

They would not send troops into the territories of Sweden, as that power could not but look on such a proceeding as an act of hostility; and if it should occasion a rupture, the allies of Russia would not think themselves obliged to furnish those succours, which could only be demanded by the party attacked. To which it is answered, that all the declarations and proceedings of the empress tend sedulously to preserve the peace of the North; and what she requires of Sweden is no other than a natural demand, which that crown could not in reason refuse, to prevent any further uneasiness, and to cement a cordial friendship between two neighbouring powers.—This answer discovers plainly enough, that the empress is determin'd to persist in her demands.

*Peterburg, March 27.* The Synod has received letters from the missionaries, who are in the kingdom of Cassan, in the governments of Veronitz and Oreburch, that in the last six months they had converted 6681 Mahometans to the Greek religion.

## L O N D O N.

### *Extract of a Letter from Algiers, Jan. 5.*

“This being the first opportunity I have had since my being in slavery, I have embraced it by the Tryal sloop of war, which arrived here about four or five days ago, the being bound to Plymouth. When I left London I went to Portsmouth, and shipp'd myself mate of a ship for Lisbon, and arriv'd safe at Portsmouth the first of November from Lisbon; and the 8th following I shipp'd myself on board the unhappy ship I was taken in, the Endeavour, John Jones captain, myself mate; and 17th following sail'd from Portsmouth, bound to Civita Vecchia. In the Mediterranean, December 16, off the rock of Lisbon, to my great grief, we fell in with an Algerine rover, who took me and two foremastmen out, and put ten Algerines on board, with orders to proceed to Algiers with the rover; two days after, it blowing a very hard gale of wind, we lost sight of our ship; at New-years day we arriv'd at this unhappy place, where I spent the Holy-days in slavery, and so I am like to remain. Commodore Keppel has been here, with several of his majesty's ships. Here are at present about 500 Christian slaves, 45 of which are English. When the commodore was here we expected to be releas'd; but are now out of all hopes of liberty. My fetters weigh 36 lb. which, with the heat of the country and slavery, if I have not a speedy remedy, I cannot survive long. There is not one slave so heavily fetter'd as myself. I am going up into the country, there to be kept close confin'd, with four more slaves, for trying to make our escape; our enemies, since that attempt, have been very cruel to us, are daily whipping us, and frequently threaten my life in particular: But I am determin'd, at the risk of my life, the first opportunity, to make the second attempt.” I am, &c.

GEORGE GALE.

*April 9.* By a letter from Bristol, dated April 5, we have advice of the arrival of the Williamsburgh, Tate, from Virginia. He met with a sloop, blown out of George-Town in New-England, called the Molly, with only two men on board, and no provisions or lading, and tho' it blew very hard, he sent his boat and took out the two poor fellows, and brought them with him to Bristol.

Last Saturday John Stone, for setting Mr. Clark's barn and ricks on fire at Throwleigh in Kent; John Collington, for hiring the said Stone to commit that wicked act; John Williams for burglary, and Francis Foster, for robbing on the highway, were executed at Maidstone. Stone, Williams, and Foster, were conveyed from the jail to the gallows in a wagon, and Collington in a mourning coach, attended therein by a clergyman. His behaviour to and at the place of execution was the same as during the whole time of his lying under condemnation, which was morose and malicious, and casting very severe reflections on most of the gentlemen of the county in general, and more particularly on those in the neighbourhood where he had lived; and altho' pressed very much by the clergyman who attended him, to forgive his enemies, and die in peace with all men, as a thing absolutely necessary to his salvation, he obstinately refused it.

Last Saturday night a lady returning in a hackney-coach from the playhouse to her house in Poland-street, was attacked by three footpads, who obliged her to get out of the coach, and then rifled her of a purse of about 20 guineas, a gold watch and equipage with which they made off.

*April 14.* On Tuesday night a coach was attempted to be robbed by three footpads, between Knightbridge and Hyde-Park corner, but a horseman coming up knocked one of them down, upon which two made off, and the other was conducted to prison.

On Thursday night three fellows, armed with bludgeons, robbed several persons of their hats, wigs &c. in Whitechapel road, some of whom they beat unmercifully.

Last night died, at his house in Park street, Sir Chaloner Ogle, knight, admiral, and commander in chief of his majesty's fleet; an officer whose integrity, courage, and abilities have been conspicuous in his long service of his country, upwards of 50 years. To those qualities which particularly adorned his profession, he added all those social virtues, that goodness of heart, which makes his loss still more nearly regretted by those who have most known him.

*April 14.* The court of lord mayor and aldermen of this city, sensible of the neglect of the officers whose duty it is to put in execution the laws against all dissolute, immoral, and disorderly practices, have issued out an order, strictly commanding all constables, churchwardens, Beadles, and other officers of justice within this city and its liberties, to be very diligent in the discharge of their duty, and to apprehend and bring all such persons as they shall find offending immediately before a magistrate, that they may be dealt with according as the laws direct.—Since this order, several notorious bawdy-house-keepers have been committed to prison.—Forty years ago persons seen drunk in the streets were publicly put in the stocks till they were sober; but in these polite days, they are suffered to go home to their own beds, and sleep in peace.

*March 6.* His majesty's ship the Sphinx, Capt. Lloyd, was seen last Thursday morning, in very great distress, at anchor a little to the Eastward of Seal Cliffs, almost on the French shore. She had cut away all her masts, and thrown all her guns, except two, overboard; by which they sav'd the ship and their lives: The same day she weigh'd and stood to the Northward; but it falling calm, they anchor'd a little to the Eastward of Calais, and on Friday bore away for Dunkirk road.

*March 10.* Last week a ewe, belonging to Mr. Kitter, yearn'd five lambs; she also brought five lambs last year, and four the year before, i. e. 14 lambs in three years, and not a small, weak, or deformed one in the whole number, but every lamb as large and strong as if she had had but one each year.

*March 16.* Charles Fitzgerald, who calls himself Earl of Desmond, was committed to New Gate for enlisting men into the service of the French king, which is made felony without benefit of clergy by the statute 9 Geo. II. He was in the late rebellion, and pardon'd. Six other persons, Irish, were committed to the same place for the like crime.

*March 29.* Lay at the point of death, Mr. Thomas Ashburnham of St. Bride's parish, who after several tedious peregrinations through this troublesome life, having had nine wives, and now in the 97th year of his age, is desirous of being released.

*Gloucester, April 7.* Yesterday was committed to our castle, Richard Cull, of Laverton, in this county, for slaying Thomas Roberts with a knife, in so violent a manner that he immediately expired: They were both youths, the prisoner himself being but about 14 or 15 years old.

There is advice that the only survivor of the Golden Eagle, Capt. Kinton, for Ancona from Leghorn, lately lost on the island of Pelagosa in the Gulf of Venice, remain'd on the island forty days without any other nourishment than a few salt-fish which drove ashore; at length he was taken off by a boat, and landed near Mangredania, in the kingdom of Naples.

There is advice that a large Barbary corsair is lost off the Hieres islands, and that the whole crew perished.

The King of Sardinia, Maddocks, from Jamaica for Liverpool is lost at Kirkcubright in Scotland; but the crew are sav'd.

Advices received from Algiers inform us, that their corsairs had lately taken two Spanish ships from the Havanna, richly laden, and a Lubecker, with masts, and canvas for sails, &c.

## B O S T O N, April 30.

One day last week a little dapper smart Frenchman, named Peter Bellec, who calls himself a doctor, was discovered to have committed several thefts of late, in this town, and was sent to