

divert the French King from his Design of invading Ha-anoer

Paris, Dec. 17. There is such a Ferment in the Parliament, that 160 Members have resigned their Posts, and the whole public Business is at a Stand.

It is rumoured that an extraordinary Nuncio is come here to support the Pope's Brief relating to ecclesiastical Disputes, and to demand that it may have the Force of a Decree.

January 16. The Villain that wounded the King has a Guard of 200 Men set over him, and has already been put to the Rack, in order to discover his Accomplices; and it is said he has already named some of them.

The detestable Assassin will be brought this Night to the Conciergerie, and locked up in Montgomery's Tower, bound in such a Manner as to prevent being his own Executioner.

LONDON, January 1.

The Desertion from the Austrian Troops is very great; and it is said that 600 have deserted from one Regiment.

January 8. We have Advice from Basle in Switzerland, of the 28th of December, that they have Letters from Rome, which mention the Death of the Pope on the 16th Instant.

The Affairs of Europe being at a Crisis, next to the Conduct of Great Britain, the Attention of the Public is fixed in a very particular Manner on the Court of Prussia, a Reign begun with such happy Auspices, has raised suitable Expectations, and it is presumed the ensuing Summer will produce some glorious Event from that Quarter. And as, by his Majesty's last Exploit, he proved that Numbers are no Match for true Fortitude, conducted by superior Wisdom, so it is ardently wished, by all true Friends to Liberty, that he may defeat and humble the proud Tyrant of the Earth, and let the Nations free.

Extra of a Letter from Portsmouth, Jan. 22.

Saturday, January 8. This Afternoon I heard but little. Capt. Cornwall gave his Evidence, which I did not hear; but Mr. Byng cross-examined him in a few Things, and said, Captain Cornwall, if I do not make it appear that the Misconduct of that Day was owing to you, then the Lord have Mercy upon me.

Portsmouth, January 15. Monday 10. Captain Cornwall finished his Cross-Examination about Noon, in which he confirmed all he had said in his former Narration, in Terms and Behaviour like the Gentleman and brave Soldier. His Lieutenant, Mr. Boyd, was then called, who spoke with Deceit and Caution, and did not attempt to give a Narrative of the whole Action, his Situation, he said, not enabling him so to do.

Captain Durell, of the Trident, being sworn, deposed much the same as Captain Cornwall.

Tuesday 11. Captain Gardner of the Ramilles, was under Examination and Cross Examination all Day. He could not say all their Sails were set, or that the Rear Division could not come up to a close Engagement, as well as the Van, but said that he advised the Admiral to bear down; that the Admiral objected thereto, and gave his Reasons against it, lest an Accident of a similar Nature with that of Admiral Matthews in the same Seas, should be the Consequence, and had nothing to say against the Admiral's personal Behaviour.

Wednesday 12. Lord Robert Bertie being sworn, said he was stationed on the Quarter Deck with the Admiral, and was of Opinion that the Hundred Officers and Recruits designed to have been landed in Minorca, could not have saved Fort St. Philip, but were of greater Service on Board the Fleet.

Extra of a Letter from Portsmouth, Jan. 23.

Thursday the 11th Captain Gardner was examined, who in general deposed in Favor of the Admiral; and as to personal Courage in the Action, said the Admiral showed it; but mentioned, that he advised the Admiral to set his Topgallant Sails to go down to the Enemy.

Yesterday Lord Robert Bertie, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, and Capt. in Charge, who were all on Board the Admiral's Ship, were examined: They all spoke to the personal Courage of the Admiral in Action; and Lord Robert Bertie said he was the first who discovered the Trident so near the Ramilles, as to be in Danger of going on Board each other; and that he believed if that had not happened, they should have come to a close Engagement with the Enemy. Colonel Cornwallis was

then called, but as he was on Board the Kingfisher, and was not engaged, the Court did not think fit to ask him any Questions.

Then five of the Lieutenants of the Ramilles were examined, who deposed, that they believe the Trident to be the Admiral's Impediment from closing the Enemy.

St. George, Portsmouth Harbour, January 20. Yesterday Mr. Byng came on Board, and delivered a Paper, declaring he had no more Evidence to produce, but his Secretary, and would give the Court no farther Trouble, so that we may soon expect the Sentence.

Since my last arrived Admiral Hawke in the Ramilles, with the Lancaster; the Prince-George is at the Back of the Isle of Wight, being obliged to cut away all her Masts, for Fear of being on Shore. Pilots and a Man of War are gone to assist her.

We hear that several Persons are taken into Custody at Dover, on Suspicion of carrying on a Correspondence with the French Court.

On Monday a Cartel Ship arrived at Falmouth, with English Prisoners from Brest.

Cork, January 3. Yesterday was brought into Cove, by his Majesty's Ship Dover, of 40 Guns, Captain Christopher Hill, Commander, after an Engagement of two Hours, the French East Indiaman, of 800 Tons Burthen, homeward bound: It is thought she will turn out a Prize of between 2 and 300,000 l.

One of his Majesty's Ships of War is arrived at Kinsale: In her Passage she took and brought in there a French Privateer of 10 Guns, and 150 Men.

NEWBORN, April 15.

Last Friday Evening his Excellency the Governor arrived in Town, in good Health, from Philadelphia, where he has been at the Congress held there by Lord Leaden, with the several Governors on the Continent; and next Day he was pleased to issue his Proclamation for the Meeting of the General Assembly, which is to be held here on the 13th of May next, for the Dispatch of public Business.

This Day his Excellency was pleased also to issue his Proclamation, strictly enjoining and commanding the 18th of May next to be kept and observed as a solemn Day of Fasting and Humiliation, to humble ourselves before God, and to deprecate his Judgments for our manifold Sins and Transgressions against his divine Laws.

NORTH-CAROLINA, ff.

By his Excellency ARTHUR DOBBS, Esq, His Majesty's Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the said Province.

A PROCLAMATION, For the MEETING of the ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS on the present Emergency of Affairs, the public Welfare requires, that the ASSEMBLY of this Province should be convened before the Expiration of the Time limited in the last Prorogation thereof. Wherefore the several Members of the said Assembly, are hereby willed and directed to be, and meet at Newborn, on Friday the Thirteenth Day of May next; when and where the said Assembly is to sit for the Dispatch of public Business.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Province, at Newborn, the 9th Day of April, 1757, and in the 30th Year of his Majesty's Reign.

ARTHUR DOBBS.

By his Excellency's Command, William Powell, Dep. Secretary.

GOD Save the KING.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHOEVER have Patents for Land, granted either in Governor Johnston's, or President Rice's Time, whether they are in the Hands of the Subscriber, or lying in the Secretary's Office at Newborn, may, on speedy Application to me, obtain the same, paying the Fees due thereon.

John Rice.

To Be SOLD Reasonably;

SUNDRY Valuable Tracts of Land, lying in the Counties of Craven, Johnston, Edgecombe, and Granville. Robert Brinkley, Esq; has a Power to dispose of the Lands in Edgecombe and Granville. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond and Security to

Joseph Carruthers.

N. B. The Lands in Edgecombe and Granville were patented by Joseph Anderson, Esq;