

It will be order'd to cruise upon the Coasts of Great-Britain. The Body of Troops which are in Picardy, should Things come to a certain Point, will be augmented to 40,000 Men. The Privateers of Britany will be sent likewise to cruise upon the Coasts of England; and some are of Opinion, that an Attempt will be made to recover the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, these Islands being situate so near the Coasts of France, and consequently of giving great Annoyance to the Subjects of that Nation, so long as they are in the Hands of its Enemies. — What an idle Scheme is this? d'Antin's Squadron of four Men of War, to cruise on the British Coasts? and what are 14 Men of War, and the whole Navy of Spain, to Haddock's Squadron, Vernon's, Ogle's, &c. &c. &c. if they are in earnest.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, August 23. By private Letters we are assured, that a Ship who had an extraordinary quick Passage from the Island of Minorca to London, has brought Advice that the Colchester Man of War, belonging to Admiral Haddock's Squadron, being upon a Cruise, had taken two Catalonian Ships, loaden with Wine, &c. and carried them into Port-mahon, where they were condemned.

COUNTRY-NEWS.

Suram, Aug 27. On Tuesday last Lord Arundle came here from his Seat at Warder-Castle, his Lordship went to the Three Lions Inn, where he had no sooner alighted from his Horse, but was seized with an Apopleckick Fit; in falling (against a Brick-wall) he cut a considerable Wound in his Head; his Lordship lay ill in the said Inn till Thursday, attended by Dr. Hale, and then return'd much indisposed to his Seat at Warder Castle.

LONDON, Sept. 1.

One Mortar, which cost about 2000 l. Casting, has been put on board the Alderney, Capt. Scot.

By the Diligence of the Carpenters belonging to the Office of Ordnance, who have work'd Night and Day, not even Sundays excepted, the three Tenders, ordered for the Bomb-Ketches now lying off Rotherhithe, are just finish'd and ready for sailing.

The Catherine, Capt. Farmer, has fell down the River for the Downs, in order to proceed for New York, having a Letter of Marque to make Reprisals on the Spaniards.

It is said there are Letters in Town which confirm the Account, that the Right Hon. the Lord Augustus Fitzroy had taken a Spanish Ship, with 200 Tons of Iron on board.

It's reported, that a strong Reinforcement will be sent to Gibraltar and Port-Mahon.

We hear that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint his Grace the Duke of Marlborough to be Colonel of his Majesty's own Royal Regiment of Dragoons, in the room of Lieutenant-General Gore, deceased.

It was reported on Thursday last upon the Exchange, that Goa, a rich Settlement belonging to the Portuguese, was besieged by 150,000 Indians.

The French, Dutch, and Spanish Ministers were yesterday at the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington's House at St. James's.

Eleven Sail of Men of War were put into Commission on Thursday last at the Admiralty-Office, viz. Four of Eighty Guns each, Five of Sixty, and Two of Fifty Guns each.

The following Gentlemen are to have the Eighty-Gun Ships, viz. Capt. John Hemmington, the Princess Amelia; James Gunman, the Torbay; Capt. Charles Vanbrugh, the Cumberland; and Capt. Tho. Graves, the Norfolk.

The Three Bomb Vessels having been employed for some Weeks on the Coasts, in impressing Seamen, are now returned to Woolwich to take on board their Bombs, Howitzars, &c.

The Army which the Great Mogul has sent to oppose Thomas Kouli-Kan, consists of 100,000 Horse, and a Spearman to attend each Rider, 200,000 Foot, 1200 Pieces of Cannon, and 500 fighting Elephants; to support which he has sent two Millions Sterling in Specie.

We hear that a certain Account is come from Lisbon, that Messrs Keene and Coates the British Plenipotentiaries to the Court of Spain, were arrived there on their way home.

It is said the Man of War that carried the Orders to Admiral Haddock to make Reprisals, sail'd near 2 Days, in Company with a Spanish Register Ship, little thinking what his Orders were.

On Thursday there was a very great Concourse of Nobility, Quality and Foreign Ministers at Kensington.

The same Day his Excellency Count Cambys, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of France, who arrived at his House in Hanover-Square from Paris, waited on his Majesty at Kensington.

Yesterday his Excellency Count Cambys, the most Christian King's Ambassador, dined with the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole.

By a Gentleman lately arrived from Roan we are informed, that the French rebuilding a great Number of small Vessels in that Port and others on the Coast of Normandy, which they gave out were designed for the Fishery; but by the Form and Strength of the Building they seem'd fitter for Transports or some such Use.

All the Great Officers of State are come to Town on the present Conjunction of Affairs.

They continue impressing Seamen, both on Shore and on the River, several Gallies being up Yesterday, who got a great number of Seamen.

Yesterday the following Ships of War were put into Commission at the Admiralty-Office, viz.

Ships.	Men.	Guns.	Captains.
Princess Amelia	520	80	John Hemmington.
Cumberland	520	80	James Stuar.
Norfolk	520	80	Thomas Graves.
Defiance	365	60	John Trevor.
Rippon	365	60	Humphrey Orme.
York	365	60	John Gascoine.
Tilbury	280	50	Robert Long.
Lichfield	280	50	John Towry.
Bristol	280	50	William Chambers.
Rochester	280	50	Cornelius Mitchell.
Winchester	280	50	James Lloyd.
Ludlow Castle	190	40	John Crawford.

Three more Ships of War will be commission'd either this Day, or on Monday next, viz. the Torbay of Eighty Guns, and Two Fifty-Gun Ships.

The Admiralty also appointed Yesterday a great many Lieutenants for the said Ships.

We hear, that the Lords of the Admiralty received Yesterday an Account, that Capt. Laws, on the Jamaica Station, had sunk a Spanish Privateer of 20 Guns, after a smart Engagement.

Letters from Rear-Admiral Haddock, dated the 23d of July, give an Account, that on the 17th, Lord Augustus Fitzroy, Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Elham, seized a Spanish Ship, upwards of 100 Tons, called the Noltra Senora del Comina, bound from Sebastian to Cadiz, with a Cargo of Naval Stores, which Ship the Admiral sent under a Convoy to Lisbon.

We hear, that the Commander of a Twenty Gun Ship in the Rear Admiral Haddock's Squadron is ordered home.

His Majesty's Ship the Argyll, having received her Orders from the Admiralty, has joined the other Men of War in the Downs.

On Monday next two hundred Recruits, now in the Savoy, will be carried from thence down the River, in order to be shipp'd for Gibraltar and Port-Mahon, to reinforce the Garrison of those Places.

We hear that each Company in the Third Regiment of Foot-Guards will be augmented to a hundred Men.

An Express is hourly expected with News of a Peace, or at least a Suspension of Arms, being agreed upon between the Turks and Imperialists.

This is the Birth-Day of his Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, who enters into the 29th Year of his Age.

The Rev. Mr. Eyre, M. A. is presented by the Lord Chancellor to the Vicarage of Rethington in the County of Lincoln, void by the Death of the last Incumbent.

As did also a Dispensation to enable the Rev. William Stewkley, M. D. Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Ancaster, to hold the Vicarage of All Saints, with the Rectory of St. Peter in Scamford annex'd, in the County and Diocese of Lincoln, and the Rectory of Somerby, with Hunby, in the said County and Diocese.

At Kingston Assizes there was a remarkable Cause try'd at the Nisi prius Bar, between the Executors of a late worthy Gentleman of Gaton, and those of a deceased Clergyman. The former, the Plaintiffs, laid their Damages for upwards of 300 l. due for many Years Board; the latter, the Defendants, acknowledged the Board, but denied the Debt; that the Minister had indeed many Years lived with the Gentleman, who was his Patron, and made his House his own, but that it was at the Gentleman's Request, who had such an Esteem for him, and so much admired his Company, that he was not pleas'd without him; and when the Parson's private Affairs had called him down into Wor-

cestershire, his native Country, his Friend would be frequently sending Letters to him, mourning his Absence and courting his Return; which was proved by oral and written Evidence; and therefore is strongly presumed that his Patron design'd to make him a Precent of his Board, and deemed him a Guest; and to suppose the contrary would be very dishonourable: Nevertheless, upon the Whole, the Jury gave a Verdict for the Plaintiffs for 200 and odd Pounds Damage.

Notwithstanding the Accounts lately publish'd of the Success of the Dutch Greenland Ships, by the last Advice from Holland we are assured the Whales prove very small this Year, the Fins not weighing one with the other above two Pound and half, or three Quarters, when the general Size used to be from four to five Pound a Fin, which are the chief Demand for our English Market: Therefore except the Ladies retrench the Sizes of their Hoop Petticoats, there will be a great Scarcity of Long Bone for that purpose.

On Monday last Gilbert Langley and William Hills, two Foot-pads, attacked one Mr. Springate of Feverham, between Canterbury and Baughton-Hill, and took from him some Half-pence, (which was all he had about him) but they return'd them to him again, as not worth while; however a Hue-and-Cry was rais'd and one of them taken immediately, and the other soon after, as he was going through Baughton, and being carried before the sitting Justices at Canterbury, they were committed to Gaol. There were found upon them some Pistols of an extraordinary Make, being not above four Inches long in the Barrel, and yet wide enough to receive a Ball as large as that of a Fowling Piece.

Yesterday began the Quarter-Sessions of the Peace at Hicks's-Hall, for the County of Middlesex, when several Persons took the Oaths to qualify themselves for their respective Employments in the Army.

Last Wednesday Night died, at his House in Cecil-Street in the Strand, Mr. Bradshaw, Door-keeper to the Right Hon. the House of Lords, a Place of considerable Profit; which is in the Gift of his Grace the Duke of Graton, Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household.

On Thursday in the Evening died at his House in Covent-Garden, Francis Burton, Esq, Receiver General of the Deduction of the Civil List.

Yesterday died at his House in Rathbone-Place, Mr. Mills, who formerly kept the Crois-Keys Tavern in Bedford Street, Covent-Garden.

On Tuesday the 21st of August was run for on Pitchcroft-Ham near the City of Worcester, a Plate of Twenty Pounds, which was won by a Mare belonging to John Myddelton, of Chirk-Castle, Esq, call'd Bright Aurelia. And.

On Wednesday three started for the Plate of Forty Pounds, viz. Lord Portmore's Horse Squirt, Lord Weymouth's Spanker, and Squire Myddelton's Horse Cato, which was won by the latter.

Last Thursday the Races began at Reading in Berks, when five started for the Purse of 50 l. which was won by Mr. Bever's Yorkshire Mare. And.

On Wednesday Mr. Smith's Yorkshire Mare Miss Reed, and Mr. Jones's Grey Mare Why not, started for the Galloway Purse of 20 l. which was won by the former.

Last Thursday seven started for the Hunters Purse of 25 l. which was won by Mr. Bever's Bay Mare Molly Mogg.

A few Days since died the Hon. Eyre Evans, Esq; Brother to the Right Hon. the Lord Carberry of the Kingdom of Ireland.

On Monday last died, after a lingering Illness, at his Seat at Hitchin in Hertfordshire, Ralph Ratcliffe, Esq; eldest Son of the late Sir Ralph Ratcliffe, Knt. he was formerly a Turkey Merchant, and died possessor of an Estate of about 3000 l. per Annum, the Bulk of which, we hear, he has left to his second Brother, tho' his next Brother gets about 800 per Annum by his Death.

On Thursday was exported for France 200 Quarters Wheat Meal; for Ireland 100 C. Hops.

Count de Cambis, the French Ambassador, as 'tis said, is very much dissatisfied with his Reception at this Court, for waiting, on Thursday last, on the King at Kensington, in Expectation of having an Audience, he was told by his Majesty, that some urgent Affairs interposing at that Time must wait for some more convenient Opportunity: And 'tis reported that the said Ambassador will set out for France on Tuesday next.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to appoint — Evelyn, Esq; youngest Son of Sir John Evelyn, Bart. one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, to be Ensign in Col. Lowther's Company in the Second Regiment of Foot-Guards.

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