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Jamaica, October 31.

HIS Majesty's Ship the Diamond, Captain Knowles Commander, has brought in hither two Prizes, which he took cruising to Leeward; one on the 16th of September, being a Ship said to have on board 74000 Pieces of Eight, and Cloathing for the Garrison of St. Augustine in Florida; the other a Brigantine taken on the 3d of this Month, going to Havana, there to be fitted out for a Privateer.

Whitehall, March 15, 1739.

On Thursday last in the Evening Captain Rentone arrived here Express with Letters from Vice-Admiral Vernon, dated on board his Majesty's Ship the Burford in Porto Bello Harbour, the 12th of December last, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State; which give the following Account.

On the 5th of November last Vice-Admiral Vernon sailed from Jamaica with his Majesty's Ships the Burford, Hampton-Court, Princess Louisa, Worcester, Strafford, Norwich, and Sheerness, the last of which he ordered to cruise off Cartagena. On the 20th of November in the Evening he came in Sight of Porto Bello, having been delayed in his Passage by contrary Winds. There being but little Wind that Evening, though a very great Swell, he anchored for that Night six Leagues off the Shore, being apprehensive of driving to the Eastward of the Harbour.

On the 21st in the Morning, the Admiral plyed to Windward in Line of Battle, having given the proper Orders for the Attack; but the Wind proving Easterly, he was obliged to confine his Attack to the Iron Fort only; close to which the Squadron was piloted by Captain Rentone.

Commodore Brown, in the Hampton-Court, who led the Attack, executed his Part, as became an Officer of Experience and Resolution; and being well followed by Captain Herbert in the Norwich, and Captain Mayne in the Worcester, the Admiral perceived that some of the Spaniards fled from several Parts of the Fort; upon which he made the Signal for the Boats in which the Soldiers were, to make the best of their Way in order to their Landing, whilst he was coming up to the Fort to batter it. The Admiral luffing up as near to the Fort as he could, the Fire of his Small Arms commanded the Enemy's lower Batteries, and had a good Effect in driving them from those Batteries, from which they could do most Harm; and by this Means the Men were also secured at Landing: And this (as the Enemy afterwards confessed) was the principal Occasion of their deserting the lower Batteries, the Small-shot from the former Ships not having reach'd them, though their Cannon had beat down some of the upper Part of the Fort. As the Boats came near the Admiral's Ship, he called to them to

go directly on Shore under the Walls of the Fort, tho' there was no Breach made; but this answered as was expected, by throwing the Enemy into a general Consternation, the Officers and Men who had stood to the lower Battery, flying to the upper Part of the Fort, where they held up a White Signal for Capitulating. The Admiral answered with a White Flag, but it was some Time before he could stop his own Men, and those on board the Strafford, Captain Trevor, which followed him, from Firing.

In the mean time the Seamen had climb'd up the Walls of the lower Battery and struck the Colours, and then drew the Soldiers up after them, to whom the Spaniards, who had retired to the upper Part of the Fort, soon after surrendered at Discretion. Their Number was only five Officers and 35 Men, out of above 300, the rest being either killed or wounded, or having made their Escape.

The Ships that went in before the Admiral were fallen to Leeward, so as to be out of Sight of the Gloria Castle; but the Admiral's Ship lying open to the said Castle, they kept firing one of their longest Guns at him till Night; but not being within Point-blank, their Shot either fell short, or went over him; only one Shot went through the Head of his Foretop-mast, just above the Rigging, so that it did no Harm.

The Admiral finding they continued their Firing, tried some of his lower Tier at them; which being new Guns, answered beyond expectation, carrying over the Gloria Castle into the Town; none of the Shot falling short, and one of them going through the Governor's House, and some through other Houses in the Town.

This successful Beginning was attended with a very inconsiderable Loss, there being only three Men killed and five wounded on board the Admiral's Ship; the like Number were killed and wounded on board the Worcester, and one Man had both his Legs shot off on board the Hampton-Court. The other Ships had none killed or wounded, and only two Soldiers were shot going ashore, one of which died soon after of his Wounds.

The next Morning, being the 22d, the Admiral went on board Commodore Brown, to call the Captains to consult together, and give out the necessary Orders for warping the Ships up the next Night, in order to attack the Gloria Castle the Night following, as it would not have been practicable to attempt it in the Day-time. But in this he was prevented by the Enemy's putting up a White Flag at the Gloria Castle, and sending a Boat with a Flag of Truce to the Admiral, with the Governor's Adjutant, and a Lieutenant of a Man of War, who brought the Conditions signed on which they desired to capitulate. In Answer to which, the Admiral immediately drew up the Terms on which he would admit them to Capitulation, and dispatched



patched them back again, allowing them only a few Hours to take their Resolution; and within the Time limited they accepted the Conditions offered them. And before Night on Thursday the said 22d of November, the Admiral sent Captain Newton, who commanded the Detachment of Soldiers from Jamaica, with about 120 of the said Soldiers, who took immediate Possession of Gloria Castle and St. Jeronimo Fort, being the remaining Fortresses that guarded the Harbour of Porto Bello, the Gloria Castle lying just below the Town, and St. Jeronimo Fort just above it.

Articles of Capitulation granted by Edward Vernon, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Blue, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the West Indies, and Commodore Brown, to Don Francisco Martines de Retez, Governour of Porto Bello, and Don Francisco de Abaroa, Commandant of the Guarda Costas at the same Place, the 22d of November 1739. O. S.

Article I. That the Garrison be allowed to march out as desired, upon Condition the King of Great Britain's Troops be put into Possession of the Glory Castle, before Four of the Clock this Evening, and the Garrison to march out by Ten of the Clock To-morrow Morning.

That the Inhabitants may either remove, or remain, under a Promise of Security for themselves and their Effects.

II. That the Spanish Soldiers may have a Guard if they think it necessary.

III. That they may carry off two Cannons mounted, with Ten Charges of Powder for each, and their Match lighted.

IV. The Gates of the Glory Castle must absolutely be in Possession of the King our Master's Troops, by Four of the Clock, and the Spanish Garrison shall remain in all Safety for their Persons and Effects, 'till the appointed Time for their marching out, and to carry with them the Provisions and Ammunition necessary for their Safety.

V. That the Ships with their Apparel and Arms, be absolutely delivered up to the Use of his Britannick Majesty, but that all the Officers, Soldiers and Crew, shall have Three Days allowed them to retire with all their personal Effects; only one Officer being admitted on Board each Ship and Vessel, to take Possession for the King our Master, and to see this Article strictly complied with.

VI. That provided the Articles above-mentioned are strictly complied with, and that Possession be given of Castle St. Jeronimo, in the same Manner as is stipulated for the Castle Gloria, then the Clergy, the Churches and Town, shall be protected and preserved in all their Immunities and Properties.

And that all Prisoners already taken shall be set at Liberty before our leaving the Port.

Given under our Hands, on board His Majesty's Ship Burford, in Porto Bello Harbour, this 22d Day of November 1739. O. S.

E. Vernon.
Cha. Brown.

There were in the Harbour two Spanish Men of War, of 20 Guns each, and a Snow; the Crews of which Ships seeing the regular and bold Attack which was made on the Iron Fort, and despairing of being able to defend themselves, fell to plundering the Town in the Night of the 21st, and committed great Outrages on the Inhabitants.

The Admiral took on board his Ships from the several Fortresses; 40 Pieces of Brass Cannon, 10 Brass Field Pieces, 4 Brass Mortars, and 18 Brass Pattereroes; and render'd unserviceable above 80 Iron Cannon, by knocking off the Trunnions, and spiking them up: He also took on board all their Shot and Ammunition, except 122 Barrels of their Powder, which he expended in springing Mines, by which all the Fortifications of the Forts were blown up, and entirely demolished, and the Harbour left open and defenceless.

Ten thousand Dollars, that were arrived and designed for paying the King of Spain's Troops at Porto Bello, falling into the Admiral's Hands, he distributed them among his Majesty's Forces for their Encouragement.

The Admiral was join'd at Porto Bello on the 27th of November, by his Majesty's Ship the Diamond, Capt. Knowles, and on the 29th by the Windsor, Capt. Berkeley, and the Anglesea, Capt. Reddish; he having left Orders at the Leeward Islands for the said Ships to follow him.

The principal Engineer in the Mining Work was Capt. Knowles of the Diamond, assisted by Capt. Boscawen, (who desired he might serve in this Expedition as a Volunter, his Ship the Shoreham not being fit for the Sea) and by Mr. Barnes, Purser of the Worcester, who having been an Officer in the Army, was very useful on this Occasion. Commodore Brown had the chief Direction of what was necessary to be done at Gloria Castle and St. Jeronimo Fort; and Capt. Watson, Captain of the Admiral's Ship, took Care of the Execution of all that was to be done at the Iron Fort, which was built on a Rock; the Walls of the lower Battery, which consisted of 22 Guns, were nine Foot thick, and of a hard Stone, cemented with such a fine Mortar, that it was a long Work to make any Impression in it to come to Mine at all.

The lower Battery at Gloria Castle consisted of two regular Bastions, and a Curtain between them, mounted with 22 Guns, besides a Line of eight Guns, that pointed to the Mouth of the Harbour; and all the other Guns they had on the Moonish Parts of both Castles, besides their Battery on St. Jeronimo, render'd the Entrance of the Harbour very difficult and dangerous.

In Consideration of the Services perform'd by Capt. Rentone (who acted as a Pilot in this Expedition) the Admiral thought fit to appoint him Commander of the Spanish Snow taken in the Harbour of Porto Bello; and to send his Dispatches by him to England in the said Snow; and the two 20 Gun Ships, which were Spanish Guarda Costas, were by the Admiral's Order fitted up, and taken along with him.

On the 6th of December the Admiral was joined at Porto Bello by his Majesty's Ship the Sheerness, Capt. Stapleton, which he had sent to cruize off Cartagena, and which had taken two Vessels, with Supplies of Ammunition, Stores and Provisions that were going to Cartagena. On the 7th in the Evening Capt. Stapleton having taken in Water, was sent by the Admiral to cruize on his former Station.

During the Admiral's Stay at Porto Bello, he sent a Letter to the President of Panama, demanding the Release of the Factors and Servants of the South Sea Company, who were confined at that Place; in Consequence of which, the President of Panama sent an Officer with Mr. Humphreys and Dr. Wright, Factors, and also with the Servants of the South Sea Company, who were delivered to the Admiral at Porto Bello.

The Governor and Inhabitants of Porto Bello, expressed the greatest Sense of the Humanity and Generosity, with which they were treated by the Admiral, and his Majesty's Squadron under his Command.

On the 13th of December, Vice-Admiral Vernon, with his Squadron, sailed from Porto Bello for Jamaica; and being off Cartagena, on the 28th of December, sent away Captain Rentome in the Spanish Snow, for England.

General Post Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Post-Boy, who was carrying the Worcester Mail from London to Southall, was set upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Aualety-street End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a lusty Man, in a white Cape Coat, who presented a Pistol to the said Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field against Audley-street End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worcester and Oxford Bags; and the Worcester Bag containing the Ludlow, Tedbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodstock Letters.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Persons who committed the said Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of 200 l. besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highway-men. Or if any Person, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Persons, or either of them who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, be intitled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

J. D. Barbut, Secretary.

Victualling Office, March 12, 1739.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Wednesday the 2d of April next, in the Forenoon, they shall be ready to treat with such Persons as are inclinable to furnish White and Bay Salt, as also Hambourg Pipe and Hog'shead Staves, for the Service of his Majesty's Navy.

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 20th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon; And also, That another General Court will be held at the Bank on Tuesday the 15th of April next, from Nine in the Forenoon to Six in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor, and

Deputy Governor for the Year ensuing; which Election will be declared that Evening; and the said Court will be continued by Adjournment, and held at the same Place, and during the same Hours, on Wednesday the 16th of April, for the Election of Twenty four Directors (which will be also one of the Quarterly General Courts appointed by the Charter) and the Election of the Twenty four Directors will be declared as soon as the Scrutiny is over. Printed Lists of the Proprietors having Votes, will be ready to be delivered at the Bank on Thursday the 3d of April next.

English Copper House, March 12, 1739.

The Court of Assistants of the Governor and Company of Copper Miners in England hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Bush-lane, London, on Thursday the 3d of April next, from Ten in the Forenoon to One in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor, Deputy Governor, and Ten Assistants for the Year ensuing, and to consider of a Dividend. Also, that the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut from Wednesday the 19th Instant, till Monday the 14th of April next. They further give Notice, that Printed Lists of the Proprietors of reduced Shares will be ready to be delivered at the said House on Monday the 24th Instant.

London, Feb. 7, 1739.

Notice is hereby given, That a General Court of Elections of the Governor and Company for working of Mines, Minerals and Metals, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, will be held at the Sun Fire-Office behind the Royal Exchange, on Thursday the 27th of March next, from Ten of the Clock in the Morning till Two in the Afternoon, in order to chuse a Governor, Deputy Governor, and Court of Directors for the Year ensuing.

Advertisements.

Lately published, Price bound Three Guineas.

* * * Atlas Maritimus & Commercialis; or, a General View of the World, so far as relates to Trade and Navigation: Describing all the Coasts, Ports, Harbours, and noted Rivers, according to the latest Discoveries and most exact Observations. Together with a large Account of the Commerce carried on by Sea between the several Countries of the World; as likewise of all Inland Trade by Means of navigable Rivers: The Rise, Progress and Decay thereof, in its various Branches; with Methods for farther Improvements. To which are added, Sailing Directions for all the known Coasts and Islands on the Globe; with a Sett of Sea-Charts, some laid down after Mercator, but the greater Part according to a new Globular Projection, adapted for measuring Distances (as near as possible) by Scale and Compass, and authorized by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain. The Use of the Projection justified by Dr. Halley. To which are subjoined two large Hemispheres on the Plane of the Equinoctial; containing all the Stars in the Britanic Catalogue: Of great Use to Sailors for finding the Latitude in the Night. London, printed for John Senex, William Innys and Richard Manby, John and Paul Knapton, Edward Symons and Tho. Longman.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of William Dixon, late of Lincoln's Inn, Gent. deceased, are peremptorily to come before Robert Holtford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn, on or before the first Day of May next, and prove their respective Debts, otherwise they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Petley Price, late of the Ham, in the Parish of Wantage, in the County of Berks, Gent. deceased, (who have not a Lien on his Real Estate for their Debts) are peremptorily to come in and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London, on or before the 23d of April next, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

TO be sold peremptorily, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Richard Edwards, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Chancery-Lane, on Tuesday the 29th of April, between Five and Six in the Afternoon, The remaining Part of the Estate of Thomas Webb, Esq; Serjeant at Law, deceased, (omitted in the former Particular) being about eight Acres Meadow

Meadow or Pasture Ground in Rodburne Cheney, Wiltshire, and all the great Tythes of the same; and all the Tythes of the Lands of Thomas Coker, Clerk there, except a Close called Holliwell.

THE Commissioners named in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Peter Croce, late of Dean-street in Soho, Wine Merchant, having assigned all the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to Charles Savage, of Mark-Lane, London, Esq. All Persons indebted to the Estate of the said Croce, or who have any Effects belonging to him in their Hands, are forthwith to pay and deliver the same to the said Mr. Savage, or they will be sued.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Christopher Severs, of the Strand, in the Parish of St. Martin's in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Linnendraper, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 21st and 28th of March Instant, and on the 26th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the first Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Jeffery Munt, late of Jollehunt Darcey, in the County of Essex, Grocer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 29th of March Instant, and on the 5th and 26th of April next, at Nine in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at the House of Byat Walker, being the Ship Tavern in Colchester, in the said County of Essex, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or

that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Carter, Attorney, at Great Coggeshall in Essex.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Taylor, of the Parish of St. Paul Shadwell, in the County of Middlesex, Coal Lighterman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 22d and 28th of March Instant, and on the 26th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the 2d Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Martin, Attorney, over-against Shadwell Church.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Henry Ableves, of Great Maddox-street, in the Parish of St. George Hanover Square, in the County of Middlesex, Taylor and Chapman, intend to meet on the 23d of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Simon Bordeaux and Peter Bobin, of Stratford, in the Parish of West Ham, in the County of Essex, Callico Printers and Partners, have certified to the Rt. Honourable Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Simon Bordeaux and Peter Bobin have in all things conformed themselves according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, their Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 6th of April next.