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Palermo, June 25.

WE have an account from the Town of Tortorica, That on the sixth Instant about seven a Clock in the Evening, after a great darkness that no object could be distinguished at the distance of four Paces, there arose a great Storm of Rain, Lightning and Thunder, which lasted 36 hours; That about one a Clock the next morning, great Torrents of Water, caused by these Rains, fell from the neighbouring Mountains with so great Rapidity, that they carried with them Trees of an extraordinary bigness, which threw down the Walls and Houses of the Town they happened to beat against. The Waters were so violent that they overthrew the Church of St. Nicolo, and the Archdeacon of the Town, who retired thither perished there with many other persons: There only remained one Abby, and about 50 Houses, and those so shattered that they fell one after another. There were about 600 of the Inhabitants drowned, the rest being abroad in the Field gathering their Silk, fled to the Mountains, where they suffered very much for want of Provisions. The Goods, Trees, Stones, Sand, and other Rubbish which the Waters carried away, were in so great abundance, that they made a Bank above the Water, two Miles in length, near the Mouth of the River, where before the sea was very deep. This Town is situate in that part of Sicily called the Valley of *D mona*, on the side of the River Tortorica, about 25 Miles from the Tuscan Sea. The Towns of *Randazzo*, *Francauville*, and several others, have likewise been destroyed by this great flood. It is added that Mount *Atna* casts out such abundance of Water, that all the Neighbouring Country is drowned.

Florence, July 10. Our Letters from *Rome* of the fourth Instant tell us, that after having been two Months without Rain, it began to Rain on Sunday the 25th past at night, and that an hour before day there fell a Thunderbolt in the Popes Palace of St. Peters, which entering first into the Apartment of Signior *Mugastri*, from thence passed into the Anticamera, where the Prelates meet, thence into the Chamber where the private Grooms lye, and afterwards into that where the Pope gives Audience, and through a Gallery behind the said Chamber, and thence into the Apartment of Cardinal *Cibo*, and broke down the Chimney-piece, so that the Cardinal was forced to rise and go into another Room, because of the Stink.

Stockholme, July 13. Our Fleet is now quite ready, and wants nothing but Orders to put to Sea. There is a List of the Forces of this Kingdom, according to the present Establishments, by which the King has in *Sweden*, *Finland*, and *Livonia*, 17729 Horse, 38326 Foot, and 12000 Seamen; and in *Pomerania* and *Bremen* 6864 Horse and Foot: and besides these, the Militia of this Kingdom, who have the Kings Pay, amount to 26304. The Marquis *de Feuquieres*, the French Ambassador, has taken his leave, and will depart so soon as his Successor, Monsieur *Bazin*, arrives.

Ratisbonne, July 13. The Electoral Colledge having in April last, upon the Memorial of Monsieur *Verjus*, the French Minister, declared, That in the present conjuncture, and circumstances of affairs, they thought it best and most advantageous for the Empire, That the Peace with the Crown of France be preserved by all the ways and means that may be conducing thereunto; The said French Minister has ever since been labouring to obtain a like Declaration from the Colledge of Princes, and that of the Towns; and for that purpose has presented several Memorials, but hitherto he has not been able to succeed therein, and is therefore much dissatisfied.

Frankfort, July 18. Count *Waldeck* arrived here some days since, and having been in conference with the Imperial Ambassadors, he parted again the next day for *Cassel*. There passes nothing of moment in the Conferences here.

Cologne, July 24. Some days since arrived here the Sieur *Lente*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, and yesterday he had Audience of the Elector of *Cologne*: His business, as we are informed, is to desire his Electoral Highness's consent for the setting up a Toll at *Gluckstadt*, on the River *Elbe*, but it is believed he will hardly obtain it. To morrow or next day the Electors Dowager Palatine is expected here. The Elector of *Cologne* intends to go the next week to *Bonne*, to pass some days there. The Prince of *Parma* continues still here.

Brussels, July 28. His Excellency returned hither from *Flanders* on Sunday last, very much satisfied with the Proceeding of the States of that Province, who have given 22000 Rations a day, for the next year, which amounts to a very great Sum, and is 100 Rations a day more than they gave the Prince of *Parma*, which is very extraordinary, considering the Losses that Province has suffered. His Excellency has been at *Osland* and *N. wport*, to see in what forwardness the new fortifications that are making there are in, and has ordered a great sluice to be made at *N. wport*, after the manner of that at *Osland*, by means whereof all Vessels may pass from thence to *Bruges*, and 500 Men are daily at work upon it; they are likewise making a great Bastion to command the River and the said sluice, which will add very much to the strength of that place. From *Liege* we have advice that they have chosen their new Magistrates, and that the Party which has all along opposed their Prince, the Elector of *Cologne*, is now in possession of the Government.

Hague, July 31. The Prince and Princess of *Orange* are now at *Dinex*, near which place his Highness will take a review of 16 Regiments of Horse and Foot, which for that purpose are drawn together there. Before his Highness returns hither it is said he will have another Interview with the Governor of the Spanish-Netherlands. There is now before the States-General a Project of a Treaty between the Emperor of *Morocco* and this State, and the several Provinces are to give in their opinions upon it.

Whitby, July 28. The following Address having been presented to His Majesty, was very graciously received by His Majesty.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Dread Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and obedient Subjects, the Grand-Jury for the County of Berks, at the Assizes holden at *Reading* the 17th day of *July*, 1682. having all seen or heard of a Paper produced at the Proceedings against the Earl of *SHAFTSBURY*, called the ASSOCIATION, do unanimously declare our Abhorrence and Detestation thereof, and that we do also from our hearts detest and abhor all manner of Associations and Combinations whatsoever which have not Your Majesties Commission and Allowance; and we do hereby promise to assist Your most Sacred Majesty (and Your Lawful Heirs and Successors) with our Lives and Fortunes, in the maintenance of the Government in Church and State as it is now Established by Law, against all Opposers whatsoever: And we do heartily pray for Your Majesties long Life, Health, and happy Reign over us; and we Present Your Majesty with our humble Thanks for the encouragement we have to put the Laws in execution against Papists, and all other Dissenters. We farther beg leave to Congratulate Your Majesty in the safe arrival of Your Royal Brother, hoping that henceforth neither the raging of the Sea, nor the madness of the People, shall ever disturb or divide

vide vob. And we do assure Your Majesty, That we shall never forget the Calamities that befall the Royal Martyr Your Father, and consequently his whole Family and three Kingdoms, by the Malice and Treacherous Preferences of his Enemies, under colour of Zeal and Religion, laying aside Loyalty and Peace, the true foundation of all sound Religion and good Government. To this we humbly subscribe.

We the High-Sheriff, and the Justices of the Peace, present at this Assizes, do concur and agree in this Address with the Gentlemen of the Grand-Jury.

D. al. July 28 The East-India and other great Ships, outward bound, which sailed the 25th and 26th Instant, returned yesterday into the Downs, being forced back by the high and contrary Winds.

Winchester, July 25. The Inhabitants of this City being ambitious of the Honour of His Majesties Presence, and desirous that many of the Nobility and Gentry of this Nation, who are Lovers of good Horses and Field-Sports, may meet there to attend Him, and recreate themselves on their Downs; Have, pursuant to an Agreement in a Common Assembly, writ to a Person of Quality of their Corporation, humbly to propose to His Majesty at Windsor, That in case He would please to intimate, That He had thoughts of honouring their City with His Presence, they would set up a Ten-Stone-Plate for seven years, to be Run for at such times as He should think He might most conveniently go thither from Windsor, and divert Himself on their Downs. To which His Majesty was graciously pleased to make answer, That He was so well satisfied with the Loyalty of that City, and good Affection and Duty of the Inhabitants, that He resolved to go thither as often in the seven years as His Occasions would permit, and appointed the day sevennight after *Datchet-ferry-Plate*, (which is Run for on *St. Bartholomew-day*, the 24th of August) for the Plate to be Run for; and for the bettering of it, hath given the City Ten Guineas for this year, and a Promise of the like in every of the other six years. And several Gentlemen to whom the said City hath given their Freedom, and others, have each of them promised to subscribe Two Guineas yearly as Contributors to it. And it being believed that when the design of this Meeting is made publick, several others will contribute, and none of the said Freemen who wish well to the Town will stick out; The Mayor and Aldermen have desired, that the chief Conditions of the Articles of this, and a Fifteen-Stone-Plate to be Run for next day, may be herein inserted, that as many as wish well to their Town, or are Incouragers of Sportly Meetings may hereby have notice, and come in Contributors to either or both of the aforesaid Plates. The chief conditions are as follows. Any Man may be a Contributor to either of the Plates, that will subscribe two Guineas to them yearly for seven years: And have the Priviledge of putting in one and but one Horse, Mare, or Gelding for nothing, so as it be really his own; and whoever is not a Contributor, is to pay five Guineas, and whoever puts in either, is then to give in Writing to the Mayor of Winchester, the Colour and Marks thereof, and the Places where they stand, and Names of the Owners a day at least before the day on which each Plate is to be run for, or not to be admitted.

The Plates are run for 3 times round the Round-Hearth, and half an hour allowed between each, the day sevennight after *Bartholomew-day*; and the 15 Stone-Plate the day after. And if His Majesty, upon

removing sooner or later from Windsor, or any other motive, shall think fitting to alter the days for the following six years, then on such other times in August or September as He shall signify his Pleasure by giving notice thereof in the *Gazette*, a Month before the time now fixt, and at least three Weeks before such time as He shall appoint.

The time of Starting is at four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and His Majesty hath for His own convenience a Power of altering it to any other hour of the day, upon giving notice thereof to the Mayor of Winchester two days before the day of their Running, and having it then cryed in the Market-place; And for the convenience of such as will contribute to either of these Plates, and that they may be brought in according to the value of what the Town giveth, and is, and will be given by several Persons of Honor and Quality; it is hereby desired, that such as will contribute to either or both of these Plates, will make known their minds in writing, to Mr. Coward the present Mayor of Winchester, Mr. Francis Child Goldsmith at Temple-Bar, London, or the Honorable Bernard Howard of Norfolk (at Mr. Child's Shop) whom the Mayor and Aldermen of Winchester have desired to take the trouble on him of providing this years Plates to be Run for, on the last of August, and first of September. And the Contributors are desired to pay in their respective Contributions of two Guineas apiece to any of the three persons aforesaid on or before the Twentieth of August for this year, and by the first of August for the following years. And though no man can have the Priviledge of a Contributor to either of these Plates, for contributing under two Guineas per Ann. (and none but His Majesty gives more) yet any Man may be a Benefactor for contributing any other Sum that he shall think fitting, and may signify his resolution, and pay his money to any of the three aforesaid persons.

It was forgot to be inserted in the last *Gazette*, That not only the Horse that comes in first, but the second also, shall win a Plate, and the third, the Non-Contributors Stakes, both for the one and the other Plate; and that the Mayor and Aldermen of Winton have obliged themselves to set such Rates on Horse-meat, and Lodgings, as that from a fortnight before the said Plates, till a Month after, and at all other such-like meetings, no Person of what Quality soever, shall pay above six pence a night per Horse for the best old Hay, Straw, and Stable-room, nor above eight Pence a Peck for Oats, in any Inn or Publick-house, where no man is to pay any thing for his Lodging, nor above 12 pence a night for a Masters Bed, and 6 pence for a Servant's, in a Private-Lodging; as may be seen more at large by the Town-Articles.

Advertisements.

AT Mr. Samuel Stanes, His Majesties Druggist in Ordinary, at the Red Lyon in Bucklersberry, all Gentlemen, Jockeys, and others, may be furnished with all Sorts of Drugs for Purging, Scouring, and Sweating of Running-Horses on Hunners, and Balls for Colds and Coughs; as also Boxes with Locks and Keys, Scales and Weights, whereby they may proportion their own quantities.

STolen or Strayed out of the Grounds of Mr. Richard Harvey, of the Parish of Wimbrough, near Sandwich, in the County of Kent, the 27th Instant, a bright bay Gelding, 14 hands high, seven years old, a white slip down his Nose, his hind-feet white, with all his Paces. Whoever gives notice of him to the said Mr. Harvey, or to Thomas Willis, Watchmaker, on the back side of the Royal-Exchange, London, so as he may be had again, shall have 20 s. Reward.