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Lisbon, January 4, N. S.

Tuesday, being the last Day of the Year, their Portuguese Majesties, accompanied by the Royal Family and chief Nobility, went in great State and Solemnity to the Church of St. Roque, to return Thanks for the Blessings received in the Year past. On the 29th past a Marriage was solemnized between the Marquefs de Fontes Son to the Marquefs d'Abrantes (one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bedchamber, formerly Ambassador to the Court of Rome, and now actually appointed with the same Character to that of Madrid,) and the only Daughter of Dom Roderigo de Mello (Son to the Duke of Cadaval,) by a Daughter of the said Marquefs d'Abrantes. The 31st past, three English Men of War, the Sterling-Castle, Winchester, and Solebay, being Ships of Rear-Admiral Hopfon's Squadron, arrived here: The Sterling-Castle had lost her Bow-sprit, Foremast, and Maintopmast, in a violent Storm of Wind which lasted eight and forty Hours: The other two Ships received no Damage, and are preparing immediately to rejoin the Admiral. Mr Dormer, His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, having made Application to this Court, that what is wanting for the Sterling-Castle may be furnished out of the King's Stores, an Order was immediately granted to that Effect; so that the Damage will be repaired in a few Days, and the Ship in Condition to return to her Cruize. By an Express from Vigo this Court has received an Account, that the Pernambuco Fleet, consisting of 24 Sail of Merchant Ships, under the Convoy of one Man of War, was driven by the late stormy Weather into that Port. The Vittoria, a Portuguese Man of War of 60 Guns, which lately sailed from hence, has joynd the Fleet there.

Whitehall, Jan 14.

Whereas Information upon Oath hath been given, that in pursuance of a Distrin formed by Williams Conyngbam, Esq; several Persons did on the 20th Day

of November last, about Midnight, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, beset the Dwelling-House of Thomas Benson, Esq; in Great Fances-street, in the Parish of St. George the Martyr, with an Intent to carry away the Wife and divers Goods of the said Thomas Benson: His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Accomplices (except the said Williams Conyngbam) who shall discover the others concerned therein, so as they may be prosecuted and convicted thereof by due Course of Law.

TOWNSHEND.

And the said Thomas Benson doth hereby promise to give a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said Williams Conyngbam, so that he may be brought to Justice for the said Crime.

Tho. Benson.

Office of Ordnance, Jan. 13, 1726-7.

Whereas William Stevens, Matross, in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, aged about 30 Years, 5 Foot 10 Inches high, of a dark brown Complexion, by Trade a Carpenter, did desert the 3d Instant from Plymouth: Whoever will secure the said William Stevens, and give Notice thereof to Lieutenant Bcnnet Smith, at Plymouth aforesaid, or to any of the Officers commanding any of the Detachments of the same Regiment at Portsmouth, Chatham, Woolwich, or Berwick, shall receive Ten Guineas as a Reward, or half that Sum if they will secure him in any County Goal in England; giving Notice thereof to Mr. John Blake, Jun. at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower of London.

South-Sea-House, London, Jan. 12, 1726-7.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That a General Court of Election will be held at the Company's House in Broad-street, London, on Wednesday the 1st of February next, from Nine in the Morning till Six in the Evening, for the Choice of Governour, Sub-Governour, and Deputy-Governour of the said Company; and the said Court will be continued by Adjournment, and held at the same Place, between the same Hours, on the Friday following, being the 3d of February next, for the Choice of Directors: Which Elections will be declared so soon as the respective Scrutinies shall be over. They likewise give Notice, that printed List of

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