

**Distinction in Gondolas and other Barges.** On Sunday last his Royal Highness was conducted by the Deputies in a fine Barge, to see the Ceremony of the Doge's going in the Bucentoro, and attended by a great Number of the Nobles, to espouse the Adriatick Sea. This Solemnity is always performed upon Ascension Day, when the Weather permits. In the Evening his Royal Highness was pleased to go to the Hospital of the Mendicanti, and was entertained there with a Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Musick, performed by the Girls of that Hospital.

The Four Noble Deputies appointed to attend his Royal Highness, animated with an earnest Desire to answer the Intentions of their Republick, in testifying to his Royal Highness their extreme Satisfaction in the honourable Deputation conferred upon them, rivalled each other in contriving various Entertainments for rendering his Royal Highness's Stay in Venice agreeable: That of a publick Regatta upon the Great Canal was the most extraordinary; and the Forming of it, however difficult on Account of the Shortness of the Time, limited to Eighteen Days only, for making the great Preparation, did not deter them from the Undertaking; and the Execution of it excited universal Admiration and Applause. They fixed the Regatta to the 4th of June, for celebrating, with the greatest Pomp, in Presence of his Royal Highness, the Anniversariy of His Britannick Majesty's Birth Day. In the Morning all the English Noblemen and Gentlemen went to the House of Mr. Murray, His Britannick Majesty's Resident, who had the Honour to attend, and congratulate his Royal Highness upon so joyfull an Occasion; and all had the Honour to dine with his Royal Highness, and the Four Noble Deputies; and some Foreigners of Distinction were likewise invited.

The numerous and splendid Barges set out from the lower End of the great Canal a little before Three o'Clock, and advancing towards the Realto Bridge before the Palace of his Royal Highness, who then went attended, in a Bissona, by his Excellency M. Grimani, the eldest of the Noble Deputies, formed a pompous Suite to his Royal Highness, to the Number of nine magnificent Peotas, ten fine Bissonas, seven Margorottas, and one Ballotina; following the Course of the Great Canal, his Royal Highness arrived at the Place called the Mount of St. Anthony, where the Signal being given, many Competitors in a Boat with one Oar started: His Royal Highness saw in the Bissona the whole of that Race, which passing along the great Canal, and returning back to the Middle of it, formed a Course of about four Miles, and ended at a conspicuous Structure, erected upon Barges, and representing the Palace of Joy; in the Front of the first Story of which appeared Venice embracing Britannia. The first Race being over, his Royal Highness was pleased to go to a Palace upon the great Canal, which was fitted up, and adorned on Purpose by the Noble Deputies, to receive and entertain him occasionally, where, from a Balcony, surrounded by a Number of Ladies and Gentlemen, while a plentiful and elegant Rinfresco was served, his Royal Highness was Spectator of the four subsequent Regattas, or Races.

In the mean Time, in Sight of above two hundred thousand Spectators, the nine magnificent expensive Peotas moved slowly about the Canal amidst several thousand Gondolas and other light Barges; while the swift and equally rich Bissonas and Margorottas with young Nobles, Relations and Friends of the Deputies, attended, armed with a Bow and Pellets, and cleared the Way for the Racers.

The four first Peotas represented the four Elements; the first of them, entirely silvered over, and symbolizing the Element of Water, represented the Triumph of Neptune, adorned with Figures of Tritons, Sword-Fish, Dolphins, &c. The Second expressed the Earth, symbolized in the Goddess Cybele, crowned with Towers, and adorned with various Products, Plants, Flowers, and Animals, the Whole being gilt and silvered over. The Third was Sky-Colour and Silver, denoting the Element of Air, expressed by the Rape of Orihya by Boreas, with Zephyrs and Cupids playing around in the Air. The Fourth was of Flame-Colour, with Ornaments of

expressed by the Forge of Vulcan, sweating at the Anvil, with his naked Cyclops in gigantick Figures, with Venus opposite, in her Car drawn by Doves, and with other Allusions agreeable to the Fable. These four Peotas bore the Arms quartered of the four Noble Deputies. The other five Peotas were fitted out by their nearest Relations. The First represented Great Britain led in Triumph by Europa; the Second shewed the Whale-Fishing very well executed; the Third exhibited the Triumph of Venus, in her Car drawn by four Doves; the Fourth, the Chariot of the Sun, drawn by four Horses, preceded by Aurora in the Act of dispersing Night; the Fifth and last, the Triumph of Pallas, with Trophies and Allusions to that Deity, &c. All rivalling each other in Pomp, and glittering with Silver and Gold, particularly the various elegant Dresses of the Rowers, Musicians, and other Figures, in each Peota, richly adorned with Laces, besides the long Fringes and Tassels of Silver playing upon the Water. The Singularity of the Shew, possible to be executed only in Venice, in regard to its Situation and Construction, animated the four Noble Deputies to contrive and exhibit, in so short a Time, without reflecting at all upon the Greatness of an Undertaking that seemed to exceed the Limits of a private Station. Their sole View was to render his Royal Highness's Stay in Venice as agreeable as they possible could; and to manifest at once to the whole World, the sincere Friendship of the Republick towards the Crown of Great Britain.

The Bissonas were Barges with eight Oars; the Margorottas with Six, and the Ballottinas had four. Both Barges and Rowers were dressed in a most elegant Taste, and were as fine as Silk, Gold, and Silver could make them; and so very expensive were the Nobles upon this Occasion, that they changed all the Dresses of their Rowers after the third Race.

Last Night the Prince and Procurator Rezzonico, the Pope's Nephew, gave a Magnificent Ball in his own Palace to his Royal Highness, where there was a great Number of Venetian Nobility and Foreigners of Distinction.

*Stockholm, June 8.* The Regiment of Guards has formed a Camp in the Park near this Town, which is to continue three Weeks, or a Month, during which Time they are to be exercised almost every Day.

*Berlin, June 12.* His Prussian Majesty returned last Sunday from Magdeburgh to Potsdam. It is said, that the Prince Royal of Prussia and the Hereditary Prince of Brunswick are gone to Saltzdaahl, a Country Seat of the Duke of Brunswick.

*Hamburgh, June 15.* A few Days ago Count Wurmbbrandt, Envoy Extraordinary from the Court of Vienna to That of Denmark, passed through this City in his Way to Copenhagen.

*Admiralty Office, July 22, 1764.*

**P**ursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the 26th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, That Information has been sent to this Office, That on the 19th Instant, the Ship *Isabella*, of Newcastle, of the Burthen of about 400 Tons, whereof Francis Allery was Master, and bound from Newcastle to London, laden with Coals, struck on a Sand called Winterton Middle, near Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, where she remained about Half an Hour; and received so much Damage, that the Master, for the Preservation of his own Life, and the Lives of the Crew, ran her ashore on another Sand called the Cockle, where she continued, and in all Probability would be lost.

*Pb. Stephens.*

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,

June 2, 1764.

Notice is hereby given, that such Persons who are willing to purchase the Dues of Lead Ore raised and to be raised within the Manor of Allston Moor in the County of Cumberland, Part of the Derwentwater Estate, from Michaelmas last to Michaelmas next, may deliver in their Proposals (sealed up) to the Directors of the said Hospital, at Salters Hall in London, on Wednesday the 27th of this Month, at Eleven o'Clock