

*Declaration, concerning the Reasons of your Dissolutions of the two last Parliaments, and your Royal Resolutions to maintain the true Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law established. And we heartily wish we had been the first in this our Loyal Address to your Majesty, as becomes us (especially in Gratitude) for those great Favours and Privileges your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased to confer on us of this ancient Burrough and Corporation. And although it comes not so early as it ought to have done, yet it is with this humble and dutiful assurance from us, that our Lives and Fortunes stand at your Majesties disposal for preservation of your Royal Person, Crown and Government your lawful Successors, and the true Protestant Religion against all Opposers whatsoever. And in testimony of our unanimous concurrence to what we have here Declared, we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal at Woolton-Ballet aforesaid, this 4th day of August, in the three and thirtieth year of your Majesties most Gracious Reign, and in the year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty and One.*

*Kinsale, Aug. 29.* On Monday last his Grace the Duke of Ormond came hither, and visited that Evening the new Fort, and Lodged there with part of his Retinue. The next Morning his Grace was Rowed up and down to observe the Harbor, and Dined at Sir Robert Southwells, and in the Afternoon went to see some trials of the Pilchard-fishing, with which his Grace was very well entertained. The next day his Grace went to the Old Fort, and Dined with Sir Richard Booth, and in the Afternoon rid about the Hills of Kincorran, the better to observe the Situation; his Grace lay there every night at Sir Nicholas Armores, and on Thursday Morning his Grace beginning a Health to His Majesty, and all the Guns being fired, changed the Name from Kincorran to Charles Fort, and so departed for Cork; his Grace being extremely well satisfied with the Fort, for the very great Force it hath for security of the Harbor, and all dangers against the Sea.

*Rhymouth, Sept. 9.* His Majesties Ships the *Guernsey*, the *Mermaid*, and the *Pearl*, cruising to the Westward: On the 7th Instant in the Morning, the *Pearl*, Captain *Williams* Commander, met sixteen Leagues Southwest from the *Lizard*, with a French Ship called the *St Michael* of *St. Jean de Luz*, of 16 Guns and 50 Men, bound home from *Greenland*; Captain *Williams* fired at her to strike, and the French fired at him again; upon which Captain *Williams* believing her to be an Algerine under French Colours, chased her, and fired his Chace-Guns, and the French brought three Guns right Aft, and plyed them on the *Pearl*: after some hours Captain *Williams* came up with the French Ship, and waved her to strike, and she waved the *Pearl* to backward as then; then Captain *Williams* fired a Broad side into her, which the French returned; they continued Fighting till about two in the Afternoon, when the French seeing the *Mermaid* coming in, Struck; and Captain *Williams* brought her into *Coveater*; The French Captain to excuse himself, says that he was some days before informed by a Vessel he met at Sea, that there was a War between *England* and *France*. On board the *Pearl* three Men were killed, and one wounded; and of the French two were killed, and the Captain and eight of his Men desperately wounded; and their Ship was so shattered, that when she was brought in the was ready to sink.

*Portsmouth, Sept 11.* This Morning His Majesties Ship the *Affurance*, Captain *Akerman* Commandat, came to an Anchor at *Spithead*.

*Deal, Sept. 22.* Last night and this day the Merchants Ships outward bound, being near about failed with their Convoy out of the Downs, the Wind at S. W.

*Edenburg, Sept. 8.* On the 6th Instant the Lord Belhaven, upon his humble Petition, was brought to the Bar of the Parliament, where he confessed his fault, and asked Pardon on his knees, and was thereupon restored to his place in the House.

Then was brought in an Act for continuing the Excise (which at His Majesties happy Restauration was granted during His Majesties Life, for maintaining the Life-Guards of Horse and Foot, and the Garrisons) for five years after the expiration of the present Act, which after some Debate, was pass'd so unanimously, that there were only six Dissenters.

The same day were likewise pass'd, An Act against Protections, An Act against Declinators, And An Act rescinding some Articles of the Regulation appointing Advocates, Clerks, and Writers to give Oaths.

There having soon after the opening of the Parliament been Articles Presented by one Noble, against the Lord Hatton, Lord Treasurer, Deput. for a pretended Subornation of Perjury in the Case of one Michcl, who was justred as a Traitor; and the Lords of the Articles having examined the same, and the Lord Hatton's Answers, they were so little satisfied with the said Accusation, that they would immediately have rejected it, and would have caused the Accuser to have been exemplarily punished, had not the Lord Hatton pressed for his own vindication, that the Matter might be brought to the severest Tryal; which the Lords of the Articles, considering his Lordship is one of His Majesties Officers of State, thought not fit to allow of, till his Royal Highness, as His Majesties High Commissioner, shall have represented the Matter to His Majesty, as it lies before them; and that His Majesty shall have signified His Royal Pleasure therein.

Several Witnesses having been examined at the instance of the Lord Barganie, against the Laird of Ardmillane, his Royal Highness and the Lords of the Articles did not find ground to secure the Laird of Ardmillane, as was desired by the Lord Barganie, but left it to him to consider if he will insist in a Process against the Laird of Ardmillane, upon the grounds of his Petition, and to choose before what Judicatory he will bring it,

#### Advertisements.

A Collection of Letters for the Improvement of Husbandry and Trade; a Continuation of which is designed to be often published, by John Hougham Fellow of the Royal Society, and Printed for John Lawrence at the Angel in Cornhill.

A Negro Boy about 18 years old, with a broad brim'd white Hat, edged with silver Galoom, in a Light colour Serge Suit, faced with strip'd Silk; Run away the 11th Instant, from his Master, Captain John King at *M. Leerd*. Whoever gives notice of him to his Master, or to Mr. Nathaniel Couch at the Ship Exchange Alley in Cornhill, shall be well rewarded.

Stolen or strayed the third Instant from *Thomas Mason* of *Walsden* in the County of *Madell* 2 Oxen, 2 Calfs, 2 Fat Oxen, and one Fat Heifer, all of them branded on the near Horn with a very large R; one of the Oxen is very large, of a yellow Red colour, very broad-headed, some white on one of his flanks, if not on both; the other is a middle aged Runted Ox, all Black, his Horns turn a little round, about four score Stone weight; The Heifer is large and all Black, her Head is like a Steer, when Ox she is spotted to be spotted, or else a Frise-Martin; Whoever can give notice of these Beasts, or either of their Hides, if killed, to Mr. Anthony Task at the Cross Keys in *Amniffeld*, shall have 40 s. reward.

The second of September was taken up within the Bills of Mortality, a Dead Box, of which this notice is given, in order to its being restored to the right Owner.

Two persons riding to *Sturbridge-Fair*, were robbed near *Sturbridge*, Sept. 9. one of them had a Horse Mare taken from him, above 12 hands high, her Make is large and the some saddle-pole about the middle of her Back, straight-bodied, she hath all her paces, puts out her Nose in Riding. Whoever can give notice of this Mare, so that she may be returned to the Owner, *Henry Sworling*, Butcher in *Herford*, or to Mr. *Thomas Dede* Ironmonger in *Talbot Court* in *Little B. Street*, shall have 20 s. reward.