

Tarimouth, Aug. 27. On the 24th passed through our Road a Fleet of above 100 Sail of Laden Colliers, under Convoy of the *Smirna-Merchant*; and this afternoon came up 150 Sail more, bound for the River, under Convoy of the *Bedford, Winchelsea, Garland, and Mermayd*.

From on Board His Majesty's Ship the Expedition, Capt. James Stewart Commander, Aug. 26. On Sunday the 22d two Ships appeared to Windward, bearing down upon us with all the Sail they could make; Towards Evening they came fair up with us, and when a random Shot could reach them, we fired a-thwart the headmost, spreading our Colours; They both braced to, and shewed English Colours; Capt. Stewart ordered his third Lieutenant in a Boat, to discover what they were, being then fair Weather and little Wind; He hailed the least, who answered, the *Weymouth*, and that the other Ship was the *Lenox*; We had then no further doubt of their being French; we stood our Course all night with our Topails; and they kept us Company.

About Six a Clock on Monday morning they both bore down upon our Larbord side, the biggest a little a-head of the other, and by their working we could easily judge their intention was to lay us on board; The biggest, a Ship of 60 or 64 Guns, came along our side, firing great and small Shot, but we gave her such a warm Entertainment, that she found it more convenient to sheer out a-head of us; as she passed, there being very little Wind, we had time enough to give her 4 entire Broadfides with Round and Partridge from aloft, and double from our lower Teer, few of which we believe missed her, being not above half a Cables length from us; By the time she was shot out a little a-head, the other, a Ship of 50 or 54 Guns, was up with our Quarter, whom we treated in the same manner, and obliged, by the heat of our side, to sheer out a-head of us after her Companion; Immediately after they both wore round, and attack'd us on the Starboard side, where they found the like Reception, and then they both sheered out a-stern of us, between us and the *Society Hospital Ship* in our Company, endeavouring to cut her off from us, upon which we wore round after them, and the Hospital Ship prudently springing her Boof quickly came near us, but each of them had passed a Broadside upon her, and killed Capt. Chapman the Commander, and wounded 7 of his Men; Then they both kept their Wind, and a little after braced to; We stood on our way with our Topails, and fitted our Rigging, believing they would be with us again in a little time, considering the advantage of Force was so much on their side; but they left us. The whole Dispute lasted not above an hour, but was pretty sharp; All our Officers and Ships Company behaved themselves very well; we had 13 Men killed outright, and 39 wounded; Lieutenant *Coker* is shot through the Thigh, but it's hoped will recover. We were when we fought 24 Leagues S. S. W. from *Silly*; and this day we Anchored at *Spithead*.

There are Two Mails due from Holland, besides that of Friday last.

The Persons Authorized under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual for receiving in all Wrought Plate pursuant to the late Act of Parliament, do hereby give Notice, That from henceforth until the 4th day of November next due Attendance will be given in the Dutchy-Court in the Receipt of Exchequer as formerly, and at the several Mints in Brittol, Chester, Exeter, Norwich, and York, daily for the Receiving in the said Plate, at the Rate of 5s. 4d. per Ounce, at which Rate present Money will be paid for the same.

Advertisements.

LOST or mislaid about the 15th or 16th Instant 4 Malt Tickets, N^o 5M771, 5M772, 5M773, 14M115. Whoever brings them to Mr. Robert Jeffs at the Vine in Tower Street, or to Mr. William Jeffs at the Bargehouse Brewhouse in Southwark, shall have 4 Guineas's Reward, or in proportion to what shall be recovered. All Persons are desired to stop them, and give notice as above, the payment of them being already stop in the Exchequer, consequently of no value to any but the right Owner.

F Francis Willington of Lycomb Regis in Berkshire, is desired forthwith to repair to his Family there, his Uncle and Brother being lately dead.

LOST 4 Malt Tickets, N^o 17M628, 6M411, 6M412, and 6M413, and 4 Exchequer Notes of 5 l. a piece. Whoever stops them and gives notice to Mr. Edward Phipps at the Blue Boar's Head in Kirkgate, Westminster, shall have a Guinea Reward.

LOST the 28th Instant between Southwark and Bishopsgate Street, a Pocket Book with an Exchequer Note for 5 l. N^o 84565, another Note for 10 l. and several other little Notes. Whoever gives notice of them to John Foxwell at the Weaver Arms in Castle Street in Southwark, shall have 10 l. Reward.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against George Shawe of Witley in Oxfordshire, Chapman, intend to meet at the 11th Chamber in Guildhall, on Thursday the 16th of September next, by 3 after Noon, in order to make a Distribution of the Estate of the said Shawe; and all his Creditors are then to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution Money, or they will be excluded the said Distribution.

WHEREAS Richard Kennell of London, Greaser, hath according to the late Act of Parliament, Compounded with two thirds in Number and Value of his Creditors; There are to give notice to all his Creditors, that he doth design to deliver up all his Estate unto his Creditors, or such as they shall assign, upon the 12th day of September next, at Frank's Coffee house in Threadneedle Street, where all the said Creditors are desired to be present, or send some other in their stead.

WHEREAS John Trend, Clerk to Mr. Francis Oliver within the Cloffe in Exeter, about 5 weeks since, went away from his said Masters House; Whoever gives notice of him, so as he may return to his said Master, shall have 5 l. Reward: He is aged between 17 and 18, wears his own Hair, being white, and has an Imperfection in his Sight, and a little Imperfection in his Speech, slender grown, and not tall.

A Fair Estate at Severham in Kent, called Cooks Ditch, worth about 200 l. per Annum, is to be sold, together with all convenient Dwelling-Houses, Stables, Barns, Orchards and Gardens. Any Person disposed to purchase, by enquiring of Mr. Henry Dick, Linnen Draper, in Gracious-Street, London, may know further.

STRAYED out of the Grounds of Mr. Thomas Spicer of Peckham in Camberwell Parish in Surrey, on Sunday the 15th Instant, a light-coloured She-Aff, having each Ear bored through with two Holes, with her Foal of the same colour, and about 3 months old. Whoever brings them to Mr. George Backbys at the Talbot Inn in Southwark, shall have a Guinea.

LOST or Strayed the 5th Instant, from Isaac Wetherell of Chipmear Hackney in Middlesex, 3 Horses, one a black Gelding with a Star in his Forehead, near 16 hands high, 7 years old, all his Paces, one brown Gelding dapple, with a white Tail, 16 hands high or better; another small Gelding about 13 hands high, all his Paces, 12 years old, marked with J. W. Whoever gives notice of these Horses to the said Wetherell, shall have a Guinea.

STRAYED or stolen 3 Horses from William Castle of Linds-Ten Oxfordshire, one is a luscious light chestnut Draught Gelding, 15 hands high or better, with a Blaz: down his Face, his Legs a little whitish, but not white, 7 or 8 years old, and a long Tail; another a Bay Nag with the near flank a little scarified with some former hurt, and white Saddle spots, and on one of his hinder Necks a little spot of white, about 7 years old, above 14 hands high, Paces much; The other a black Nag, with a small Star, and a bob Tail, white Saddle spots, about 6 years old, above 14 hands high, on his near Leg before some white spots between his Footlock joints and his Knee, done by some hurt, Paces much, worth about 1 l. each. Whoever brings them to the Three Chins in Fenchurch-Street, London, or to the Talbot in Finkstone, Oxfordshire, shall have a Guinea Reward for each.