

# DERBY MERCURY.

THURSDAY, September 4. 1740. To be continu'd Weekly.

## SATURDAY'S POST.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 28.

Paris, Aug. 11. O. S.



THE Shrines of St. Marcel and St. Genevieve were uncover'd, and the Head of St. Dennis expos'd, in pursuance of an Arret of Parliament, in order to obtain by their Intercession favourable Weather for the Harvest. The Archbishop of Paris has with this View al-

so issued the following Mandate, viz.

CHARLES, &c. by the Divine Mercy, and by the Grace of the Holy Apostolical See, Archbishop of Paris, Duke of St. Cloud, Peer of France, a Knight Commander of the Order of the Holy Ghost, &c. To the Archpriests of St. Mary Magdalen and St. Severin, and to the Rural Deans of our Diocese, Health and Benediction.

The Concern we ought in Charity to have for the Poor, induced us some Months ago to order Publick Prayers for the Preservation of the Fruits of the Earth, which were in some Danger from a bad Season, the Consequence of a severe and tedious Winter: And we had the comfortable Experience of the Truth of the Psalmist's Assurance, 'That the Lord is always nigh to those who call upon him in the Sincerity of their Hearts.'

The too frequent Rains which pour down upon us at present, and are so likely to damage the Harvest, for which the People are so impatient, renew our Alarms, and engage us to have Recourse to the same Methods that we have formerly practis'd with Success, in order to avert the Scourges with which we are threatened, and to draw down the Blessings of Heaven upon our Fields.

Let us therefore pray to him, who, as Job says, 'Bindeth up the Waters in the Clouds, that they may not fall upon the Earth all at once,' to put a Stop to the Storms of Rain and Wind, of which we dread the Effects, and to send us serene Weather fit to ripen the Corn, which is yet standing, and to restore to us that Joy and Security of which we have been deprived by such Marks of his just Indignation as are but too evident.

The Menaces with which he seems to treat us by shewing us the Punishments which his Justice is preparing for us, ought, instead of discouraging us, to excite our Confidence. He designs by this, to oblige us to take Measures to obtain from his Mercy the Pardon of Crimes. 'Tis a signal which he holds forth in order to warn those that fear him, to apply to him for Shelter from the avenging Arrows which he is ready to let fly against them.

But as we don't want to be inform'd, that the surest and even the only Remedy to appease the Divine Wrath is, to have Recourse to Repentance, let us not only cease to offend him, but endeavour also to atone for our past Transgressions by our Tears, our Sighs and Lamentations. Let us add to the Sentiments of a contrite and humble Heart, the external Works of Christian Mortification, and let us especially put in Practice what the Apostle recommends to us in these Words, 'Remember to exercise Charity, and to give to others a Share of the good things which you enjoy; for with such Sacrifices God is well pleased.'

For these Reasons, &c.

Given at Paris, from our Archiepiscopal Palace, the 22d Day of August, 1740.

Sign'd, CHARLES,  
Archbishop of Paris.

Amsterdam, Aug. 19. O. S. Letters from Paris of the 3d of September advise, that the Earl of Waldegrave has lately had an Audience of the King at Compeigne, when he made the following Declaration, and deliver'd a Copy of it: 'His Britannick Majesty having received the Overtures which have been made to him by his most Christian Majesty, for procuring an Accommodation between Great Britain and Spain, he has thought proper to inform his Council at London thereof, to the End that he may have their Advice thereupon. In the mean time, his Britannick Majesty did not think it convenient to retard the Departure of his Fleet, being persuaded that so considerable an Armament could scarcely fail of giving Weight to Negotiations, if any should be enter'd into.'

L O N D O N, Aug. 28.

They write from Carolina of the 4th of July, that they are in Pain for the Issue of the Siege of St. Augustine; that 130 Men, whereof 30 were Indians, were posted in a Fort within a Mile of the Castle, but so remote from the main Body, that they could not in time be supported; that on the 15th of June, a great Detachment of the Garrison from the Castle fell upon them early in the Morning, with too much Success, for they cut most of them to Pieces. It is reckoned that there were eighty or ninety white Men killed, and many of those that escaped so miserably wounded, that it's thought many will die. They also write, that several Ships lately arriv'd there, had been chased by a Spanish Sloop Privateer of 14 Guns and 150 Men, about 100 Leagues to the Eastward. A Privateer Sloop out of New York exchanged some Broad-sides with her, and had three Men killed, and three wounded; but the Sea running high, and the Spaniards being superior in Men and Weight of Metal, she was glad to get clear.

We hear from Exeter, that a Boat with nine young Gentlemen was cast away last Week returning from the Fleet in Torbay, and every Soul perished.

Letters from Algiers advise, that the Plague rages there extremely; that it was carried thither by a French Ship from Alexandria, on Board of which many Sailors died in the Passage. The French Consul was acquainted with it, and desired that the Ship might not be permitted to come into the Port, or the Goods unladen, but the Bey insisted upon both; on opening the Bales three People died instantly.

The Master of a Viqualling Vessel which arriv'd at Portsmouth from Plymouth the 25th Inst. brought an Account, that on Friday last the 22d, at Four in the Afternoon, he saw Sir John Norris four Leagues to the Westward of the Start, with a fresh Gale at N. E. which continued all that Night and the next Day; so that there is great Hopes of his being got out of the Channel.

Vice-Admiral Balchen sail'd from St. Helen's with the Squadron, and the Forces under the Command of the Ld. Cathcart, Capt. Anson's Squadron, and the Convey to the Turkey Trade, on Saturday the 23d Instant, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, and was out of sight before Night; but the Wind coming contrary, he returned to St. Helen's on the 25th.

Tuesday being the Birth-day of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, who then enter'd into the 67th Year of his Age, a grand Entertainment was given on that Occasion at his House at Chelsea, at which were present the Dukes of Grafton and Newcastle, the Earls of Wilmington and Pembroke, several foreign Ministers, and divers other Persons of Distinction.

There have been Letters in Town these three Days with an Account, that the Ferrol Squadron was seen off the Burlings. And

Tuesday an Express came by the Lisbon Mail, with Advice, that the said Fleet was gone into Cadiz.

The famous Roger Johnson (who escap'd out of Newgate some Years ago with Harry Fisher, and who was afterwards taken at Newcastle, committed to Newgate again, and lay there a considerable Time, and then discharg'd) died a few Days since at his House in Round-Court in the Strand, in the 45th Year of his Age, and

was carried from thence on Tuesday Morning in a Hearse with Six Horses, a Coach and Six Horses attending in order to be interred in Derbyshire with his Ancestors.

Last Week, at the Sale of Part of the Spanish Prize, the St. Joseph's Cargo, at the Custom-House, some of the Tobaces was so exquisitely fine, that it sold for upwards of 4 s. per Pound.

From Exeter we hear, that abundance of dead Bo-dies are seen floating upon the Devonshire Coast, which are supposed to be Sailors belonging to Sir John Norris's Fleet, among whom the Small-Pox has been very mortal, tho' much abated at the Time of their sailing.

From Plymouth we hear, that the Master of a Vessel just arriv'd there says, he met a Dutch Vessel in the Channel, in five Weeks from Carracca, the Master whereof told him, that before he sail'd they had received the News of Carthage's being taken. But to this flying Account we give no Credit.

We hear from Banbury, that on Monday se'nnight a Barber of that Town, having laid a Wage of 5 s. that he ran from that Town to Deddington, and back again, (which is computed about 10 Miles) in two Hours, perform'd the same within 100 Yards in an Hour and three Quarters, when he dropped down and died on the Spot, having drank too freely of Brandy and Water. He has left a Wife and three Children.

They write from Paris, that M. de Chauvelin, formerly Secretary at War and Keeper of the Seals, is committed to the Bastille, together with his Son the Chief President a Mortier: That a Couple of Abbés are also committed to the Bastille, charged with having put to the Press the Piece intitled, 'The Suppers of Daphne,' as are likewise four Persons who hold Assemblies which treat of Janfenism.

On Examination of the Irons of Joseph Hooper, who was executed on Friday last at Kennington, it has been discover'd that he had with a very fine Saw cut the River of the Basil almost afunder; so that had his Execution been respect'd a small Time, for which his Friends made all the Interest they possibly could, 'tis thought he would have made his Escape. At the Gallows he was closely purged by the Reverend Divine who attended him concerning the Murder of a Farmer near Wickham, who was shot in his own Grounds, and for which a Person was since hanged at Aylesbury, who before and at the Place of Execution charged Hooper positively with it; but as a dying Man he declared himself entirely innocent of it.

The Two Sisters, Geo. Burfell, Master, of and for Dartmouth from Norway, is taken by a Spanish Shallop and carried into Havre-de-Grace.

They write from Pool, that the William, Capt. Skeen, of London, is arriv'd there from Havre-de-Grace, who says he was obliged to pay 20 Guineas Contribution to a Spanish Row-Boat for Leave to sail out of that Port uninterupted.

By Letters from Naples, dated the 5th Inst. O. S. we have Advice, that the Matta-Maria Pally, Tho. Lingdler, bound from Gallipoli to Rotterdam, and the Amsterdam Gally, Henry Vering, bound from Trani with Corn for Lisbon, had been taken and brought into Messina by a Spanish Privateer of 18 Guns and 130 Men; altho' both the Ships were Dutch, yet they pretended the Cargo of the first belonged to British Subjects, and that the latter both Ship and Cargo were good Prize, the Captain being a Native of England, tho a Burgher of Amsterdam. The Spaniards seldom want Pretences to keep Possession, however unjustly obtain'd.

From W Y E's LETTER, Aug. 28.

They advise from Paris of Sept. the 3d, That the Court had dispatched Couriers two Days before, for the Ports of Breck and Toulon with secret Orders. — The News of the Spanish Squadron's being sail'd from Ferrol for the Indies is confirm'd. — That the Pope's Nuncio had given a sumptuous Entertainment, on account of the Election of Benedict XIV. to the Holy

Price TWO-PENCE.