

hung in the Ballance, for more than Half an Hour, whether the Government would be subverted or not. The Treasurer is since dead of his Wounds; he had a Pistol Ball in his Collar Bone, two deep Wounds in his Arm, two Cuts with a Sabre cross his Head, his Right Hand cut off, and the other cleft down to his Wrist. One of the Rebels, after receiving the Pay, and taking the Dey's Hand to kiss according to Custom, drew a concealed Dagger, and thrust it through the Dey's Breast, then fired a Pistol, which wounded the Dey in the Side. The Dey rose, and walked a few Yards, calling out to his Attendants, &c. "If amongst so many of them, they could not destroy such a Villain, and then dropt." Another at the same Time assassinated the Treasurer. The first Conspirator, after killing the Dey, took off his (the Dey's) Turbant, and putting it on his Head, seated himself where the Dey had sat; and thinking himself secure, from the Sanction of the Seat, (which, altho' he had just violated, from a vulgar Notion prevailing here, he perhaps thought, if he could once attain, he should be acknowledged Sovereign) he began to harangue the Divan, and the Dey's Secretaries, who were all seated near him; telling them, that he would govern them; that he would make War with some Powers, this Country being at Peace with too many; that he would do Justice to all; brandishing his drawn Sabre in his Hand. He bid them order the Dey's Band of Musick (who were there) to play, and the Drums to beat; which the Divan were forced to order. He had sat, thus unmolested, for more than a Quarter of an Hour, whilst the five others were at work with their Pistols and Sabres. When, in this Crisis, (for had he sat but a Quarter of an Hour longer, the Guns had been fired, and he had been acknowledged Sovereign) one of the Chiauses, or Messengers in the Palace, took Courage, and snatching up a Carabine, fired it at him and killed him: This Example was followed by some other Chiauses, and his five Accomplices were also soon destroyed.

Tho' there appeared but six Actors, it is believed there must have been more at Hand; but that the Rest, who were perhaps ready to join, on the first Appearance of Success, finding afterwards that Things went ill, stole off in the Crowd; for the Dey was at that Time giving the Pay to no less than 300 Soldiers, in his Court Yard. Yet, as incredible as it seems, 'tis much more so, that it should have been (as it was) very near succeeding: For 'tis acknowledged, on all Hands, and even the new Dey, (since made) declared, That had the Conspirator kept his Seat a few Minutes longer, all would have been lost, and the Government subverted.

These Men seem to have laid their Scheme, and founded their Hopes on a Circumstance, which one would have thought would have render'd the Attempt absolutely impossible, but which, however, had brought it very near being accomplished, viz. The Number of Soldiers then receiving their Pay, who indeed always enter without any Arms, when they receive it; but when the Conspirators fell to Work, the Soldiers, not imagining such an Attempt could be made by Six Men, without Numbers at Hand to back them, uncertain, for some Time, what Part to take, ran all away by a private back Door, to their Barracks, lest they might be suspected to be of the Number of the Conspira-

tors, and the Guard of the Dey's Palace (who always wait without the Gates completely armed) might come in upon them: But the Gates having been shut by some of the Conspirators, the Guard could not get in to the Dey's Defence, or perhaps had not the Courage to attempt it, as they concluded, on hearing the Pistol-Shots, and the Confusion, that all the Soldiers within were Confederates, and had come secretly armed for that Purpose. Many more Persons were wounded besides the Hasnagge or Treasurer.

Ali Bashaw, the Aga of the Spahis, or Generalissimo, was immediately sent for, and placed in the Seat of the murdered Dey: The Cannon were fired, and, in one Hour's Time, from the most disturbed Situation imaginable, perfect Tranquillity was restored to the City.

The present Dey's Name is Ali Bashaw: He is a hearty, hale, robust Man, of about 46 Years old. The late Dey had reigned about six Years, and was arrived to the Age of 75.

'Tis said the Conspirator, who killed the Dey, and sat in his Seat, had been bastonaded last Year, by the Dey's Order, for some Crime. The Conspirators were all Soldiers; one of them (as every Soldier here is a Mechanick) spun Linnen, and another of them was a Cobler.

Cherif Mehemet, who was sent some Time ago with some Troops against the Cabaylies, and had Success against them, has succeeded the new Dey in his Post of Aga or Generalissimo; and the Chiause, whose Resolution and Courage saved the State in so great a Crisis, is made Treasurer to the new Dey.

Admiralty-Office, February 6.

His Majesty hath been pleased to order the following Promotion of Flag Officers to be made in His Fleet, viz.

Henry Osborn, Esq;	} Vice Admiral of the Red.
Thomas Griffen, Esq;	
Sir Edward Hawke, Knight of the Bath,	} Vice Admirals of the White.
Charles Knowles, Esq;	
Hon. John Forbes,	} Vice Admirals of the Blue.
Hon. Edward Boscawen,	
Charles Watson, Esq;	} Rear Admirals of the Red.
Temple West, Esq;	
George Pocock, Esq;	} Rear Admirals of the White.
Hon. George Townshend,	
Savage Mostyn, Esq;	} Rear Admiral of the Blue.

Admiralty-Office, February 6, 1755.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleased to direct, That such Captains, Commanders, and Lieutenants, of the Navy, as are unemployed, do transmit hither an Account of their Places of Abode, in order to their being sent to when His Majesty's Service may require their Attendance, and they are to continue to do the same as often as they may happen to change their Habitations.

J. Cleveland.

Admiralty-Office, February 8, 1755.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are hereby pleased to give Notice, That Directions have been sent to the Lieutenants, who are employed on or about the River Thames, in procuring Men for His Majesty's Ships which are fitting out, not to impress the Masters of any small Boats, commonly called Peter Boats, employed on the said River, in catching Fish, for the Supply of the City of London, provided the said Persons are actually Masters of the said Boats, and not Seamen.

J. Cleveland.