

to be Majors of Brigade to his Majesty's Forces serving in North America.

The Hon. Ensign Edward Percival, of the First Regiment of Foot Guards, to be Captain in the First Regiment of Dragoon Guards, commanded by Lieutenant General Mostyn, in the room of Capt. Martin Tucker, preferred.

The Lords of the Admiralty have appointed the Hon. Spencer Percival to be Principal Register of the Vice-Admiralty Court for all America.

The Hon. East-India Company will send this Year twenty Ships to their Settlements in Asia, eight of which are new.

Three elegant Statues of white Marble are now erecting in the Sale Room at the India House, viz. Admiral Sir George Pococke in the Middle, Lord Clive on the Right, and Colonel Laurence on the Left Hand.

Among the different Improvements intended to take Place in West Floriday, we are informed Pensacola Bay, from its natural Situation, describing Three-fourths of a Circle, will be rendered one of the most complete and safe Receptacles for Shipping of any Part of the Continent. A Range of Wharfs, in Imitation of Charles-Town Bay, is to be built of hewn Stone, with proper Offices, which has advanced the Price of Masons Work to three Spanish Dollars per Diem.

By a Letter received Yesterday from Yarmouth there is an Account that seven English Ships arrived there in the Road, on Sunday last, from Greenland, with no more than one Fish each. The Captains say, that the Fishery in general has been very bad there this Year, occasioned by the East and North-East Winds, and that there were at one Time 18 British Ships surrounded by the Ice.

It is high Time the Forestallers of the Markets should be called to an Account, as, by their Means, a joint of good Mutton now sells in the City Markets for 4d. and 4d. Half penny per pound, and Beef, Lamb, and Veal, in Proportion. Good Mutton, at this Season, can be very well afforded for 3d. per Pound; Graziers not receiving, at the first Hand, above 2d. per Pound for their live Sheep.

Monday Night last, about Eleven o'Clock, as one Mrs. — was going home, she was stopped in Bloomsbury-square, by three Ruffians; who upon searching her, and finding no Money, dragged her near the Rails, where

one ravished her, while the other two stood swearing the most horrid Oaths. Had not some People passing by disturbed them, they would probably have taken her Life.

Last Week a Girl about eleven Years old, belonging to a shop in Leadenhall-market, was decoyed by a Man, who took her away into some of the Fields at the Back of White-chapel, where he used her in a Manner too shocking to mention; after which he drew her into a Ditch, where she was found late at Night by some Persons coming by and hearing her Groans, with her Cloaths over her Head, and insensible. She was taken to the Hospital, but with little Hopes of her Recovery.

*Extract of a Letter from Bridgwater, the 5th of August, 1764.*

“ Last Friday Morning I arrived at Taunton, where I proposed only to take a Breakfast, but was informed there would be a Procession of Free-Masons that Day, a Warrant having been obtained from their Grand Master for constituting a Lodge there. As you know my Tour in the West was entirely for Pleasure, you will not wonder that I immediately resolved to stay and dine there, in order to see the Procession, as it is a Society I have not the Honour to be a Member of, and consequently must be unacquainted with their Ceremonies. I shall now give you a Description of the Affair, as I saw it.

“ About Twelve o'Clock, receiving Notice from one of the Writers, that the Cavalcade was going to set forward, I threw up a Sash, and was most agreeably surpris'd. The Manner in which they were marshalled, the genteel Appearance of the Members, who I afterwards found were chiefly the principal Persons in that Town; the singular Circumstance of their wearing white Leather Aprons, and many of them Tools of Silver used in Masonry hanging about their Necks, some of them pendant to Mazarine-Blue Ribbons; (these I was informed were Persons representing the Officers of the Grand Lodge) and others to rich Silver Lace, afforded a most agreeable and engaging Sight.

“ First came a Man with an heroic Aspect, his Hat under his Arm, and carrying a large drawn Sword, who I was told was the Door-keeper. Then came two young Gentlemen with white Wands in their Hands, these were called Stewards; next a Gentleman

carrying