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EXTRACT of a Duplicate of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, Knight of the Bath, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to Mr. Stephens, received on Friday last by Captain Erasmus Gower, of Majesty's Ship Medea; the Original of which is on board the Pondicherry Armed Transport, not yet arrived.

*Superb, in Madras Road,
July 25, 1783.*

MY last Address to you, for their Lordships Information, was dated the 19th of March, of this Year, from Bombay. By it I signified my Intention to proceed to Sea with the Ships of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, and I sailed accordingly on the Day following.

On the 8th of April, off the Bassas, I was joined by Captain Troubridge, in His Majesty's Ship Active, who had been cruising for a Month off the Friar's Hood by my Orders, and had seen nothing of the Enemy's Squadron during that Time.

In the Night of the 10th, a Grab Ship of the Enemy's, that had been taken from the English, fell into the Squadron and was captured. By the Officers, Prisoners, taken in this Ship, I learned the Whole of the Enemy's Squadron, under the Command of Mons. Suffrein, was in Trincomalé Harbour, except Two of their best sailing Line of Battle Ships, and Two Frigates, which were cruising off Madras to block up that Port, and intercept all Supplies bound to it: I therefore immediately steered with the Squadron for that Place, and anchored in the Road on the 13th of April, but saw nothing of the French Cruizers; however, as they had been in Sight of the Place only the Day before, I directed the Ships named in the Margin,* under the Orders of Captain Mitchell, of the Sultan, to proceed to Sea, and use all possible Diligence to intercept them; and, on the Day following, Captain Graves, of His Majesty's Ship Sceptre, whose Signal had been made to chase a strange Sail on the 11th, joined me with the Naiade, a French Frigate of 30 Guns, and 160 Men, which he had come up with in the Night and captured.

On the 16th of April, Captain Burney, of His Majesty's Ship Bristol, with his Convoy from England, arrived in this Road, escorted by the Ships under the Orders of Captain Mitchell, of the Sultan, who had seen nothing of the Enemy's Cruizers, but fell in with the Bristol and her Convoy at Sea.

On the 19th of April, the Company's Ship Duke of Athol made the Signal of Distress, and the Boats of the Squadron being ordered by Signal to her Assistance, she unfortunately blew up, by which

* Sultan, Burford, Africa, Eagle, and Active.

unhappy Accident the Squadron lost †Six Commissioned and Four Warrant Officers, and 127 of our best Seamen.

From the Day of the Squadron's Arrival in this Road, all possible Diligence have been used to compleat the Ships Water, in doing which great Delays and frequent Disappointments arose from the Want of a sufficient Number of Shore Boats, and the high Surf on the Beach. However I put to Sea on the 2d of May with His Majesty's Ships to seek the Enemy's Squadron, and, if possible, intercept their expected Reinforcements, although the Water of many of the Ships was by no Means compleat, having left in the Road His Majesty's Three Store-ships Pondicherry, Harriott, and Minerva, to lade Military Stores and Provisions for the Service of the Army then about to march for the Attack of Cuddalore, where the Marquis de Bussy, with the greater Part of the French Land Forces, was posted; and to cover and protect these Storeships, as well as some other Ships and Vessels employed for the same Purpose, from the Enemy's Cruizers, I left in the Road, at the Request of the Select Committee of this Presidency, His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as per Margin, † under the Command of Captain Haliday, of His Majesty's Ship Isis.

On the 15th of May, when off Cuddalore, I spoke Two Portuguese Ships from Trincomalé, who informed me Mons. Suffrein with his whole Force was there, sitting for Sea with all possible Expedition, to come to the Relief of Cuddalore: From that Time I continued working to Windward with the Squadron along Shore, lest the Enemy's Squadron should pass in Shore of me, and fall on the Storeships and their covering Party, then at Anchor near to Cuddalore.

On the 25th of May I came off Trincomalé, and reconnoitred the Position of the Enemy's Squadron, which I did not think by any Means eligible to attack at Anchor, under Cover of their Gun and Mortar Batteries, and therefore stood to the Southward to intercept any Reinforcement or Supplies that might be coming to them, at the same Time watching their Motions by the Frigates of the Squadron, and keeping within a proper Distance of the Place, lest they should put to Sea in the Night, and fall down on the covering Ships and Storeships off Cuddalore.

† The Names of the Commissioned Officers are as follows those of the Warrant Officers are not yet known, viz.

- Lieutenant Charles Egan, of the Superb,
- Neal Morrison, of the Eagle.
- Thomas Wilson, of the Sceptre.
- James Thompson of the Juno.
- Pringle, of the Active.
- Alexander Allen, of the Seahorse.

† Isis, Active, San Carlos, Naiade, Chaser, Pondicherry, Minerva, and Harriot.

[Price Seven-Pence.]

On the 1st of June Two English Seamen in a Boat escaped from the French Squadron, and brought certain Intelligence, that the Fendant, of 74 Guns, with Two Frigates and Two Storeships, had slipped out of Trincomalé Bay; the Storeships I concluded carried Stores for the French Garrison of Cuddalore, and the Fendant and Two Frigates destined to cover and protect them; and being apprehensive they might attack our covering Ships and Storeships off Cuddalore, I bore away on the 2d of June for the Coast, and on the 3d had Sight of the Fendant and Two Frigates, whom I chased till Night, when I lost Sight of them.

I continued cruising with the Squadron to the Southward of Cuddalore till the 9th of June, when I anchored in Porto Novo Road, about Seven Leagues to the Southward of that Place, partly to cover our own Ships in Cuddalore Road, and engage the Enemy's Squadron before they could anchor there, and partly to endeavour to get a Supply of Water, of which many Ships began to be in Want; but, after exerting ourselves to the utmost, no Water could be obtained either at Porto Novo or Tranquebar; at the first Place the Enemy's Troops were in Possession of both Banks of the River, at the other the Wells were dried up.

On the 13th of June the Enemy's Squadron, under the Command of Mons. Suffrein, came in Sight to the Southward, consisting of Fifteen Ships of the Line, Three Frigates and a Fireship; and the same Day I weighed with His Majesty's Squadron, and dropped down to about Five Miles Distance off Cuddalore, and there anchored: The French Squadron anchored off the Coleroon River, about Seven or Eight Leagues to the Southward of ours.

On the 17th the French Squadron being under Sail and bearing down; I made the Signal, and weighed with His Majesty's Squadron, and formed the Line of Battle a-head to receive the Enemy: In the Evening they hauled the Wind, and stood to the Southward; and I followed them with His Majesty's Squadron: From this Time to the 20th I was continually employed in endeavouring to get the Wind of the Enemy, which, however, I was never able to effect, from the extraordinary Variableness of the Winds; that often brought Part of the two Squadrons within a random Shot of each other. On the 20th, the Enemy still having the Wind, shewed a Disposition to engage, when I immediately formed the Line of Battle a-head, and brought to to receive them: At Four Minutes past Four, P. M. the Van Ship of the Enemy, having first tried her Distance by a single Shot, when scarce within Point-blank Shot Distance, the Enemy's Squadron began their Fire on His Majesty's, which, at Twenty Minutes after was returned, and a heavy Cannonade ensued on both Sides, the Enemy still keeping up their first Distance; the Cannonade continued till Seven, P. M. when the Enemy hauled off: At Day-light I made the Signal and wore with the Squadron, and brought to to repair the Damages, with the Ships Heads towards the Land; several of the Ships much disabled in their Hulls, Masts and Rigging, the Gibraltar and Isis in particular; the Enemy's Squadron not in Sight.

In the Morning of the 22d I saw the French Squadron at Anchor in Pondicherry Road, bearing S. S. W. directly to Windward of His Majesty's Squadron, and some of them getting under Weigh; and I made what Sail I could towards them, and anchored the same Night off the Ruins of Alem-

parvo, the more effectually to stop Shot Holes, and repair the Damages sustained.

I beg you will be pleased to inform their Lordships, that so early as the 8th of June, the Scurvy began to make a rapid Progress among the Crews of all the Ships of the Squadron, but particularly on board the Ships last arrived from England, under the Orders of Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart.

The Number of Sick on board the Line of Battle Ships amounted on that Day to 1121 Men, 605 of whom being in the last Stage of the Scurvy, I was under the Necessity of sending on the Day following to the Naval Hospital at this Place, in His Majesty's Ships Bristol and San Carlos.

From that Time to the 22d, the Disease increased the Numbers of the Sick daily, so as most of the Ships of the Line had from 70 to 90 Men, and the Ships last from England double that Number, very many in the last Stage of the Disease, and unable to come to Quarters, dying daily. Under these Circumstances, and the Water of most of the Ships being expended, except a few Casks in their Ground Tiers, and none to be obtained to the Southward, I determined to return to this Road, there to land the Sick and Wounded, and compleat the Water of the Squadron for further Service; and on the 23d of June I weighed with the Squadron, and arrived in this Road of the Afternoon of the 25th.

On my Arrival there, I received authentic (although not official) Intelligence, that the Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain, France, Spain, and America, had been signed and ratified, as well as a Cessation from Hostilities agreed on between Great Britain and the States General of the United Provinces, of which Information the Select Committee of this Presidency were also in Possession; and being summoned the same Day to a Consultation with the Select Committee, to take into Consideration these Circumstances, I concurred with the other Members of the Committee, that it would be proper and was necessary to communicate to the Commanders in Chief of the Sea and Land Forces of the French King at Cuddalore, the Information we had received, together with the Grounds on which we believed it to be true and authentic; and on the 27th of June I dispatched His Majesty's Ship Medea, as a Flag of Truce, with Letters to Mons. Suffrein and the Marquis de Bussy.

On the 4th of July the Medea returned to this Road, with Answers from Mons. Suffrein and the Marquis De Bussy to my Letters of the 27th of June, by which they concurred in a Cessation of Hostilities by Sea and Land, as well as an immediate Release and Return of Prisoners on both Sides: In Consequence, I have received all the Prisoners belonging to the Squadron in Mons. Suffrein's Power, amounting to about 200, and have returned all those made Prisoners in French Ships, amounting to about 350. Mons. Suffrein informs me by Letter, he has also sent to the Mauritius for such English Prisoners as have been sent thither, and will return them.

I have judged it necessary to send, for their Lordship's Information, the Line of Battle of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command, on the 20th of last Month, and a List of the French Ships opposed to me under the Command of Mons. Suffrein.

LINE OF BATTLE:

The Cumberland to lead with Starboard Tacks on Board, the Defente with Larboard.

Frigates, &c.	Rates.	Ships.	Commanders.	Guns.	Men.	Division.
Chafer	3d	Cumberland	Captain William Allen	74	600	Commodore of the Red.
San Carlos	4th	Monmouth	James Alms	64	500	
Pondicherry	3d	Bristol	James Burney	50	350	
Harriet	—	Hero	Commodore Rich. King	74	617	
Juno, to repeat Signals	—	Eagle	Captain Theoph. Jones	64	500	
Combustion	—	Magnanime	William Clark	64	500	
Medea	—	Sceptre	Tho. Mackenzie	64	500	
Lizard	—	Burford	Samuel Graves	64	500	
Seahorse, to repeat Signals	—	Monarca	Peter Rainier	70	520	
Naiade	—	Superb	John Gell	68	560	
Minerva	—	Sultan	Sir Edw Hughes, K. B.	74	622	Vice-Admiral of the Blue.
Active	4th	Africa	Captain Hen. Newcome	74	600	
	3d	Worcester	Andrew Mitchell	74	600	
	—	Exeter	Robert M'Donall	64	500	Commodore of the White.
	—	Inflexible	Charles Hughes	64	500	
	—	Gibraltar	John Sam. Smith	64	500	
	—	Iris	Hon. John W. Chetwynd	64	500	
	—	Defence	Sir Rich. Bickerton, Bt.	80	695	
	—		Captain Thomas Hicks	80	695	
	—		Chris. Halliday	50	350	
	—		Tho. Newnham	74	600	

(A Copy.)

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A List of the French Squadron in the Engagement with the British Squadron in the East Indies, on the 20th of June, 1783.

Ships.	No. of Guns.
Le Heros	74
Le Fendant	74
Le Hannibal	74
L'Ilustre	74
L'Argonaute	74
Le Sphinx	64
Le Vengeur	64
L'Artisien	64
L'Ajax	64
Le Sévère	64
Le Brilliant	64
L'Hardie	64
Le St. Michael	60
Le Flamand	50
Le Petit Hannibal	50
Le Cleopatre	36
L'Apollon	40
Le Coventry	28

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Abstract of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines Killed and Wounded on board His Majesty's Ships in the Action of the 20th of June, 1783.

Ships.	Killed.	Wounded.
Superb	12	41
Hero	5	21
Gibraltar	6	40
Monmouth	2	19
Cumberland	2	11
Monarca	6	14
Magnanime	1	16
Sceptre	17	47
Sultan	4	20
Burford	10	20
Defence	7	38
Inflexible	3	30
Africa	5	25
Worcester	8	32

Eagle	—	4	8
Exeter	—	4	9
Bristol	—	—	10
Iris	—	3	30
Total	99	431	

Officers Killed.

Lieutenant Robert Travers of the Monarca.
 Lieutenant James Dow — Sultan.
 Lieutenant John Lett — } Defence:
 Mr. Parker, Master — }

Officers Wounded.

Lieutenant Middlemore, of the } Hero.
 2d Lieutenant Thompson of Marines }
 Lieutenant Watson — Sceptre.
 Mr. Stone, Master — Sultan.
 Mr. Hunter, Boatswain — Defence.
 Mr. Sinclair, Boatswain — Worcester.

Whitehall, January 13.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Kelly, His Majesty's Prime Serjeant in Ireland, to be One of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in that Kingdom, in the Room of Godfrey Lill, Esq; deceased.

The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Samuel Bradstreet, Bart, Recorder of the City of Dublin, to be One of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench in the Kingdom of Ireland, in Addition to the Number of Justices heretofore appointed for the said Court.

And Peter Metge, Esq; His Majesty's Third Serjeant at Law in Ireland, to be One of the Barons of the Court of Exchequer, in the said Kingdom, in Addition to the Number of Justices heretofore appointed for the said Court.

The King has been pleased to appoint Alexander Crookshank, Esq; to be one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in the said Kingdom, in Addition to the Number of Justices heretofore appointed for the said Court.

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The King has been pleased to sign a Presentation, appointing the Reverend Robert Walker to be Minister of the Cannongate Church, in the Presbytery and County of Edinburgh, vacant by the Death of the Reverend Dr. William Lothian.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Requiring Passes, formerly granted to Ships and Vessels trading in the Way of the Cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, to be returned into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and other Passes of different Forms to be issued.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of August, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign, We did charge and command all Our loving Subjects who then were, or should be, possessed of any Passes for Ships and Vessels belonging to Our Subjects trading to Portugal, the Canaries, Guinea, the Indies, into the Mediterranean, or elsewhere, in the Way of the Cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, (except such Passes as had been granted to Ships gone or going to the East Indies, or other remote Voyages, where they could not be timely furnished with New Passes) that they should, before the Thirty-first Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, return the same, and furnish themselves with Passes of a new Form, under the Hands and Seals of the Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several Ships and Vessels, in such Manner as by the said recited Proclamation was directed: And whereas it hath been humbly represented unto Us, that there is the greatest Reason to believe, that many of Our Passes may, either by Accident, or undue Means, have fallen into the Hands of Foreigners, who, by Colour of such Passes, may carry on their Trade; We, taking the Premises into Our Royal Consideration, and judging it necessary to put a speedy Stop to all such indirect Practices, which do not only tend to the Prejudice of Our Trading Subjects, but may occasion a Misunderstanding between Us and the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, for preventing thereof, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare, That all such Passes of the present Form, now in being, shall not continue in Force longer than till the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, (except such Passes as have been granted to Ships gone or going to the East Indies, or other remote Voyages, where they cannot be timely furnished with New Passes; and that in such Case, the Passes of the present Form do continue in Force for Two Years, from and after the said Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four). And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects, who are or shall be possessed of any such Passes, that they do, before the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, return the same (except such as are before excepted) into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, or to the respective Collectors of Our Customs at the Out-Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the Governors of some of Our Foreign Plantations or Dominions, in

order to their being cancelled; and that they do furnish themselves with Passes of a new Form, under the Hands and Seals of Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several Ships and Vessels, according to the Treaty subsisting between Us and the said Governments on the Coast of Barbary, and the Regulations made by Our Royal Predecessor King George the First, by Order in His Privy Council on the Fourteenth Day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, so far as the same remain unaltered by the Regulations made by Us in Our Council on the Twenty-eighth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and according to the further Regulations then there made, and Our Instructions given to Our said Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, touching the same: And whereas many Ships and Vessels belonging to Our loving Subjects, continue several Years trading from Port to Port in the Mediterranean, without returning Home, whereby they cannot so conveniently procure their Passes to be exchanged; We do hereby, for the Ease of Our trading Subjects, publish and declare Our Pleasure, That upon the Application of any Owner of any Ship or Vessel, or other substantial Merchant, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and Oath made by him of the Property of such Ship or Vessel, and that Three Fourths of the Company are Our Subjects, according to an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Royal Predecessor King Charles the Second, (intituled, "An Act for encouraging and encreasing of "Shipping and Navigation,") or such other Proportion as may be authorized by Act of Parliament, and upon entering into a Bond for the Return of such Pass at the End of Three Years, or of the Voyage, if that shall sooner determine; it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, for the Time being, and they are respectively empowered to make out a New Pass for such Ship or Vessel, and send the same to such of Our Consuls in the Mediterranean as the said Owner or Merchant shall desire, with Direction to such Consul, that, upon Application to him from the Master of the Ship, for which the Pass is made out, and surrendering up his Old Pass, and entering into a like Bond for the Return of such New Pass, he shall deliver out the said New Pass to such Master, and transmit the Old One, with the Bond, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in order more effectually to hinder, for the future, any Abuses that may be attempted by Foreigners relating to the New Passes to be issued as aforesaid; We do hereby further declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That all such New Passes, to be hereafter issued for any Ships or Vessels whatsoever, belonging to any of Our Subjects, inhabiting the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, shall be made out in a peculiar Form, different from the Form of the New Passes, to be issued for Ships and Vessels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions; and that such New Passes shall be lodged with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, of the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, and issued out only by him, according to the Regulations made by Our said Royal Predecessor King George the First, and Ourselves in Council as aforesaid: And the said Governor, Lieuten-

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nant Governor and Commander in Chief, is hereby charged and required, not to issue or deliver out any such Passes to any Persons whatsoever, other than such as are really Our Subjects inhabiting in the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, and strictly to conform themselves to the Regulations and Instructions made and given as aforesaid: But in regard it sometimes happens, that Ships belonging to Our Subjects of other Parts of Our Dominions, call in at Gibraltar without Passes, and have Occasion to be furnished therewith; We do, for the further Conveniency of Trade, hereby publish and declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, and they are respectively hereby impowered, to lodge Mediterranean Passes, of the same Form with the New Passes, for Ships and Vessels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions, in the Hands of Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, with Directions to him to issue and deliver out such Passes to any of Our Subjects, not being Inhabitants of the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar; provided the Person or Persons applying for the same, do comply with and conform to the several Rules and Regulations now in Use, and required to be observed by such Our other Subjects. And We do hereby order, That the Commissioners of Our Customs in Great Britain, and the Commissioners of Our Revenue in Ireland, do cause to be carried into Execution such Parts of the said Order of Council of the Fourteenth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, concerning Passes, as relate to themselves, and the proper Officers under them, so far as the same remains now in Force, and of Our Order aforesaid, made in Council, on the Twenty-eighth of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy six; and that they do direct their Officers in the several Ports of Our Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, to demand of the Masters of all Merchant Ships, so soon as they shall return into Ports from a Foreign Voyage, all Passes granted as aforesaid, which shall be in their Possession, to be produced to the said respective Officers of Our Customs; and that if the same shall appear to be of an older Date than Twelve Months, for Ships and Vessels trading on this Side the Streights Mouth, or for Ships and Vessels trading to a greater Distance, in case the Voyages of such last mentioned Ships and Vessels shall be determined, then such Passes shall be delivered up to the said respective Officers of Our Customs, and be by them returned to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in case the Master of any such Ship or Vessel shall refuse to produce or deliver up such Passes, according to the true Intent of Our said Order, then the said Officer shall certify the Name of every such Master, and of the Ship or Vessel, to Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or to Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, to the End that Directions may be given for putting the Bond, entered into on the granting any such Pass; in Suit: And all Our Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Commanders in Chief of any of Our Islands, Colonies or Plantations, Consuls residing in Foreign Parts, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whatsoever, and all other Our loving Subjects whom it may concern, are hereby expressly required

and commanded to yield due Obedience unto, and strictly to observe all the Orders, Instructions, Regulations, and Directions before-mentioned, on Pain of Our High Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1784.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Monday the 19th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office on or before Friday the 16th, and to send for their Tickets the next Day, (Saturday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Day of the Ball, after Two o'Clock.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 6, 1784.

TO prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before Their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

War-Office, January 13, 1784.

2d Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards, Thomas Pechell, Gent. is appointed to be Sub-Lieutenant, vice Thomas Hawkins.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, Robert Cheny, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Thomas Crowder.

10th Regiment of Foot, John Dolbel, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Miles Sandys.

18th Regiment of Foot, Ensign William Ferguson to be Lieutenant, vice William Percival.

24th Regiment of Foot, William Thwaites, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Graham.

Ditto, Lieutenant Robert Stiele to be Captain of a Company, vice Andrew Jameson.

Ditto, Captain William Campbell, on the Half-Pay of the 24th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Ferguson.

17th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Richard Stovin, on the Half-Pay of 17th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Simpson.

51st Regiment of Foot, James Tourle, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Riddick.

57th Regiment of Foot, Captain Charles Irwine, on the Half-Pay of the 57th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice William Long.

Ditto, Captain Neil Campbell, on the Half-Pay of the 2d Battalion of the 84th Regiment, to be Captain of a Company, vice Gilbert Waugh.

62d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Drinkwater, on the Half-Pay in Lord Strathavan's late Corps of Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Samuel Pack.

71st Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Cole Bowen, of the 52d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice George Duncan.

Ditto, Lieutenant William Barker, of the 3d Dragoon Guards, to be Captain of a Company, vice Robert Hutchinson.

76th Regiment of Foot, James Mac Donald, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Francis Cunynghame.

80th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Charles Maitland Barclay, of the 24th Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Brown.

Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland; all dated December 24, 1783.

8th Regiment of Dragoons, Mr. James Eustace to be Cornet, vice George Crowe; by Purchase.

Ditto, Mr. John Trotter to be Cornet, vice Arthur Henry Irwin, who retires.

14th Dragoons, Cornet James Leatham to be Lieutenant, vice Sir George Dunbar, Bart. promoted.

48th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Jones, from the Half-Pay of the 11th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Gordon, who exchanges.

49th Foot, Lieutenant Thomas Fownes Luttrell, from the Half-Pay of the 89th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice William Hungerford Luttrell, who exchanges.

67th Foot, Mr. Charles Steward to be Adjutant, vice George Rawlins, who exchanges.

103d Foot, Mr. George Rawlins to be Adjutant, vice Charles Steward.

Ditto, Mr. John Burroughs to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Montgomery, promoted.

105th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Montgomery, of the 103d Foot, to be Captain, vice Charles Vallancey.

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Captain Charles Vallancey, of the 105th Foot, to be Major of Brigade.

Constantinople, December 10. We have had several Accidents of the Plague since last Post; notwithstanding which the Mortality is almost entirely ceased. We now flatter ourselves, that the cold Weather may put a total Stop to the Contagion, which has cost this City at least Eighty Thousand Inhabitants since last June.

Vienna, December 24. By a Courier arrived from Mantua we learn, that His Imperial Majesty intended to reach Florence on the 19th, and Rome on the 24th Instant. After remaining a Day, or at most Two Days, in the last mentioned Capital, the Emperor will continue his Journey to Naples.

Whitehall, January 5, 1784.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented unto the King, that an anonymous Threatening Letter was found within the Pales before the House of Simon Debank, Esq; in the Spout-street, in Leek, in the County of Stafford, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning, of Friday the 19th Day of December last, of which the following is a Copy, viz.

“ Mr. Dabank

“ Sir this to inform you that that there Come-pants amongst the poor about you they say you never behave any way like a Gentleman Sir you are in very grate danger i chanced to over here some Persons and they was of a resalution to to destroy you and take all you have they would destroy all you had and you there is 10 of them swore togathe and i asked them forbare i wold rite a letter rathe till be so rash but tha Lad old on me and would kill me and i beged for mercy and they swore me very stricly not betray them i durst not for all the world i shold be cild by some of them i neve has no rest since they said they wou'd be content with ten pound a piece and put it under that Litle cros beond Litle berchal by saterdag night and put it something and put a clod before it or stand chance if you make a clam er i think it will very bad on your side all the world cannot save you but do as you think best and you do they are swore they never trouble you if i had all the world i wold let it go rather stand chance for some have no no work and it

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“ So no more.”

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and dropping the said anonymous Incendiary Letter above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His Most Gracious Pardon to any One of them; (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said Mr. Simon Debank doth hereby offer a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid; (except as before is excepted) to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Whitehall, January 1, 1784.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to the King, That about Eight o'Clock on Monday Night last, the House of Philip Martin, Esq; of Thoydon Garpon, near Epping, in Essex, was entered by Four Men dressed in Smock Frocks, with their Faces blacked, who rung the Bell, and, on the Door being opened, rushed in, and, after securing the Servants by locking them in the Cellar, stole the following Things, viz.

P L A T E.

An Oval Silver Snuff Box with Brown Stone; a new small Silver Fruit Knife; a large Waiter with Arms; 4 Oval Silver Salts engraved with a Lion, and 4 Salt Shovels; 2 very large Candlesticks and Sockets, with a Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Snuffer Pan; a Coffee-Pot and a Waiter engraved a Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Ink Stand for 3 Glasses; 5 large Table Spoons and 6 Desert Spoons, with the Martin Cat, and Ermine Collar; a Silver Bottle Funnel; 12 Tea-Spoons; a Milk-Ewer; an old Pepper-Box; a large Silver Lamp; a Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles; a Pair of Silver Knee Buckles.

R I N G S.

A Diamond Hoop Ring; a Purple Ditto set with 4 Diamonds; Mourning Rings inscribed Sir Edwd. Smith, 1744, Wm. Martin, 1717, Mary King, (set) 1781, and several more.

W A T C H E S.

A Gold Repeating Watch, Maker's Name Tompion; a Gold Watch, Maker's Name Witchcote; a Yellow Metal Watch, Maker's Name Witchcote,

WEARING APPAREL and LINEN.

Several Shirts, Shifts, Callico Shifts, and Laced Womens Short Ruffles, marked M and numbered; a Striped Silk Gown; a Black Sattin Cloak full Laced; several Womens Handkerchiefs, and other Wearing Apparek

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Robbery, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplices therein, so that they, or any of them, shall be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a farther Encouragement, a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by the said Philip Martin, Esq; upon the Conviction of each of the said Offenders,

P. Martin.

Navy-Office, December 27, 1783.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 15th of January they will treat with such Persons as are willing to supply His Majesty's Yard at Plymouth with Platers' Wares. The Contract to commence in Six Months.

General Post-Office, November 18, 1783.

A SUFFICIENT Number of Packet Boats of about 200 Tons and 30 Hands are established between Falmouth and New-York to support a monthly Correspondence, and the Mails will continue to be dispatched as at present from London and from New-York upon the First Wednesday in every Month.

All Persons are however to take Notice, that instead of its being any longer left to the Option of the Writer to pay or not the Postage beforehand, there is now a Necessity for the Postage on all Letters from any Part of Great-Britain or Ireland for North America to be paid up to London, without which they must be opened and returned to the Writers; but the Packet Postage of one Shilling for a single Letter and so in Proportion between London and New-York, may or not be paid at each Place before-hand.

And all Persons upon the Continent of Europe and of North America corresponding with each other by these Packet Boats are to take particular Notice, that they are to put their Letters under Cover to their Friends in London.

Likewise, all Persons in Great-Britain or Ireland desirous of sending any Letters for the United States of America by the French Packet Boats, are to cause them to be put under Cover to some Correspondent at Paris.

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anthony Todd, Sec.

Navy-Office, January 6, 1783.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 23d instant, they will treat with such Persons as may be willing to perform the Painter's Works in His Majesty's Yard at Spierneess'. The Contract to commence in Six Months.

New Fire-Office.

January 10, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a General Meeting of the Proprietors will be held at their House in Lombard-street, on Wednesday the 21st Instant, for the Election of Five Trustees and Fifteen Directors for the Year ensuing.

The Ballot will begin at Twelve, and close at Three o'Clock.

Lugger La Caprice, Recapture.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Ship *Winchelsea*, Sir John Borlase Warren, Commander, that the remaining Moiety of said Prize will be paid them on Saturday the 17th of January instant, at the Castle, Mark-lane, where the Recalls will be paid for Three Years to come, or further Notice.

G. Heathcote, of London, Agents.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Ship *Garland*, J. Stanhope, Esq; Commander, and Armed Cutter *Sandwich*, J. Sayer, Commander, who were on Board at the Time of the Capture, on the 20th of September, 1779, that the Money due to them will be paid at the Castle in

Mark Lant, on Saturday the 17th Instant, where the Recalls will be paid the First Saturday in the Month for Three Years to come.

G. Heathcote, of London, } Agents.
G. Lawrance, of Deal, }

December 27, 1783.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership between Jonathan Hitchon and Henry Wood, of Chandos Street, Haberdashers and Whalebone-cutters, was this Day dissolved by mutual Consent.

Jon. Hitchon.
Henry Wood.

WHEREAS the Partnership which lately subsisted between us the undersigned William Gaisford Peach, Nathaniel Peach, and John Gidley, as Clothiers, at Rookemore, in the County of Gloucester, was, on the 18th Day of September, totally dissolved and broke up, the said William Gaisford Peach having retired therefrom, and assigned all his Shares and Interests therein unto us the said Nathaniel Peach and John Gidley, who are by him duly authorized to receive all Debts and Monies due to the same Partnership; we do therefore hereby give Notice, that the said Trade and Business will be carried on by the said Nathaniel Peach and John Gidley, who propose to continue the same in every Branch and Department thereof, in a Line equally as extensive, and to act upon the same liberal Principles of Honor, Punctuality and Dispatch, which has ever distinguished the House or Firm of Peaches and Gidley.

Nathaniel Peach.
John Gidley.
Wm. Gaisford Peach.

Birmingham, January 1, 1784.

THE Partnership lately subsisting between Abel Humphrys and Thomas Cheeke Lea, Drapers, under the Firm of Humphrys and Lea, Birmingham, is this Day dissolved by mutual Consent: All Debts due to the said Partnership to be paid to the said Abel Humphrys, who is duly authorized to receive the same.

Abel Humphrys.
Thomas Cheeke Lea.

Birmingham, January 1, 1784.

THE Partnership lately subsisting between Thomas Cheeke Lea and John Llewellyn, Factors, under the Firm of Lea and Llewellyn, Factors, under the Firm of Lea and Llewellyn, Birmingham, is this Day dissolved by mutual Consent: All Debts due to the said Partnership to be paid to the said John Llewellyn, who is duly authorized to receive the same.

Thomas Cheeke Lea.
John Llewellyn.

PUrsuant to a Decree of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer at Westminster, the Creditors of Thomas Bowman, late of Old Brentford in the County of Middlesex, Gardner, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before Francis Ingam, Esq; Deputy Remembrancer of the said Court, at the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Inner Temple, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Alexander Thomson, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Thursday the 29th Day of January instant, between the Hours of Six and Seven o'Clock in the Evening, The valuable and extensive Freehold Manor of Fryton with Ferrybridge, situate on the Banks of the navigable River Air, in the West Riding of the County of York, within Two Miles of Pontefract, together with the Mansion-house, Offices, Stables, Gardens, Plantations, and 1252 Acres of Land, or thereabouts, all completely inclosed, together with the Colliery there, consisting of Four Seams of Coal, the First Seam won, and Two Rise Pits opened: The Colliery was in Working Two Years ago, is a good Coal, and from the Borings, lies fair and regular through 600 Acres, Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

PUrsuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for Enlarging the Time of William Hopkinson, now or late of Fleet-street, London, Merchant, (a Bankrupt) to surrender himself, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, for Forty-nine Days, to be computed from

From the 13th Day of January instant; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners in the said Commission named and authorized, or the major Part of them, intend to meet on the 2d Day of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender himself between the Hours of Eleven and One of the Clock of the same Day, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination; and the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the same, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Peter Collins, of Ilip in the County of Northampton, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 22d and 23d Days of January instant, and on the 24th Day of February next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, on each of the said Days, at the House of John Bucknall, the Sign of the George, in Thrapston, in the County of Northampton, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons who are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Yorke, of Thrapston aforesaid.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Peter Foxlow, of Manchester in the County of Lancaster, Merchant, Cotton-manufacturers, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 29th and 30th Days of January instant, and on the 24th Day of February next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, on each of the said Days, at Budworth's Tavern, in Manchester, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Lowten, Inner Temple, London, or to Mr. John Kay, Attorney, in Manchester.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Richard Bruce, of Green-lattice-lane, London, Insurance-broker, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 19th Day of January instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to receive the Proof of Debts under the said Commission; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Andrew Snaaten, of Melton, next Sittingborne, in the County of Kent, Fellmonger, Leather-dresser, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 7th Day of February next, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Ralph Potts, of the Parish of Christ Church in the County of Surry, Coal-merchant, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 21st Day of February next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, (and not on the 17th of January instant, as before advertised,) at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Thomas Foster, of the Poultry, London, Haberdasher, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 6th Day of February next, at Ten of the Clock

in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Benjamin Martin, of Fleet-street, London, Optician, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 21st Day of February next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Further Dividend of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupts; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Beverley, of George-street, Bethnal-green, in the County of Middlesex, Dyer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 7th Day of February next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Charles Wakeman and Thomas Gillam, of the City of Bristol, Linnen drapers and Partners, have certified to the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Charles Wakeman and Thomas Gillam have in all Things conformed themselves according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice that, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, their Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 3d Day of February next.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Lay, late of Millord-lane in the Parish of St. Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex, Coal-merchant, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said William Lay hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 3d Day of February next.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Patrick Kelly, late of Ostend, but now of Upper Mary le bone-street in the Parish of St. Mary le bone in the County of Middlesex, Mariner, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Hon. Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Patrick Kelly hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 3d of February next.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Henry Tipping, of Taplow Mills in the County of Buckingham, (Partner with Thomas Wood, of Taplow Mills aforesaid) and Robert Pilkington, now or late of Macclesfield in the County of Chester, (Partner with William Cockshott, of Macclesfield aforesaid) Cotton-manufacturers, Dealers, Chapman, and Co-partners, have certified to the Right Hon. Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Henry Tipping and Robert Pilkington have in all Things conformed themselves to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, their Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 3d Day of February next.