

Various have been the conjectures of the Publick on the cause of Mr. de Guerchy's return to France, some suspecting it is more for state affairs, than for those of private connections: but there is nothing uncommon in that Minister's journey; for as he is a Lieutenant Gen. of the French Army, he is obliged (as are all of that rank) by an ordinance of Lewis XIV. to inspect and review his own regiment in person once a year; and it is for that purpose he now returns to France.

They write from the Sound of the 14th instant, that 198 ships had passed there from the 7th to the 14th of July, 41 of which were English.

In a gentleman's garden near Bromsgrove, there is a cherry-tree, which has already bore fruit this summer, and now in full bloom.

Two ships are arrived from the South Seas at Cadiz, with 5,700,000 dollars on board.

Extract of a Letter from Paris.

"It is currently reported, that 35,1000 men will soon form an army of observation on the confines of Poland, under a Marshal of France."

They write from South-Carolina, that vast quantities of Spanish mill'd dollars having been exported from Charlestown since the peace, and which still continue to be sent to England and other parts, to the great detriment of the province, the Governor and Council have thoughts of augmenting the standard value of dollars to 32s. 6d. Carolina currency; which is 1s. more than their present rate. This will not only be a means to retain plenty of silver, in the capital, by removing the temptation to send it abroad, but is also a step highly necessary, as the circulation of paper is going to be laid aside.

July 27. Yesterday the publishers of No. 45 of the North Briton in Numbers, and of the two volumes, were tried before Lord Mansfield at Guildhall, when the jury brought them in guilty of publishing the same.

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 ordnance sent home, and to be remounted with new from England.

The last letters from North America bro't advice, that the inhabitants there have received the account of the new duties on several of their productions, with more compliance than was at first imagined, being assured the said income will be appropriated for the good uses of those colonies.

A vile Slander!

St. James's, July 20. In answer to the representations made by his Majesty's ambassadour at the court of Madrid, upon the late transactions of their governor of Jucatan, and his proceedings to the British subjects employed in cutting logwood in the Bay of Honduras, the Spanish ministry have replied, That they have received no advices from that governor relative to this affair; but that it is certain the Catholic King has given positive orders to his governor of Jucatan to abide by, and observe the XVIIth article of the last treaty of peace, and that he will not approve of the conduct of his subjects who act in contravention to it. That it is the intention of his Catholic Majesty, that no one shall impede the English in their cutting logwood in the stipulated places; and he will disapprove of his governors and ministers, whenever they act to the contrary, and renew the most strict orders to that effect.

August 6. A vast number of quarter guineas are now sending abroad to the American settlements, which, it is thought, will occasion a farther coinage of these species, so necessary for change.

AMERICAN NEWS.

PRINCETOWN, September 26,

This Day the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, attended the Anniversary Commencement, in the New Church. In the Morning the Rev. Mr. Whitefield, preached a Sermon on *Phil. iii. 8.* In the Close of which he gave a very striking and animated Exhortation to the young Gentlemen who were Candidates for the Honours of the College. The Exercises usual on such Occasions were performed to the Satisfaction of all who understood them. The following *Theses* were disputed, *viz.*

Mentiri, ut vel natio conservetur, haud fas est.

Lux rationis sola, incitamenta ad virtutem satis efficacia, non præbet.

Somnia non sunt universaliter inaniæ et nil portendentia.

*Nullam verum virtutem habet, qui omnes non habet.**

The following young Gentlemen were admitted to the Degree of *Batchelor of Arts*, *viz.* Thomas Alkin, Thomas John Clagett, William Foster, Nathaniel Hazard, John Laurence, Samuel Leak, John M'Crery, Alexander Miller, David Platt, Joseph Smith, Thomas Tredwell, James Tuttle, Andrew Wilson, William Woodhull.