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Messina, January 20.

**T**here have lately happened several terrible Earthquakes in this Island, which were most violent in the Southern Parts of it, and have lain in heaps many Cities, and Villages; *Catanea* was shaken on the 5th Instant, and on the 11th about 3 a Clock in the afternoon was quite destroyed, the one Houfe being left standing, and near 20000 Persons having perished in that City alone; *Augusta* was almost destroyed at the same time; and to add to their misfortune, 400 Barrels of Powder that were in the Castle took fire by Lightning or some other accident, and blew up about 1000 People who were got in there for their security; The ancient *Saragosa* has tared no better; and the Cities of *Modica*, *Jaci*, and *Noto*, and all the Villages from *Mount-Etna* to *Cape-Passaro*, have suffered extremely; And 'tis computed that above 100000 Persons have been destroyed by these Earthquakes. *Palermo* only felt the great shock on the 11th, which has done no other damage there then to the Houses which are all propt up; The Vice-King and all his Family retired on board the Gallies in that Port. Most of the Inhabitants of this City lie now in the Fields without the Gates, the Houses being uninhabitable; and we feel still continual small Earthquakes, though hitherto, God be praised, none of the English Merchants have received any harm, nor have above 30 Persons been killed in about 14 Earthquakes that have happened here since the beginning of this month.

*Naples*, Febr. 3. We have an account from *Sicily* of a very great Earthquake that has lately happened throughout that Island; The most violent Shock was on the 11th of the last month, which quite destroyed *Catania*, *Augusta*, *Siracusa*, *Carlo Sentini*, *Spaccio*, *Madica*, *Noto*, *Ranfja*, and in all 37 Cities, Towns, and large Villages, and about 130000 Persons. At *Palermo* and *Messina* few Houses are fallen, but most are so shattered, that the Inhabitants are forced to remain in Tents and Baraques without the Gates till they are repaired. *Mount Etna* makes a hideous noise, and seems to threaten a new Irruption, which has obliged the People thereabouts to quit their Houses, and to retire to a greater distance.

*Lisbon*, Febr. 5. The Queen Dowager of *England* arrived here on the 20th of the last month, and was received with all the Marks of Honour and Respect; The King of *Portugal* her Brother went some miles out of Town to meet her. Her Majesty is gone to *Alcantara*, one of the Kings Houses, a Mile from this City, being perfectly recovered of her late Indisposition, and in very good Health.

*Venice*, Febr. 13. Four Ships of War and several other Vessels sailed from hence on Sunday last, with Men, Money, and Provisions, for the Venetian Fleet, which has Wintered at *Napoli di Romania*; And another Convoy is preparing, which will depart for the *Levant* about the beginning of the next month.

*Turin*, Febr. 14. General *Caprara* and the Prince de *Commerce* returned hither the last week from *Milan*. All things are very quiet on this side. His Royal Highness still keeps his Chamber, but is in a better state of Health then he hath been for some time.

*Vienne*, Febr. 14. Yesterday Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* set out towards *Schlackwere*, (his Houfe on the Frontiers of *Bavaria*) where he intends to stay but two days, and

then to proceed on his Journey to *Nuremberg*, to settle with the States of *Franconia* several Matters relating to the Campaign, and afterwards to the Head Quarters of the Imperial Forces on the *Rhine*. Prince *Lewis* was to lie last night at *Enzerdorf*, about two miles from hence; whither Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* went the same day with a Spanish Secretary, to invest him with the Order of the *Golden Fleece*. Count *Walstein* (Son to the Great Chamberlain) went Part from hence on the 8th Instant with a small Retinue for *Savoy*, as Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor to that Duke. And the Count *de Breuner* will part the next week with the same Character to the Elector of *Hanouer*, to Compliment him upon his new Dignity, and to endeavour to make up the Breach between that Court and the Duke of *Wolfenbuttel*, who, as we hear, has ordered his Minister at *Ratisbonne*, to Sign (as those of several other Princes have done) a Protestation against this Ninth Electorate. Count *Erdosi*, Ban or Governor of *Croatia*, is reported to be dead; and 'tis thought Count *Budiani* may succeed him.

*Cologne*, Febr. 24. The Elector *Palatin* returned on Saturday last to *Duseldorp*, from the Conference at *Coblentz*; Whence the Landgrave of *Hesse* parted likewise on the 22th Instant on his return towards *Cassel*. A Party of Hussars in Garison at *Rhinfelt* passed the *Moselle* some days ago at *Cochern*, and made an Incursion into the Enemies Territories, where they got a good Booty, and returned with the same to *Rhinfelt*. The Troops of *Munster* designed towards *Coblentz*, were to pass this day the *River Lipps* at *Dorsten*. The young Duke of *Wirtemberg* has taken upon him the Government of that Duchy, the Emperor having dispensed with his being under Age.

*Paris*, Febr. 23. The French Kings Journey to *Chantilly* is fixt for the 5th of the next month, and the Troops of the Household are ordered to march thither, in order to a general Review. The Letters from *Toulon* say, that they are fitting out there 20 Men of War, which are to be commanded by the Count *d'Estree*. The Prince Royal of *Denmark* parted from hence on Saturday last towards *Flanders* and *Holland*.

*Brussels*, Febr. 25. The Advices from between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse* give an account of the Marches and Countermarches of the Enemies Troops, who are daily passing from one Garison to another. 'Tis said also, that some of their Troops are moving on the side of *Dunkirke*. The Recruits for the Confederate Forces arrive every day in these Countreys; The Earl of *Athlone* has taken a Review of the Cavalry at *Louvaine*; and the like was done here this day. Another Convoy is preparing here and at *Louvain*, which will be conducted in a day or two under a strong Guard to *Charleroy*.

*Hague*, Febr. 27. The States-General have resolved that the Skellings, which has been so long under debate, shall go for 5 Stivers and a half after the first of *April* next. The Prince Royal of *Denmark* is shortly expected here, and the States have offered him Prince *Maurice's* Houfe during his

his stay at the Hague. The Report we had some days ago, that the English Pacquet Boat which has been long missing, was put into Norway, proves a mistake, so that every body believes now she is lost.

*Falmouth, Febr. 17.* A Dutch Ship of about 50 Tun called the *Goodland of Zierichsee*, bound home from *Guinea*, was taken on the 7th Instant by two French Capers off *Cape Clear*; They took all the Men out of the Prize except two, and put on board her 10 French Men, who being got up that Channel, and near the Land, and not knowing where they were, made a Waft, upon which some Boats were Manned from the Shoar, who seized upon the said Vessel, and brought her into *St. Ives*; and the Frenchmen are since brought Prisoners to this Town.

*Plimouth, Febr. 19.* The 15th Instant arrived here the *Salamander* of this place with Fruit from *Alicant*; She came from *Cadiz* in Company of several other Merchantmen under Convoy of the *Reserve* Frigate, which passed by this Harbour last Wednesday night to the Eastward. The same day put into this Port a Ship of 350 Tuns called the *Great Duke of Tuscany* bound for *Leghorne*; and the *Good Success* of the same burthen, bound for *Gronova*. The 17th failed from hence to the Eastward Their Majesties Ships the *Mountain* and *Crown* with 4 Dutch Men of War, and several Merchant Men under their Convoy. Yesterday arrived here the *Reserve*, and the *St. John Bonaventure*, both outward bound. The *Bilboa* Fleet is still here.

*Yarmouth, Febr. 20.* Yesterday passed through this Road above One hundred Light Colliers under the Convoy of the *Sweepstakes* and the *Prudence*.

*Whitehall, Febr. 21.* The King arrived at *Portsmouth* on Thursday about 10 at night; The Mayor and his Brethren in their Formalities received His Majesty at the Town Gate; The Houses were all Illuminated, and the Great Guns were fired round the Town, as they were the next morning early from all the Ships in the Harbour and at *Spithead*. On Friday morning His Majesty viewed the Fortifications and the Dock Yard, and then went to see the Men of War at *Spithead*; and was on Board Vice-Admiral *Roske*; upon whom His Majesty has been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood. About one o'Clock His Majesty returned hither; and after Dinner went to the Earl of *Scarborough's* House about 10 miles from hence, where His Majesty lay that night. His Majesty Hunted on Saturday, and lay at his Grace the Duke of *Somersets* at *Perworth*, where His Majesty staid till Monday morning; And yesterday in the Evening His Majesty returned to *Kennington*.

The Right Honourable the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of England, &c. having given Directions to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Their Majesties Navy, for Erecting the Store-Houses, Rope-Houses, Dwelling-Houses, and other Structures and Conveniences necessary for making a Yard at Point-Froward in the River of Hamoze near *Plimouth*, where a Dock is now building, and almost finished for the Service of Their Majesties Navy; as also for Building a new Rope-House and some Store-Houses at Their Majesties Yard at *Portsmouth*. And the said Principal Officers and Commissioners having in pursuance thereof prepared Draughts or Designs of the said Buildings, with the Dimensions of each, and Scantlings of the Walls and Timbers, &c. These are to give notice to all such Persons as are Capable of, and Willing to Undertake all or any of the said Buildings, that they may have a sight of the said Designs of the Navy-Office in *Crutched-Friers* from the said Commissioners, any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday in the morning, until the 20th of March next, and that the said Commissioners will be ready to Treat with them thereupon, as they shall please to give opportunity for it.

The Committee for Letting the City Lands, do intend to Let for a Term sufficient for new building a piece of Ground and several Houses in the Minories in and near reiton-Yard, containing in front to the Street 56 feet, and in depth 160 feet. And the said Committee will meet at Guildhall upon Wednesday the 15th of March next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals in Writing for a Lease of the said Ground and Houses.

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At Batson's Coffee-House against the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, will be sold by Auction this present Thursday, being the 23d Instant, an extraordinary Collection of Valuable Pictures, and other Curiosities, beginning at 5 after Noon.

Saxford Gosson of London, Grocer, having withdrawn himself from his Creditors. Whoever will give notice to Mr. Richardson in Leaden-Hall-street, London, Leatherfeller, so as he may be spoken with, shall have the Reward of 5 l.

Richard Croft late of Forster-Lane, Goldsmith, is now come again to London; being very desirous, to make his Creditors all possible Satisfaction, in order whereunto, he prayeth them all to meet him, on Thursday the 2d of March, at 3 after Noon, at the Queens-Head Tavern in White-Friers.

William Killbe, a thin spare Yorkshire Man, aged about 33 years, of a middle stature, brown lank Hair, thin faced, small Legs, floops a little, went away the 1st Instant with several Sums of Money belonging to Mr. William Harris. This is to give notice to all Persons, to forbear paying the said Killbe any more Money on the said Mr. Harris's account.

A Note under the Hand of John Morse for Sir Francis Child and Partner, dated the 12th of April 1692, payable to Robert Wilson Esq; or Bearer, for 100 l. lost about the 8th of June last in Norfolk. If the said Note comes to your Hands for payment or otherwise, you are desired to stop the same, and to give speedy notice to the said Sir Francis Child and Partner at Temple-Bar, and you shall have a Guinea Reward.

Taken out of the Stable of Nicholas Wood at Tunbridge-Wells the 20th Instant, a black Gelding near 15 hands, about 7 years old, with a snorn Mane, bob Tail, a Star and small Blaze, his off hind Foot white; Taken away by a Glover, a middle sized man, about 30, black Hair'd, long Visaged, red Nose, Pockholes in his Face. He also took several Parcels of Leather Goods. He wore a sad coloured Cloth Coat. Whoever discovers the Man or Horse, to the said Nicholas Wood, or to Mr. Thomas Tyers in Barmsey-street, Southwark, shall have a Guinea, and Charges.

Off the 17th Instant, from Colonel John Webb's House in German-street, a Liver colour Spaniel Dog, with a short Tail, and a Liver colour spot on the right side of the upper Lip, between Land and Water. Whoever brings him to the House aforesaid, shall have a Guinea Reward.

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