

Jackson's OXFORD JOURNAL.

This Paper will be more complete than any that has hitherto appeared in this Part of the Kingdom. For besides the Articles of News, foreign and domestic, in which we shall endeavour to surpass every other Paper, our Situation will enable us to oblige our Readers with a particular Account of every Transaction relating to the present Opposition in Oxfordshire; as also with a Variety of curious Pieces in Prose and Verse, on both Sides the Question; which no other Paper can procure.

The Circulation of this Paper will be extended not only thro' Oxfordshire, but to the neighbouring Counties of Berks, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hampshire: And to accommodate all those who have occasion to make any Thing public in the above Counties, ADVERTISEMENTS of a moderate Length will be taken in at Two Shillings and Six-pence the first Time; and only Two Shillings each Time afterwards.

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TUESDAY'S POST.
FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from HOLLAND.

Lisbon, March 22.

THE Viscount Don Thomas da Silva Telles, late Ambassador from the King to the Court of Madrid, has had since his Return divers Conferences with his Majesty's Ministers, which are presumed to have turned on the last Commission he was charged to execute at the Spanish Court.

The 20th Inst. the King issued Orders for all Colonels and other Officers in this Capital, to repair to their Regiments in ten Days; so that the intended Camp in our Neighbourhood will speedily be form'd.

Lisbon, April 18. The Great Rains which fell last Week swell'd the Rivers in this Country to such a Degree, that most of them overflow'd, and have done a great deal of Damage.

According to Advices from Poland, the Crim Tatars actually in Motion, a considerable Body of Turkish Infantry has already entered that Country, and six thousand Janizaries are in full march for Ozakow. At another Season those Steps would be very alarming, but the Russian Troops are so numerous, and so well posted in the Ukraine, and the Journey of the Empress to Kiow being resolved, there seems to be very little Reason to apprehend any Hostilities being committed on this Side.

The Promotion of General Count Schuilenbergh to the Post of Minister or Secretary of War, by his Danish Majesty, occasions much Speculation, as it is thought a very distinguishing Proof of the System adopted by the Court of Copenhagen; to which we may add, the sending a new Minister to Stockholm, who is said to be charged with Commissions of great Importance, and the Project of a Fleet of Gallies, which is in a great Measure brought to bear.

Hague, April 26. The last Letters from Lisbon take Notice, that in Consequence of the King of Portugal's Orders, the Custom-house Officers are very diligent in searching all Ships in that Harbour, and have already taken 3000 Moldores out of a Dutch Ship: The Gold lay in an unlock'd Drawer in the Captain's Cabin.

We hear from the Frontiers of Poland, that the City of Jassy, Capital of Moldavia, has been reduced to Ashes by a terrible Fire, which lasted fourteen Hours: The Palace of the Hofpodar, several Roman Catholic Churches, the Lutheran Church, and that of the Greeks, have also been consumed. At the Palace of the Hofpodar the Fire was so fierce in every Corner, that they could not, by any means, save a considerable Sum of Money, being the Produce of the annual Contributions, which was to have been sent away to Constantinople in a few Days.

L O N D O N.

There cannot be a more just Observation than this lately publish'd by one of the first Statesmen in this Age; We are apt to require more Abilities in low Employments than are necessary, and fewer than are requisite in those who are honour'd with Posts of Consequence. There is not a Man, who is well acquainted with the World in its present State, but is in a Condition to prove the Truth of this by numerous Instances; yet how shall we account this possible in a wise Nation? The Thing is not very difficult. The Business must be done by Men who are in small Places, and to

do Business there must be Abilities. But in high Offices Men are above doing Business; yet their Business must be also done. But by whom? By the People above-mention'd. This solves the Riddle, and shews why much Merit is requisite to get a small Place; — and why very little will suffice where Interest can procure a great One.

An honest old *****shire Quaker being ask'd, How Matters went on in their County, replied, Verily, extremely well; and that altho' he did not like Extremes of any Kind, yet he was not displeas'd at the extremely new Methods which were at this Time pursued: For Friend, quoth He, they are from the High Country, even to the petty Country, managed so earnestly, and so clownishly, so greatly, and so littlely, so loudly, and so lowly, and so so-so-ty in every Extreme and End of the County, that I must, Friend, be extremely mistaken, if they can in the End answer the Ends of their Directors.

From Warsaw we have Advice, that the Primate of Poland has charged the Protestants of Thorn to discontinue building their new Church, and sent the like intimations to the Magistrates of that Place: To which the Protestants have made Answer, that as the King had given them Leave to build a Church, they did not think it proper to stop short in the Work, especially after all the Money already laid out on this Edifice.

Some private Letters from Holland mention a Report, that a Body of Spanish Troops have been lately debark'd in Corfica, which, however, does not meet with much Credit. It is nevertheless certain, that the French Troops from that Island are safely landed in Provence; that the Camp under Barcelona is to consist of forty thousand Men; that the Spanish Fleet will be at Sea by the Middle of this Month; and that they disclaim at Paris any Knowledge of these military and naval Preparations.

On Sunday his Majesty, the Prince of Wales, Princess Dowager, Princess Augusta, and Prince Edward were at the Chapel Royal, the Sword of State was carried by the Duke of Portland: After Divine Service was a Drawing Room, and a great Number of Nobility and Gentry were present.

Princess Amelia, with her Maids of Honour, heard Divine Service in the Apartments of the Princess Caroline.

We hear that the 16th of May is fixed for his Majesty and the Royal Family's going to Kensington Palace for the Summer Season.

We hear an Express is arriv'd at the Earl of Clarendon's in Berkeley-Square from Paris, with the Account that the Lord Hyde, his Lordship's Son, who received a Fall from his Horse near that City, is since dead; and by a second Express this Account is confirm'd.

We hear from Newmarket, that on his Royal Highness the Duke's Birth-Day, there was the greatest Rejoicings ever known in that Town; all the Houses being illuminated, Bonfires, and large Quantities of Ale given to the Populace; and his Royal Highness gave an elegant Entertainment to the Gentry.

Last Thursday the Vice President of the Antiquaries Society, nominated by Martin Folkes, Esq; President, were declared to the Society to be Sir John Evelyn, Bart. James West, Esq; John Ward, LL.D. and Richard Rawlinson, LL.D. At the same Time Mr. John Sigismund Tanner, an Officer in the Mint at the Tower, was admitted a Fellow.

We hear that Thomas Jennings, Esq; is appointed one of the Agents for the Affairs of Nova Scotia.

[Price Two-Pence.]

We hear that there were on board the Assurance Man of War lately lost on the Needles, a great Quantity of Elephants Teeth, and other rich Merchandizes; and also many valuable Curiosities, which had been collected by Governor Trelawney.

Several Smugglers have within a few Days been taken on the Coasts of Sussex and Kent, &c. and will shortly be brought to Newgate. Four of them are outlaw'd.

Sunday Hannah Snell, who serv'd as a Marine in the late War, presented a Petition to his Majesty; she was dress'd in her Regiment's l's.

Yesterday-Morning Mr. Hill, a Brewer in Upper Mount-Street, was found hanging in Bell-Yard.

Sunday Morning died in Guy's Hospital, Joseph Lowe, who a few Days since, at a Publick-House in Green Alley, Southwark, had both his Legs broke and was otherwise terribly bruised by a Man that beat him with a Poker, who is now in Bridewell Southwark, but will be removed to the New-Goal to make his Trial at the next Assizes.

We hear that there are upwards of fourscore Persons of unquestionable Credit expected in Town to-night from Litten, Abbotsbury, Portnam, Bidways, Coomb, Basingstoke, Bagshot, Brentford, Madge Green, Enfield, and other Places, among whom Mr. Wake the Exciseman, for whom an Express was sent by Order of the Hon. the Commissioners of Excise, in order to account for the Whole of the Excise's Time from the 29th of December last to the 24th of January.

Saturday Morning a young Man ran from Queen Street, Cheapside, to Hornsey-Wood, and back again, in one Hour and four Minutes.

The same Morning was found drowned in the River William Andrew, a Master Taylor in Spital Fields. His Watch and Money, with two Rings on his Finger, were found upon him. He had been missing ten Days.

Between Five and Six o'Clock on Sunday Evening an uncommon Scheme was put in Execution by a Gang of Pickpockets in St. James's Park: A Person very well dress'd fixing himself with great Attention, as tho' he saw something particular in the Air, occasion'd a Number of People to enquire the Reason and join in the Speculation, when he asserted he saw a very bright Star; and whilst he was busy in pointing out the Constellation to the Spectators, several of them lost their Handkerchiefs, but the Star-gazer got off.

A Person who has lately been declared a Bankrupt, and who was endeavouring to get off with a considerable Sum of Money, is secur'd at Dover, and committed to the Castle there.

We hear his Grace the Duke of Richmond has obtained the Grant of Master of the Horse to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Saturday was held a Special Board of the Lords of the Admiralty, when Orders were given for fitting out three Ships to preserve what is possible of the Assurance Man of War, with her Guns, Stores, Chefts, &c.

The Command of the Grampus Sloop of War, fitting out at Deptford, is given to Capt. Thomas Knackton.

Last Friday Night the Barn of Farmer Howel at Cherrington in Essex was burnt to the Ground, with a large Quantity of Grain, supposed to be set on fire by some malicious Persons.

A few Days since died in Ireland, the Rev. Dr. Auchmuty, Dean of Armagh.