That six pence an acre be paid to the crown as a quit-rent on such lands as shall be cleared. No person to purchase more than three hundred acres of land in Dominico, or five hundred in the other islands. That districts will be allotted for towns; a penny per foot for ground-rent for tenements, and six pence per acre for fields. No more than one town-lot to one person, and six acres of pasture land