

nonville's Courier brought hither on the 23^d from Vienna by the Way of Paris: By the said Courier Advice was sent of the Spanish Army's having opened the Trenches before Gibraltar on the 21st past at Night. Two Couriers more from Vienna are arrived at this Court within this last Week. On the 27th past his Excellency Mr. Stanhope, Ambassadour of the King of Great Britain, went to the Marquess de la Paz and acquainted him, that Hostilities having been begun by the Spanish Army before Gibraltar, he had taken his Resolution to leave this Court without Loss of Time, and for that Purpose desired his Catholick Majesty would please to grant him the necessary Passports for Himself, his Family, and his Equipages: Though the Marquess promised those Passports immediately, yet they have not hitherto been delivered to his Excellency: But he expects them to Morrow, and proposes to set out from hence the 5th or 6th Instant. The Duke of Liria having received at his Catholick Majesty's Treasury Eight Thousand Pistoles for his Journey, and Four Thousand Pistoles more in Advance on Account of his Appointments as Ambassadour from Spain to Muscovy, intends to be going in a few Days by the Way of Italy and Vienna. Letters from Cadiz of the 25th past advise, that the Governour, in Consequence of the Hostilities begun against Gibraltar, has detained four British Merchant Ships till he shall receive Orders from Court; but that he has not molested yet the British Merchants residing there: And that several Boats which went with Stores for the Camp, having heard the firing of the Cannon, are returned for Fear of the English Men of War. 'Tis advised from Malaga the 25th past, that an English Ship called the Dorothy, bound for London with Wine, which was the only English Ship there, as she was going to sail out of the Mole was stopp'd by Order of the Governour till he should hear from Court: That another English Ship called the Priscilla coming in from Amsterdam, being informed of what had happened, immediately put to Sea again, and luckily got away: That the English Consul, and some other English Merchants there, had retired into Convents for Fear of being seized: And that the Duke of Wharton was gone to the Spanish Camp. The Advices from the Spanish Army before Gibraltar are, that most of the Cannon being arrived on the 21st past, the Conde de las Torres began to open the Trenches the Night following with five Battalions, upon which the Governour sent out to him to know the Reasons of his Proceedings, but receiving no satisfactory Answer the Firing began; That the Spaniards have since lost a good Number of Men, both by the Fire from the Town and from the Ships of the British Squadron: That the Garrison had made a Sally with a Party of Grenadiers:

That the Night of the 24th past two Spanish Regiments called Antwerp and Naples, and an Irish Battalion, mistaking each other for the Enemy, fired upon one another in the Trenches; by which some Officers and a good many Men were killed: And that the Spanish Army had been considerably diminished, both by Desertion and Sickness which still continued among them to a great Degree.

Dublin, March 2. Yesterday being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, the great Guns were fired at the Barracks, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments on Duty, which were drawn out upon Oxmantown-Green. At Noon there was a splendid Appearance of the Nobility, and other Persons of Distinction, to compliment the Lords Justices upon this Occasion; and at Night there was a Play given by their Excellencies, for the Entertainment of the Ladies.

Whitehall, March 9, 1726-7.

Whereas some wicked Persons have lately counterfeited Notes in Imitation of the Twenty Shilling Notes of the Bank of Scotland, and thereby imposed upon and defrauded Numbers of unwary Persons, to the great Prejudice of that Company, and of many of His Majesty's Subjects; His Majesty is graciously pleased, in order to the discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons guilty of so villainous a Forgery, to promise His most gracious Pardon to any Person concerned in the said Crime, that shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as they, or any of them, may be apprehended and convicted of the same.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be holden at their House in Fenchurch-street, London, on Friday the 24th of this Instant March, at Eleven in the Forenoon, the same being a Quarterly Court. And that a General Court of the said Company will be holden at the same Place on Wednesday the 1st of April next, for the Election of 24 Directors for the Year ensuing, which will continue from Nine a-Clock in the Morning till Six in the Afternoon of the same Day, after which Time no Lists will be taken in. That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at the said House on Thursday the 30th of this Instant March. And that the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut up on Thursday the 16th of this Instant March; and opened again on Thursday the 13th of April next.

South-Sea-House, London, March 9, 1726-7.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That the South-Sea Annuity Transfer Books will be shut on Thursday the 23^d Instant, in order to the making out the Warrants for the Half Year's Annuity due at Lady-Day next; and that the same will be opened again on Tuesday the 25th of April next.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court to consider of a Dividend will be held at the Bank on Thursday next, the 16th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon: And also, That another General Court will be held at the Bank on Tuesday the 1st of April next, from Nine in the Forenoon to Six in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor.