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TUESDAY'S POST. FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Extract of a Letter from *Edw. Thompson, Esq. Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Agenda*, dated Demerary, Dec. 8.*

I AM just now under Sail from this Place, with three other Frigates under my Command, and am going to the Relief, or to retake the Island of Tortola, having this Moment received Advice that three French Frigates are now laying Siege to it. I hope in my next to give you a good Account of them, which I shall take the first Opportunity of doing.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Norwich, Jan. 2. Friday last Robert Andrews, of Hursford, Alchou-keeper, was committed to the Gaol, charged on the Oaths of several Persons, on a violent Suspicion of being concerned with many other Persons at present unknown, in the willful Murder of Jacob Byth, on the 24th of December last, when about fifteen or eighteen Poachers attacked several Servants of the Earl of Buckinghamshire; they had Iron Spikes in their Clubs: This poor Man's Skull was fractured in a shocking Manner. Diligent Search is making after the Murderers.

Salisbury, Jan. 2. A singular Discovery was made in this Neighbourhood last Week:—A Footman, Servant to a Gentleman who died lately in the Clofe, sent to the Son of the Deceased, informing him, that he was possessed of sundry valuable Articles, the Property of his late Master, which he was ready to deliver to him. Search was in Consequence made, and several large Boxes, containing Property of various Kinds, appeared, viz. Money, Securities, Plate, Wearing Apparel, Wines, Linen, with sundry other Articles, (supposed to the Value in the Whole of above 2000l. which he had collected at various Times from his Master, with whom he lived about ten Years, and who placed great Confidence in him.

LONDON, JANUARY 8.

This Morning some Dispatches were received from Ireland, by which we are informed, that two large French Privateers, mounting eighteen Six and Nine-pounders, which had been long cruising on the Coast, and both taken by His Majesty's Cruizers, after a smart Engagement of one Hour, and carried into Londonderry.

A Vessel is arrived at Cork from Halifax, in 26 Days, which brings Advice, that some of Sir Samuel Hood's Cruizers have taken a large Spanish Ship from the Havannah to Cadix, with several Chests of Dollars on board for the Use of the Merchants; also a Quantity of Hides, Indigo, and other Articles: She is valued at 20,000l.

The Intention of His Royal Highness Prince Edward going to Sea is now laid aside; His Royal Highness having no Inclination for a Seafaring Life, but is rather inclined to the Army.

According to authentic Letters from the West-Indies, Com. de Monteil, was at St. Domingo, in October, with five Ships of the Line; the Spaniards had three Ships of the Line at Porto-Rico, and seven at the Havannah. With this conjoined Force it was expected the Attack was to be made on the Island of Jamaica, as soon as the Troops arrived from Europe.

The Dutch are making the most pressing Applications and Remonstrances to the Court of Vienna, to prevent the Demolition of the Frontier Fortifications. They desire the future ill Consequences that may one Day arise from the unguarded State of their Dominions, and have made the most pressing Overtures to the Emperor to leave the most important Situation; but every Solicitation has hitherto proved fruitless and ineffectual.

By a Gentleman who came from Paris, by Way of Offend, and arrived on Monday Morning, we are informed, that as soon as the French had Intelligence of the Tendency towards a separate Peace with the Dutch, the French Ambassador in Holland had Instructions to acquaint the States General, that they would immediately send 100,000 Men into Holland, to punish their Perfidy. He likewise says, that a Treaty the most unequivocal, is entered into between France and the Emperor. By which the latter binds himself to give France the most strenuous Support, in Compliance with their Wishes the Emperor has dismantled the different Barrier Towns, that in Case France should hold it necessary to make any Incursion into Holland, there may be no Obstacle.

Though the Dutch, in the first Moments of their Panic, on receiving certain Intelligence of Commodore Johnstone's Destination, negotiated with the French for taking Care of the Cape, yet we can assert from the very best Authority, that M. de Suffren was no sooner at Sea than they began to repent of that Measure. When they had Time to cool, the known Perfidy of the House of Bourbon rushed upon their View; they dreaded the Result of a Transfusion, which appeared then rash and inconsiderate; nor was the Command of their new Allies, so soon as they got a footing on that Settlement, tended to lessen their Doubts. The most judicious among them seem now to think, that it would have been much better to have trusted to the Fate of War, and the Event of a general Peace, than to have placed so valuable a Deposit in the Hands of a People, whose natural Artifice and Treachery may either devise some Pretext for keeping it to themselves, or making its Restoration the Condition of some other Sacrifice, little less insignificant, perhaps, with the true Interest of the Republic.

We have it from undoubted Authority, that the seventeen outward-bound East India-men, now at Plymouth, will sail with six Sail of the Line, besides Frigates, in the Space of a Week; they are all bound to Madras and China, except the Worcester, Capt. Cook, which is for Bengal; it is remarkable that there has not been an Instance for many Years where such a Fleet of India-men were bound to one Destination. The above Fleet will take on board their different Ships upwards of 6000 Troops; the greatest Part are intended for Madras, and are to join that brave British Commander, Sir Eyre Coote. The 130th and 101st Regiments are already embarked, and others are daily embarking; which, when having joined the above British Army, every pleasing Prospect may be expected to take Place in the East, and no Doubt they will totally defeat the Designs of that inveterate Enemy, Hyder Ally, who is likely to fall a Victim to his own barbarous and restless Proceedings. The Company having such a Number of Troops, prevents many Passengers and Officers going with the above Fleet, who have many lucrative Places to possess there.

A Spanish Merchant at Cadiz, writes to his Friend in London, that 55 Sail of the Line, and a Number of Frigates, are preparing in that Harbour with all possible Expedition: But that there was a great Want of Naval Stores; and the Merchantmen had been stripped of their Hands to man them. These Ships were expected to be joined by five or six Sail of the Line from Brest, and four from Toulon; and that it was imagined this formidable Fleet would cruise in the Bay, to prevent the English Fleet from relieving Gibraltar and Minorca. He adds, however, that their Preparations go on so very slowly, that he does not conceive they will be ready to put to Sea till towards the End of January at the soonest.

Extract of a Letter from *Phmabuz, January 4.*

Thursday, January 3. At Ten A. M. Sir George Rodney's Ship the *Antelope*, of 74 Guns, met the Fleet in Cawford Bay, to unmoor, which was repeated by every Ship, and by Twelve at Noon, they all anchored in the Sound. The Reason of their leaving Cawford Bay, is because Sir George Rodney means to sail the first Spurt of Wind from the East. Since the Squadron of Men of War under his Orders have been here, the Wind has been invariably at S. or S. W. or W. S. W. except about two Hours on Monday last, when it shifted suddenly to the N. E. but soon got round to the old Quarter S. W.

Sir George Rodney's Fleet for the West-Indies now consists of the Formidable of 98 Guns; *Namur* of 90, *Conqueror* 74, *Quarrier* 74, *Fame* 74, *Maribou* 64, *Prothee* 64, and *Affaire* 50, besides Frigates, which are now at Plymouth. The Ships which are expected in Addition from Portsmouth are, the *Warrior* of 74, *Apollo* 32, and *Sultan* Fireship.

It is said Government do not mean to borrow so much Money this Year as they did last. The large Sum lent them by the Bank for the Renewal of their Charter will enable them to do with less; and as the Stocks are so very low, it would be very imprudent to fund any great Sum, as there is a great Probability of Peace before next Year; besides there is a Scheme under Consideration to convert the Crown Lands into Money, and for Government to apply the Revenues of some Corporations and Societies to the publick Use; by which Means there will not be Occasion to borrow any Money next Year. *Mrs. Hurd.*

Yesterday Sc'nlight, between Eleven and Twelve o'Clock at Night, a Duel was fought on a Piece of Ground near Lincoln, between two Officers belonging to the 62d Regiment of Foot, now quartered in that City. One of them fired and lodged a Ball in the Head of his Antagonist, who has never spoke since; and it is the Opinion of the Surgeons that the Ball cannot be extracted.

A private Letter from Cadiz, by Way of Oporto, mentions, that on the 19th ult. two Spanish Galeons, very rich Ships, put into Cadiz, in the greatest Distress, having lost all their Masts in a Gale of Wind; in which Gale they saw a large Ship sink, but could not tell to what Country she belonged, having no Mast standing and the Wind blowing very hard.

Extract of a Letter from *Warsaw, Nov. 15.*

The Grahhoppers known by the Name of Afatic, and which are the largest and strongest of the Species, having passed last Year from the Provinces of Turkey into the Buckovina, have been since sent back to us by the injudicious, though well-meant Conduct of the Officers of this Office; they being sent an immense Cloud of these Grahhoppers falling from the Air, caused the Artillery and Muffetry of the Place to play upon them; this broke the Cloud, and the Insects having divided into two Bodies, one of them settled afterwards in Turkish Moldavia; the other in the Polish District of Hussylin. Every Thing was destroyed in the Places where they passed, and laid their Eggs. Their Numbers in the District of Hussylin were so great, that the whole Surface of the Earth seemed to be converted into Grahhoppers: There was every Reason to believe that from such immense Quantities of Grass and Corn would be all devoured; and the Trees perish by having the Bark all devoured by these Insects; but by the good Dispositions made by Baron de Rucks, first Director of the District, the People were delivered from this Egyptian Scourge. By the King's Proclamation a Reward of a Polish Florin was offered to every one who should produce to Persons appointed for the Purpose a Kozetz of these Insects; a Kozetz being equal to two Austrian Bushels: This Proclamation produced the desired Effect; for in the District of Hussylin only, there were collected 14,500 Bushels of Grahhoppers, which were burned in very deep Pits dug for the Purpose.

Sunday Sc'nlight, in the Evening, about Six o'Clock, the *Elisabeth Packet*, Captain Summifer, on her Passage from Cork to Bristol, struck on the Culver Sands, near the steep Holms, and bulged; the Confederation of the afflicted Passengers can only be conceived, expecting Death every Moment: They continued in this dreadful Situation till Ten o'Clock, when a young Gentleman from Canada, and some of the Crew being determined, got the Boat out, into which 13 Men and a Woman ventured themselves, entreating the Captain and the other Passengers to come also, which they refused; being Dead on all Hands was certain, they were rather to abide by the Wreck, than venture a more immediate Dissolution in the Boat. About a Quarter past Ten, the Boat left the Wreck, leaving behind twenty-four Souls, whose Cries and Lamentations at parting can better be conceived than described. The Boat was left entirely to the Mercy of the Waves; when, after spending the Night in the greatest Distress, they got on Shore near Uphill, about Half past Six the next Morning. It is supposed the poor Souls on board the Wreck continued in that dismal Situation till the Flood-Tide swallowed them up the next Morning.

The following extraordinary Instance of Longevity, in the Family of the Turnoughs of the Binn, a Mountain-Village in the Township of Butterworth, Lancashire, is authenticated by R. Townley, Esq. of Ebbick, near Rochdale:—John Turnough, the Father, aged 88; his Wife 86; James the eldest Son 65; John the second 61; Molly the eldest Daughter 59; Jonathan the third Son 55; Abraham the fourth 53; Benjamin the fifth 51; Joseph the sixth 48; Susan the youngest Daughter 45; and Isaiah the youngest Son, a Clergyman, now residing in Cambridgeshire, 43 Years old. The seven Sons and two Daughters, all living and in good Health, and, what is remarkable, there had not been a Funeral from that House for near 80 Years.

BERKSHIRE QUARTER SESSIONS.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Berks, will be held at the usual Time, on Tuesday the Fifteenth Day of January next, at 10 o'Clock, in the Court House, of which the Constables of the several Hundreds, Towns, and Liberties, within the said County, and all Bailiffs, Justices, and Others, having Business at the said Sessions, are required to take Notice, and give their Attendance accordingly. Dated the 26th Day of December, 1781. J. P. V. N.

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