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Since our last arrived a MAIL from France.

PARIS A-LA-MAIN, Nov. 22.

HE Prince, of whom the Dauphiness was lately brought to Bed, bears the Title of Count de Provence.

The King's Ambassador at the Court of Portugal has wrote to his Majesty to acquaint him, that on the 1st instant an Earthquake happen'd at Lisbon, which prov'd so fatal, that most of the Houses and publick Buildings of that fine City were destroy'd, and upwards of 100000 People buried in the Ruins. The King and Queen of Portugal, and all the Royal Family, had just Time to escape out of the Palace, and liv'd three Days in their Coaches. The Spanish Ambassador at that Court was crush'd to Death by a Gateway which fell upon him as he was endeavouring to make his Escape out of his Palace. The French Ambassador wrote these Circumstances under a Tent, in which he took Refuge; and adds, that in the Midst of this horrible Spectacle, Fires broke out in different Parts of the City.

The Nuncio in Portugal has wrote by the same Courier to the Nuncio at Madrid, that he had three Persons crush'd to Death in his Palace; and thus he dates his Letter, From the Place where Lisbon stood.

MADRID, Nov. 4. We had on the 1st instant the most terrible Earthquake that hath been felt of a long Time. It began at twenty-two Minutes past Ten in the Morning, and lasted eight Minutes.

The People all fled, and even the Priests left the Altars. However only two Children were killed by the falling of a Stone Cross that was over a Church Porch. St. Andrew's Church is rent in several Places.

CADIZ, Nov. 4. The 1st instant, just before Ten in the Morning, the whole Town was shook with a violent Earthquake, which lasted, as near as I can gather from the Curious, above three Minutes and a Half. To give you an Idea of its Violence; the Water in the Cisterns, which are under Ground, dash'd backwards and forwards, so as to make a great Froth upon it. Every Body ran out of the Houses and Churches in a terrible Confusion, but no Damage was done, all the Buildings here being excessively strong. We thought ourselves very safe when this was past, and People recover'd a little from the Fright. An Hour after, looking out to Sea, we saw a Wave coming at eight Miles Distance, and at least 60 Feet higher than common: Every Body than began to tremble; the Sentinels forsook their Posts, and it was well they did so; for the Wave dash'd against the West Part of the Town, which is very Rocky; but the Rocks abated a great deal of its Force: At last it came upon the Wall, and beat in the Breast-Work, and carried away Pieces of eight or ten Tons Weight to the Distance of 40 and 50 Yards from the Wall, and likewise carried away the Sand and Walls, but left the Houses standing; so that only two or three Persons were drown'd. Every one now thought the Town would be swallow'd up; for altho' this Wave was run off, yet with Glasses we could see more coming on. The People were in the utmost Confusion, and ran, some one Way, and some another. The Governor order'd the Gates to be shut, that the Inhabitants might not fly out of Town, as the Land was lower than the Town, by which Means he sav'd the Lives of Thousands, who wanted to fly, tho' they knew not whither. When the Wave was gone, Places that are deep at Low Water, were left quite dry, for the Water retir'd with the same Violence that it came on. These Waves came in this Manner four or five Times, but with less Force each Time; and about One in the Afternoon the Sea grew more calm, but was still in a boiling Motion. Every Thing was wash'd off the Mole; the Bay was full of over-turn'd Boats, floating Barrels and Timber; but no Damage was done to the Shipping. The Wall has suffer'd very much, &c.

The English have sent into Gibraltar twelve French Prizes they have lately taken.

S H I P N E W S.

DEAL, Nov. 27. Came down Molly, Dick, for Virginia; Boston, Cartwright, for Gibraltar; Charming Nancy, Richards, for Falmouth; and failed with his Majesty's Ships Sterling-Castle, Roebuck, Centaur, Queenborough, Greyhound, Cruizer, Dispatch and Swift Sloops, Maryland Planter Armed Ship, and all the Outward-bound and Dutch Indiamen. Came down his Majesty's Ship Swiftsure, and remains with the Oxford, Admiral Smith, Medway, Eys, Isis, Peggy and Hazard Sloops: Brilliant and Roehampton Arm'd Ships.

GRAVESEND, Nov. 27. Passed by Messina Packet, Connor, from Messina; Black Joke, Burton, from St. Kitz; John Forrest, from Valencia; August, Arner, from Malaga.

COWES, Nov. 25. The 21st came in the Priee Edward, Harvey, from Dartmouth, for London. Wind W. The Buchanan, Hall, from Maryland, is arriv'd at

Dover.—Champion, Darby, and Don Antonio, Chifman, from Newfoundland, at Alicant.—Racehorse, Lang, from ditto, at Tinnmouth.—Martha, Jackson, from Malaga, and Nancy and Peggy, Walker, from North Carolina, at Lancaster.

LONDON INTELLIGENCE.

Besides the Account in the Paris A-la-main, there are other Letters which mention, that the King and Royal Family were at their Palace of Belem when the Earthquake happen'd, which began at Nine o'Clock in the Morning, but had happily escap'd; that they were in their Coaches 24 Hours without Guards, and almost without Sustainance; that the greatest Part of the City, with the King's Palace, was destroy'd; that the Spanish Ambassador, and nine of his Domesticks, were killed, but his only Son was sav'd by the French Ambassador, who liv'd over-against him, and took him to his Country-House; that the Earthquake continued for ten Hours; that Fires broke out in several Places amongst the Ruins, and that 50 or 60000 People were lost; also that the extraordinary Swell of the Sea was so great, that at Toledo, which is 300 Miles up the Tagus, the Water rose ten Feet.

Capt. Charles Elliot, of the Bristow Galley, who arriv'd a few Days ago in the River from Lisbon, reports, that he left that Place on Thursday the 30th Day of October last, about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon: At Six the same Evening took his Departure from Cape Roxent for the Rock of Lisbon. That Night had light Breezes from N. N. W. to N. and N. N. E. and heavy Weather, with some Lightening. The following Day was very foggy, which continued till Saturday the instant; when, about Eight o'Clock in the Morning, it clear'd up; the Wind much the same as the two preceding Days. Between Nine and Ten o'Clock he was alarm'd with a Noise, as he was sitting in the Cabin, seem'd like Casks rolling about the Ship's Deck; before he could get upon Deck the Noise increas'd to be very loud, and the Ship seem'd as if she was striking over sunken Rocks; immediately put the Helm a Weather, and found'd; but found no Ground; likewise found the Pumps; and found the Ship to make no Water; and as the Rumbling still continued, and not knowing what the Consequence might be, order'd the Lashings of the Long-Boat to be cut loose, and the Tackle to be in Readiness in case of a Necessity; the Lashings were no sooner cut loose than the Boat rose about two Inches from her Place, as the Ship seem'd to strike; the Hen-Coops and Casks on Deck were likewise affected in the same Manner during the whole Time, which he judg'd to be about seven or eight Minutes. The Ship continued her Course, at the Rate of about three Miles the Hour; the Water was clear, and the Sea no more Motion than could be expected from the small Gales which blew at that Time, except a small Rippling which at one Time was observ'd. The People look'd over the Ship's Sides, in Expectation of seeing some sunken Rocks, but saw nothing of that kind. At half past Eleven o'Clock, the Shock was repeated much like the former, but continued a short Time. The Rock of Lisbon then bore from the Ship, by Reckoning, E. Distance 66 Miles; Lat. of the Ship 38. 54. North, Long. from London 11. 15. West.

Capt. Clark, of the Mary, arriv'd from Denia, writes, that in Lat. 56. 24. the 1st instant, between Nine and Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, they felt an Earthquake at Sea, which shatter'd the Ship in such a Manner as overturn'd the Compa's in the Binnacle, and broke most of their Earthen Ware, China, and Bottles, and strain'd the Ship very much, as if she had been striking on the Ground, and crack'd the Seams of the Deck, which afterwards leak'd, tho' quite tight before.

Last Thursday Night an Express was dispatch'd from the General-Post-Office for Lisbon, by which the Merchants had an Opportunity of sending Letters to their Correspondents in those Parts; and Yesterday several eminent Merchants set out for Falmouth, to embark on board the Packet-Boat, which we hear has Orders, on her Arrival at Lisbon, not to stay longer than the Express be safely deliver'd, but to return directly for England.

The Convoy some Time since order'd for the Ships in the Portugal Trade, is defer'd at the Request of the Merchants, till further Accounts are receiv'd from Lisbon.

We hear that his Catholic Majesty, upon receiving an Express from his other-in-Law the King of Portugal, acquainting him with his distressed Circumstances, immediately sent away 100,000 Pistoles for his present Relief, and gave Orders to supply his Court with every Thing else that should be wanted.

In 1531 there was an Earthquake at Lisbon, by which about fourteen hundred Houses were overthrown, and six hundred more were so sorely shaken that they were ready to fall, and many of their Churches were cast to the Ground. The like Calamity happen'd to that City about 200 Years before.

Yesterday his Majesty sent Messages to both Houses of Parliament, to acquaint them with the Calamity of the Earthquake at Lisbon.

[ PRICE THREE-HALFPENCE. ]

On Wednesday Night the Right Hon. Lord Milton, arriv'd at his House in South-Audley-Street from Ireland.

On Monday the Right Hon. the Lord Barrington, Secretary at War, was re-elected Member of Parliament for Plymouth; and on Thursday he took his Seat in the House of Commons.

As did John Shelly, Esq; re-elected for East-Retford in Nottinghamshire.

The three Regiments of Guards are to have their Camp Equipage deliver'd them the Beginning of next Week, and hold themselves in Readiness upon one Day's Notice.

Yesterday was held a Court of Common Council at Guildhall, to consider of an Application to Parliament for building a Bridge cross the River Thames at or near Black-Fryars, when the Numbers were, for a Bridge 102, against it 62; and the following Gentlemen were appointed a Committee to draw up a Petition to Parliament, to be laid before the next Court of Common Council for their Approbation:

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| Alderman Janssen,   | Deputy Skynner,    |
| Alderman Alfop,     | Deputy Coles,      |
| Sir Richard Glynn,  | Deputy Pointer,    |
| Alderman Alexander, | Deputy Horfenaile, |
| Alderman Bridgen,   | Mr. Bellas,        |
| Alderman Nelson,    | Mr. Fuffigar,      |
| Deputy Nash,        | Mr. Blandford,     |
| Deputy Martindale,  | Mr. Barwicko,      |
| Mr. Paterfon,       | Mr. Hurton,        |

And the Common Serjeant is desired to attend the Committee.

On Tuesday Night an outlaw'd Smuggler, known by the Name of Young White Eyes, who lately returned from France, where he had been for several Years, was surprized by a Party of Dragoons at a little Alehouse near Benacre in Suffolk, and taken after a smart Engagement, in which he was so terribly wounded that it is thought he cannot recover. There was 500l. Reward for the apprehending him.

The following Robbery was committed near Luton in Bedfordshire this Week. A Woman with a Bundle was overtaken by a Man and Woman and a large Dog, which they set upon her, and robb'd her of the Bundle, and what she had, then stripp'd her naked, and tied her to a Tree; the Dog soon after return'd back to the poor Woman, and tore her in a terrible Manner; when a Gentleman and his Servant riding along the Road heard the Dog bark, and the Woman crying out, they alighted and went into the Field, where, with Difficulty, they whipp'd the Dog off, and the Gentleman order'd his Man to mount his Horse and follow him, which he did to an Alehouse in Luton, where were a Man and Woman which the Dog fawn'd on and lay down by; the Servant upon that got a Constable and Secur'd them both, and sent them to Bedford Gaol.

They write from on board the Ipswich Man of War, which was Convoy to the Outward-bound Indiamen, that in the late bad Weather, the Delaware, Capt. Winter, bound to Madras, shipp'd a Sea, by which they lost all their live Stock on board; consisting of nine Hogs, several Sheep; and about twenty Dozen of Fowls, Ducks, Turkeys, &c. The same Letters mention, that they had undergone such hard Duty that several of their Men were down sick.

His Majesty's Ship the Cambridge is order'd from Deptford for the Nore, where she is to be completely mann'd for Service.

The Young William, Clancy, from Malaga for Dublin, is lost on the Coast of Lancashire, and all the Crew, except the Master and one Boy, perished.

The Britannia, Godialve, for Lisbon, the Martha, Young, for Gibraltar, and a French Ship from Marseilles, that was sent into the Downs by one of the Cruizers, were all forced from their Anchors, but are got safe into Ramsgate.

The Ellen and Mary, Bodkin, from Dublin for Cadiz, was drove up the Channel by Strefs of Weather, and put into Ramsgate to stop her Leaks.

The Isabella, Jordun, from Leith, to Plymouth, is lost.

The Seahorse, Welch, of Liverpool, from Guiney, last from St. Christopher's, was put ashore the 16th instant near Waterford, and 'tis feared will be lost.

The Duc de Berry, and the Benjamin, both from Martinico for Bourdeaux, are lost near Oleron.

COMMITTED. Yesterday Philip Abrahams and Francis Unwin were committed to Newgate by John Fielding, Esq; being charged with robbing Mrs. Mary Chickley, on London-Bridge, of 20l. and upwards.

PREFERRED. A Presentation has pass'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. William Hyde, M.A. to hold the Vicarage of Barinsford, in the County of Nottingham and Diocese of York.

MARRIED. Last Week William Villa Real, Esq; of Edwinstow, in the County of Nottingham, was married to Miss Hallifax, of Mansfield in the same County; a young Lady very amiable and fit to make the Marriage State very happy.

DEAD. Last Week died at Litchfield, Dr. William Woodhouse, an eminent Physician.