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## J U N E.



**O**N September 30, last happened a furious Hurricane in the Bay of Bengal, attended with a very heavy Rain, which raised 15 Inches of Water in 5 Hours, and a violent Earthquake, which threw down abundance of Houses; and as the Storm reached 60 Leagues up the River Ganges, it is computed that 20,000 Ships, Barks, Sloops, Boats, Canoes, &c. have been cast away. A prodigious Quantity of Cattle of all Sorts, a great many Tygers, and several Rhinoceroses were drowned; even a great many Caymans were stifled by the furious Agitation of the Waters, and an innumerable Quantity of Birds was beat down into the River by the Storm. Two English Ships of 500 Tons were thrown into a Village above 200 Fathom from the Bed of the River Ganges, broke to Pieces, and all the People drowned pellmell among the Inhabitants and Cattle. Barks of 60 Tons were blown two Leagues up into the Land over the Tops of high Trees. The Water rose in all 40 Foot higher than usual. The English Ships drove ashore, and broke to Pieces, were the Decker, Devonshire, and Newcastle; and the Pelham is missing. — A French Ship was drove on Shore, and bulged; after the Wind and Waters abated they opened their Hatches, and took out several Bales of Merchandize, &c. but the Man who was in the Hold to sling the Bales suddenly ceased working; nor by calling to him, could they get any Reply; on which they sent down another, but heard nothing of him, which very much added to their Fear; so that for some Time no one would venture down: At length one more hardy than the rest, went down, and became silent and unactive as the two former, to the Astonishment of all: They then agreed by Lights to look down into the Hold, which had a great Quantity of Water in it, and to their great Surprise, they saw a huge Alligator staring as expecting more Prey: It had come

in thro' a Hole in the Ship's Side, and 'twas with Difficulty they killed it; when they found the three Men in the Creature's Belly.

Wednesday, 7.

**A** On the 2d and 7th of this Month happened great Disputes in the Court of Common Council of the City of London, concerning Proposals for performing the Masons Work of the intended Mansion-House for the Lord Mayor; and on the Divisions, one Party appeared in behalf of the Proposal of Mess. Townshend, Horsenail, and Taylor, three of their own Body, to do the said Work for 17200 l. and the other Party for 250 l. cheaper. Some Persons thinking it extraordinary that Gentlemen should be for the highest Price, and also that it might carry a Reflection, as if those proposed to take the lowest, were not able to do the Work so well as the others; inserted in the News Papers the Oath of a Common-Councilman, distinguishing the Clause following in a different Character.

**D** *Good and true Counsel ye shall give in all things touching the Commonwealth of this City, after your Wit and Conscience: And that for Favour of any Person, ye shall maintain no singular Profit against the common Profit of this City.* A List also was handed about of 7 Aldermen, and 110 Commoners who divided for the highest Price, all, but about 20, of which List are distinguished to be of some of the Committees for administering the City Affairs; and, what is pretty remarkable, they are distinguished, who voted on the first Division for the lowest Proposal, viz. Sir John Barnard, (Lord Mayor) Sir Robert Godschall, Daniel Lambert, and Robert Westley, Esq; Aldermen. Dep. Joseph Ayliff, Dep. Tho. Sandford, Dep. Sam. Tatem, Mr Robert Henshaw, and Mr Hen. Siffon Common Council-men.

The first Division, June 2. was,  
 — For the highest Price 80.  
 — For the lowest 63.

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The second Division, (June 7.) was,

— For the highest 110  
 — For the lowest 87

But on the 7th, some of the Aldermen insisting on their Right, as prescribed by Act of Parliament, to put a Negative on the Commons, they divided, and 7 were for the highest Price, and 15 for the lowest; which Right of a Negative in this Affair being disputed, it was agreed to apply to Council for an Explanation of the Act relating thereto.

The two lowest Proposals for the Carpenters Work to the said intended Mansion House, were

Mr. *Champion's* Proposal at 1250 *l.*  
 Mr. *Cordwell's* (City Carpenter) at 1240 *l.*  
 Which last had the Preference.

For the Bricklayer's Work, the two lowest Proposals, were

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Mr. <i>Barlow's</i> — per Rod,	5	4	6
Mr. <i>Cooper's</i> — — — — —	5	3	6

Which last had the Preference.

The lowest Proposal being thus accepted in each of these two Cases, makes it a little mysterious, why the same Reason of judging should not take Place in Relation to the *Mason's* Work. But if it be consider'd that very mysterious Reasons have often influenced Majorities, where those in the Administration of national Affairs have interposed, so there is no better Way to account for this, than to consider it as an Affair those in the Administration of the City Concerns have maturely considered and espoused.

Friday, 9.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council waited on his Majesty with their Address on the Birth of a Prince, as follows:

May it please your Majesty,

*WE* your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, 'in Common-Council assembled, do with Hearts full of Joy approach your Throne, and humbly beg Leave to offer our Congratulations on the happy Increase of your Royal Family by the Birth of a Prince, and therein the strengthening and establishing the Religious and Civil Rights of this Country, and the Liberties of Europe.

We are so sensible of the many Blessings of your Majesty's Reign, that from Interest as well as Duty, we wish it long and prosperous; and when in Course of Time this Prince shall come to reign, may he, by the Example of his Royal Predecessors, have

learn'd to rule a free but obedient People, and become the Guardian of those Liberties, which by their Precepts he will have been taught to protect.

We should be wanting in that Duty we owe to your Majesty, if we did not take this Opportunity of testifying our Joy, and assuring your Majesty of our Fidelity and Affection. Signed by Order of Court,

Miles Max.

To which his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Answer.

I Thank you, for your Congratulation on this Occasion, and for this Mark of your Duty and Affection to me and my Family. The City of London may always depend upon my Favour and Protection.

They all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

A Pile was drove in the Middle of the Thames over-against the Woolstaple, Westminster, being the Mark where one of the Stone Piers that is to support the great Arch in the Center of the New Bridge is to be built.

There are 15 Sail of British Ships lately taken by the Spaniards now detain'd at the *Havannah*. The *Success*, Capt. *Simu*, from London to Virginia, was taken near *Montserrat* by a Spanish Guarda Costa; who after plundering the Ship, turn'd the Captain and most of the Crew adrift into the Long-boat, and they were fortunately taken up by a Dutch Vessel, but the Ship was carried into *Porto-Rico*. — The Spaniards thus continuing their Depredations, 3 Bombships were order'd to be got ready with all Expedition, well furnish'd with Mortars, Shells, &c. which, with 4 Sail of Men of War, viz. 3 of 60 and 1 of 50 already gone, and 4 now ready, i. e. 2 of 70, 1 of 60, and one of 50 Guns, are to join Admiral *Haddock* in the *Mediterranean*, and make a Fleet of 21 Ships.

Monday, 12.

Arriv'd in Town Baron *Valmonte*, Great Chamberlain of *Hanover*, with his Lady, and waited on his Majesty, and met with a most gracious Reception. The Baron's Stay here will not be long, but the Lady remains with Baron *Stanberg*, her Brother, Chief Secretary of *Hanover*.

Tuesday 15.

A Fire happened at *St Giles's* Workhouse, occasioned by the Head of the Apothecary's Still flying off, which in two Hours burnt down the same with all its Furniture. Several Children and ancient People were thrown out of Windows in Blankets, others dragg'd down Ladders; some were miserably scorch'd, and others maimed, &c.

Wednesday.