

late defeat by the English forces, that if he did not surrender him up, he would cross the river and destroy his country with fire and sword; whereupon Sujah Dowlar wrote down for an Ambassador, and appointed one to treat with the Governor and Council. This letter adds, that the newly restor'd Nabob had given a very handsome gratuity to the English army for their late services in his behalf.

Letters from Naples, dated the 8th of June, bring a very melancholy account of the sickness which followed the late famine: Upwards of 200,000 people have died there and in the neighbourhood, in four months; and in the burying places of that city alone, 160,000 have been interred.

It is reported that a memorial has been receiv'd from the court of Spain, and that a council has been called in consequence thereof.

It is said some men of war will very speedily be sent up the Mediterranean.

On Thursday a large seizure of 3000 China plates and 300 dishes, that had been run from on board an Indiaman, was made, and conveyed to his Majesty's Ware-house at the Custom-house.

The Hospitals at Naples not being sufficient to hold the sick poor, who have perished by hundreds in the streets and highways, the Government have ordered a vast inclosure to be erected, whither all distressed persons are brought as soon as they become sick, and there furnished with spiritual and temporal succour.

It is become the fashion in France, and especially in Paris, among the better sort of people, to learn the English language; and a great many Englishmen are gone over as masters.

From Heidelberg we hear, that no lives were lost at the late dreadful fire there; and that the famous cask, which was made in 1664, by the Elector Charles Lewis, was preserved. This cask is said to contain 204 tons of liquor, and generally full of the best Rhenish wine.

A letter from Berlin, dated the 30th of June, says, That very great preparations were making there, to celebrate, with the utmost magnificence, the marriage between the hereditary Prussia, and the Princess Elizabeth Christiana Louisa of Brunswick.

By a gentlemen just arrived from Rochfort, we are informed, that the French are very busy in preparing as formidable a marine as possible, inasmuch, that they have there several large men of war building, some of which are nearly compleated, and when finished, are ordered for Brest. Besides, a number of frigates, which have been laid up, are ordered to be thoroughly inspected into, and properly repaired.

'Tis reported that the Spaniards have taken a British Ship, and carried her into Carthagena in America,

It is said, from some letters just received from Jamaica, that the Spaniard's infraction of the late treaty, has not been confined to the English log-wood cutters in the Bay of Honduras; they have also expelled the turtlers from approaching their coasts, and have seized a sloop from Bermuda, on pretence of illicit trade.

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July 19. In consequence of the new regulations in the Marine, it is said each rate in the navy, from a sloop of eight guns to a ship of an hundred, are to be furnished with a double suit of sails and rigging, to be carefully laid up in the King's yards, in the most noted ports in the Channel, so that every ship may be immediately supplied with all convenient furniture according to her rate, in case of any accident at sea, without that delay and confusion formerly experienced in affairs of the navy.

It is reported that all the English Forts and Castles in the West Indies, which amount to upwards of 300 in number, both in the Leeward and Windward islands, are to be thoroughly repaired, the old ordinance sent home, and to be remounted with new from England.

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It is said that an eminent Quaker of New-England is lately come over with intent to solicit a grant for a considerable tract of Land, commodiously situated for water-carriage on the Eastern banks of the Mississippi; which if obtained, he intends to people entirely with German Protestants, at his own expence.

They write from Jamaica, that, for some time past, the Spaniards, by their agents, mostly Jew Brokers, have been very busy in buying up great quantities of small cannon, and other pieces of ordnance, from four to fourteen pounds shot, which have laid aside since the peace, and were formerly used in British privateers, from the West Indies.— They are shipped by way of ballast for the Havana, and other Spanish ports.

The Mate of the Hopestill, Capt. Sybrand, lately carried into Carthagena by the Spaniards, writes, that before they were attacked, they observed eight Vessels in chase; that they immediately