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Westminster, December 21.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Septimus Robinson, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Lana Tax to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

An Act for continuing and granting to His Majesty, certain Duties upon Malt, Munn, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three.

An Act to continue and render more effectual two Acts of Parliament, for Repairing and Widening the Road leading from the Black Bull Inn in Dunstable in the County of Bedford, to the Way turning out of the said Road up to Shafford House in the County of Hertford.

An Act to continue and render more effectual two Acts of Parliament for Repairing the Roads from Lemsford Mill through Welwyn and Stevenage, and by Cory's Mill to Hitchin, and from Welwyn through Codicot to Hitchin in the County of Hertford.

And to Five private Bills.

Genoa, November 27. The greatest Part of the Nobility of this State being returned to Town from the Villegiature, on the 24th Instant a small Council was summoned, in which they reduced the Number of Candidates to six, for the Dignity of Doge: The next Day the Grand Council met, and, by a Plurality of Votes, elected his Excellency Ralph Brignole into that High Office. As soon as the Election was over, he was complimented by great Part of the Nobility; and Yesterday as usual received the Compliments of the Foreign Ministers and Consuls on the same Occasion.

On the 21st Instant in the Morning, four Barks sailed from hence with about thirteen Hundred Men for Bastia in Corsica, in which Number are included five Companies of new raised Men, called Free Companies, who are to serve only three Years.

This Republick's Troops in Corsica have, of late obtained some small Advantages over the Male-Contentants, having, since the Surrender to them of the Post called the Coscia, taken That called St. Maria della Chiappella, which is at a small Distance from the Coscia; and being a Harbour for small Vessels, will be a Place of Refuge for the Genoese Small Craft, when chased by any of the Male-Contentants' Privateers.

Letters from Madrid of the 9th Instant say, that the Spanish Army being in Want of many Necessaries, the Count d'Arranda had begun to distribute them into Winter Quarters on the Confines of Portugal.

Hamburgh, December 14. The King of Prussia arrived at Leipzick the 5th Instant, accompanied by General Seidlitz.

Saville Houle, December 19.

This Day Baron Wittorff, Envoy Extraordinary from the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke of York.

And afterwards of her Royal Highness Princess Augusta at Leicester House.

To which he was introduced by Stephen Cotwell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, December 16, 1762.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that Mr. William Cheyne, an Inhabitant of the Town of Hungerford, in the County of Berks, upwards of Seventy Years of Age, and his Wife, were, on Saturday the 11th Instant, between Seven and Eight o'Clock in the Evening, (as is collected from Circumstances) when their Maid, on only Servant, was at a Neighbour's House, murdered in their own Dwelling House in the Town of Hungerford aforesaid: The said William Cheyne having been found, the next Morning, sitting in an Arm-Chair, in the Parlor, with his Head reclined, and dead, with a large Wound on the back Part of his Head, which seemed to have been made with an Ax, Chaver, or some such Instrument, and his said Wife lying on the Floor, groveling in her Blood, with a large Fracture in her Skull, which was much depressed upon the Brain, a little above the Temple, and who had her Nose almost cut off, and her Face mangled in a most ghastly Manner, of which Wounds she died the next Day, being the 13th, in the Afternoon: That, in the several Rooms of the said House, every Thing was found in Confusion, Bureau's, Drawers, &c. opened, and what was in them scattered about, though it did not appear that any Thing, except Money, (the Quantity of which was not known) and two Watches, one of Gold, the other of Silver, had been taken away; the Latter of which Watches had this remarkable in it, that it showed, on the Dial Plate, the Day of the Month: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said horrid and barbarous Murders, and in the said Robbery, is, hereby, pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person, or Persons, who actually committed both, or either of the said Murders) who shall discover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices, in the said Crimes, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

DUNK HALIFAX.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, raised by voluntary Contribution, is, hereby, promised, as a Reward, to any Person or Persons, making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Criminals, by the Reverend Mr. Thomas Baker, Minister of the Parish of Hungerford, in the County of Berks aforesaid.

Thomas Baker.

General Post-Office, December 14, 1762.

The Correspondence being now open between Dover and Calais, and between Dover and Ostend; the Mails for France will continue to be dispatched from this Office every Monday and Thursday; and for Flanders every Tuesday and Friday, as formerly: And no Passports, for the Future, will be required of Persons either going or coming, in any of His Majesty's Packet Boats whatsoever.

By Command of the Post-Master General,
Anthony Todd, Secretary.