

throw up again upon every, or rather upon no Occasion at all. To the same Principle it is owing, that some are continually putting their Inventions upon the Rack, to say something surprizing and uncommon: Whereas, if Wit carries an Air of much Study and Premeditation; if, instead of being a *Volunteer*, it be visibly *pressed* into the Service, nothing can be more nauseating and distastful. It is with Wit, as with *Mercury*: That which is called *Virgin Quicksilver*, which streams out freely of itself in great Drops (which is readily discovered without the Help of Fire) is, upon several Accounts, far more valuable than that which is extorted and forced out by the Furnace. To the same Principle may be ascribed that fiery Spirit of Opposition, which is so predominant in some Men, that, rather than confess one Absurdity, they will be reduced to a Necessity of committing ten:

[The Remainder in our next.]

## N E W S.

LONDON, May 1.

Bets are daily making on a Nobleman's riding from London to Edinburgh in twelve Hours, any Time in one Month. The Distance is 402 measured Miles, and the Time allowed 720 Minutes, which is one Minute and near 48 Seconds to a Mile. The Gentlemen of the Turf observe, that the famous Childers, one of the finest Horses ever in England, and who made 27 Feet a Stroke, could not hold above four Miles at that Rate, which was computed about 50 Miles an Hour: and at present it is computed, the Generality of the best Race Horses in England make only seven Yards or 21 Feet a Stroke; and considering the Disadvantage of Up-hill, Causeways, through the different Towns and Villages betwixt London and Edinburgh, the Undertaking is one of the greatest of the Kind ever known, although it is admitted there may be a Possibility of performing it.

Letters from Francefort say, that amongst other Presents distributed on Account of the Coronation of the King of the Romans, there were 2500 Gold Watches, enriched with Brilliants.

They write from Dresden of the 14th ult. that a Giant was arrived there from Trent, to make a Show of himself. He measures 15 of

their Ells (about 14 Feet) in Height, and has been so tall ever since he was nine Years old.

June 1. Four pieces of cannon have been fished up in La Hogue road, supposed to have belonged to admiral Tourville's fleet when burned, sunk, and destroyed there in 1692, by the Dutch and English. They were covered all over with a thick incrustation of mud, under which the metal was as impressible as if they had been pewter, which might be owing to the sea salt; but after being 24 hours in the air, the metal so far recovered its natural hardness that these cannon stood the strongest proofs.

On the 6th of June Inst. arrived in Hamoaze, the rich Galleon Santissima Trinidad, from the East-Indies, commanded by Lieut. Manwaring Wilding, Esq; She sailed from Madras the 25th of September, 1763, having on board 120 English Seamen and Officers, with 60 French Soldiers, Prisoners of war, belonging to the East-India Company, who mutinied on board the Ship in Madras road. She is the largest and richest Ship ever bro't to England, and bro't home under Jury masts. In the Latitude of 6 S. his Majesty's Ships Grafton and Lenox left her; but at the Cape of Good-Hope, they joined and arrived in a very distressed condition: were fitted out and sailed the 16th of February, 1764, under their Convoy, to England. After a tedious passage, 200 Leagues to the Westward of the Lizard, they again left the Prize, being both in great Distress.—The above Ship was loaded at Madras with the Collection of Governor Piggot's Wild Beasts and Curiosities, most of which died in the passage, being so long and the Ship so very labourfome.

As soon as his Excellency Governor Johnstone arrives at Pensacola, a thorough survey is to be taken how far several Plans lately brought over for the erection of towns, forts, and other places convenient for trade and security, agrees with the truth; after which the inhabitants, assisted by the military, are to set about compleating such works as may be found more immediately necessary for the above purposes.

A great many bags of different sorts of seeds, the growth of England and foreign parts, have been shipped on board the Grampus storeship for Pensacola, in order to ascertain how far the culture of those vegetables will correspond with the climate of Florida,