

of his Ships called the *Fury*, of about 60 Guns, was arrived in that Port, the Commander whereof, Monsieur du Bassin *Varemes*, says, That the French had made themselves Masters of *Castagnas*, and got a great deal of rich Plunder there, which they put on board their Ships, leaving the Town in the possession of the Freebooters; but returning home, they were met by the English Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral *Nevis*, and this Ship, who having lost her Main-Mast, made what haste she could to get away, left *Point*; and the rest of his Squadron engaged with the Enemy; which makes us expect with great concern and impatience a further account of them. The brave defence of *Barcelona* is at present the subject of much Discourse here; and 'tis pretty plain they begin to wish they had not undertaken it, considering how great a loss of Men they have had already, and what they must yet expect before they are Masters of the Town, which after all is like to be soon restored by the Peace; The last Letters from thence are of the 24 Instant, and they tell us, that the French had taken several Mules who were going with Provisions to the Belieged, and had possessed themselves of *St. Anthony's Gate* on the side of the Fort of *Montjuys*, which is one of the two Gates, by which the Belieged received Succors: However this did not at all discourage them; but they continued to make strong Intrenchments within the Town, and other Preparations, which shewed their Resolution to stand it out to the last, and to expect a general Assault, which on the other side 'tis believed the French will not be very hasty to give, fearing the success; The same Letter says, that the Count *d'Espre* being informed that a Squadron of Spanish Gallies were coming from *Final* with a Reinforcement for the Garrison of *Barcelona*, he sailed out of that Road with 6 Men of War and 18 Gallies to meet them. An Express arrived here yesterday from the French Ambassador in *Poland*; We are not told what news he brings; 'tis probable 'tis not very good; However here is a Talk as if the Prince of *Conty* had thoughts of going himself to *Poland*, to head his Party, and that *Duport's* Squadron is to carry him to *Dantzick*. The Count *de Thoulous*, who made this Campaign in *Flanders*, has sent his Baggage from the Army, and is expected here in 2 day or two.

Hague, Aug. 16. N. S. The Imperial and French Ambassadors have agreed to lay aside the Method of Treating by Writing, to avoid delays, and to confer together in particular Conferences for the future: The first was held this afternoon at *Ryswick*, and the same will be continued every day. Don *Quiros*, the Spanish Ambassador, returned hither yesterday from *Brussels*, and has since been in Conference with the Imperial and Dutch Ambassadors. The *Czar* of *Moscovy* is expected here in few days; and we are told His Majesty intends to come hither from *Loo*, to make him a Visit. In *Flanders* the Armies continue posted as they were by our former Letters.

Plimouth, August 8. On the 6th Instant Vice-Admiral *Aylmer* sailed from *Torbay* with a Squadron of His Majesties Ships to the Westward. This day came in two Dutch Men of War, with several Merchantmen bound to *Ireland*.

Deale, August 10. Last night came into the Downs His Majesty's Ship the *Royal-Oake* from the Westward, having under her Convoy several Ships from the *West-Indies*, and some Coasters; and this morning the *Dragon* failed to join the Squadron before *Dunkirke*.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That on Thursday the Nineteenth of August Instant, from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon, and from Three to Six in the Afternoon, a General Court of Election

will be held at the Bank for the Choice of Ten Directors. And on Friday the Twentieth Instant a Scrutiny will be made of the Votes given in for the said Election, which will be declared so soon as the Scrutiny can be completed. And each Member having Five hundred Pound Stock in his own Right, is desired Personally to bring to the Bank in Writing on the said Thursday, between the Hours aforesaid, the Names of Three Persons Qualified to be Directors (neither more nor less) and to take care that no mistake be made in the Names of the proper Additions of the Persons.

Advertisements.

Hydrostaticks; Or, Instructions concerning Water-works, collected out of the Papers of Sir Samuel Morland, containing the Method which he made use of in this Curious Art. Published by his Nephew Mr. Joseph Morland, to whom he gave his Papers, in 12°. Printed for John Lawrence at the Angel in the Partry.

Holman's London Ink-Powder is improved, that any Person may make their Writing Ink as black and as strong as they please. Each 6 d. Paper of this Powder makes a Pint of the best Ink, or a Pint and half or Quart for Shopkeepers Common Writing and Marking Ink, only by shaking or stirring it often in so much Rain or River Water; approved of in His Majesty's Office, and is best for Carriage by Sea or Land. It is sold by most Stationers, Bookellers, and Haberdashers in and about London, and by Shopkeepers in the Chiefest Cities and Towns in England. Made and sold by Charles Holman at the Mare near the George Inn in Southwark, he having His Majesty's Patent granted him under the Great Seal of England for making the same.

All Persons who are Creditors of the right Honourable the Lady *Arabella Macarty*, are desired forthwith to bring, or send an Account of their several Debts, unto Mr. Richard Snow at his House in Sher-lane, to the end they may receive Satisfaction of the same according to the Directions of a Decree lately pronounced in the High Court of Chancery.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against *Thomas Moor*, late of *Lambeth* in *Surrey*, Distiller, and the said Bankrupt Estate being assigned to Mr. *Thomas Mavers* of the City of *Norwich*, Goldsmith, all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt or his Estate, are forthwith to pay the same to the said Assignee, or Mr. Knight on *Lambeth Hill*, or they will forthwith be proceeded against; and any Person that shall discover any Estate of the said Bankrupt, so as the same be had and received, shall as a Reward receive 20 l. per Cent.

A Person that goes by the Name of *William Newark*, being tall and thin, high Shouldered, wears a light brown coat & wig, thin Visaged, hath a Scar on his forehead, and another on his right Cheek, is red Nosed, speaks thick, and commonly wears a light grey Camlet Coat. Whoever discovers him, and gives notice to Mrs. Mary Quirk at the Royal Coffee house in Dean Street, near Red Lyon Square in *Holborn*, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

Lost on the 4th or 5th Instant, a Pocket Book with a white Vellum Cover, and several Papers in it, having the Name of *William Rhet* written both inside and outside, with a Direction on the outside where the said *William Rhet* liveth. Whoever hath taken up the said Book, and will bring or send it to the *Carolina* or *Marine* Coffee-house in *Burchin-lane* in *Cornhill*, shall have 10 l. Reward, with other reasonable satisfaction.

Lost one very fine Oriental Ruby, cut 8 square, set in Lead or loose, judged to weigh about 10 or 11 Grain. If it be offered to be sold, pray stop it, and give notice to Capt. Marlow at the Spotted-Dog in *Lombard-street*, and you shall have 5 l. Reward, or if already bought, your Money again with Contents.

Lost the 9th Instant in or near *Smithfield*, two Exchequer Notes of 5 l. each, dated the 26th of April 1697, N^o 18751, and 14275. Whoever brings them to Mr. Cole at *Holborn bridge*, or to Mr. Brougham in the Little Chyffer in *Westminster-Abbey*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Lost the 9th Instant between *St. James's Market* and *Hide-Park Corner*, a Pocket Book with some Accounts of my Lord of *Oxford's* Regiment, and two 10 l. Lottery Bills, N^o 92273, and 92274. Whoever brings the Book and Bills to Mr. *Thomas Causey* at the Crown at *Kinnington*, shall have Two Guinea's Reward.

The Bell Brew house in *Thames-street* near *Pauls Wharf*, is now to be Lett, either for a Brew-house, the Utensils being there, or for a Sugar-Bake-house, or any other Wholesale Trade. It is an entire thing, with a good House upon it, and a Wharf and Crane at the *Thames* side. Inquire of *Joshua Chry*, Merchant, in *Lincoln-street*, *London*.