

*General Post-Office, April 20, 1764.*

**PUBLIC** Notice is hereby given, That by an Act passed this last Session of Parliament, entitled, An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses, in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage;

It is Enacted, That from and after the First Day of May next, so long as the Revenue of the Post Office shall continue to make a Part of the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Packets shall be exempted from Payment of Postage, except as follows:

All such as shall be sent from or to The King's most Excellent Majesty.

All Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places within Great Britain or Ireland, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or after any Summons or Prorogation, which shall be signed on the Outside by any Member of either House of the Parliament of Great Britain, and whereof the whole Supercription shall be of his own Hand Writing, or which shall be directed to a Member of either House, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at either House of Parliament.

All Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places within Ireland, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or after any Summons or Prorogation, which shall be signed on the Outside by any Member of either House of the Parliament of Ireland, and whereof the whole Supercription shall be of his own Hand Writing, or which shall be directed to a Member of either House, from any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at either House of Parliament.

All such Letters and Packets as shall be sent from and to certain Persons by Virtue of their Offices, under such Conditions, Restrictions, and Limitations, as in the said Act is particularly expressed.

It is likewise Enacted, That all printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed News Papers, sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, signed on the Outside thereof, by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as hath been heretofore practised; or directed to any Member at any Place whereof he shall have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster-General, or to his Deputy at Edinburgh or Dublin respectively, shall pass free of Postage.

And also, That the Clerks in the Offices of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and certain Officers in the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, may continue to Frank such printed Votes, and Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers, in the Manner they have heretofore been accustomed, provided they be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides.

It is further Enacted, That any Officer employed under the Postmaster-General, shall have Power to examine and search any Packet sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the Sides, in Order to discover whether any other Paper or Thing whatsoever be inclosed or concealed in or with such printed Votes, Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers; and in Case any such other Paper or Thing whatsoever, shall be found in or with such printed Paper, or in Case there shall be any Writing, other than the Supercription upon such printed Paper, or upon the Cover thereof, the whole of such Packet shall be charged with the Duty of Postage.

And it is further Enacted, That if any Person shall, after the First Day of June next, counterfeit the Hand Writing of any Person whatsoever in the Supercription of any Letter, or Packet, to be sent by the Post, in Order thereby to avoid the Payment of the Duty of

Postage, every Person so offending, shall be deemed Guilty of Felony, and be transported for Seven Years.

And whereas many Letters directed to Members, are, in the Hurry of Business, charged with Postage, chiefly for Want of the Words, Member of Parliament, being added to the Supercription: It is therefore desired, that all Persons corresponding with Members, would make that Addition, or distinguish them by M. P. at the Corner; and in Case any Letter or Packet, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, should after every Precaution, happen to be charged, all Postmasters are hereby directed, immediately to remit the Postage to such Member, who is desired to return the Cover, when it can be conveniently done, as a Voucher to the Postmaster, in passing of his Accounts with this Office.

And whereas great Numbers of Letters are privately collected and delivered contrary to Law, to the Prejudice of the Revenue of this Office; all Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherry-men, Dispersers of News Papers, Higlers, and all other Persons whatsoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting, conveying, or delivering of Letters and Packets, will be prosecuted with the utmost Severity. The Penalty is Five Pounds for every Letter so collected or delivered, contrary to Law, and One Hundred Pounds for every Week such Practice is continued: One Moiety to His Majesty, and the other to the Informer.

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

*ViQualling-Office, May 7, 1764.*

*The Commissioners for ViQualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 21st Instant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for Oxen for fresh Meat for His Majesty's Ships at Portsmouth for three Months, commencing the 1st Day of June next, for the Service of His Majesty's Navy.*

*This Day was published,*

(Illustrated with Two Plans neatly engraved.)

**A**N ACCOUNT of the Southern Maritime PROVINCES of FRANCE. Sold by T. Harrison, Warwick-Lane, and J. Robson, New Bond-Street.

**T**HE Commission of Bankrupt against John White, of Bramley in the County of Southampton, Dealer and Chapman, is, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, superseded.

**T**HE Creditors of the respective separate Estates of Mess. John Tozer, Aaron Tozer, and John Christopher Weguelin, Bankrupts, are desired forthwith to send an Account of their respective Demands upon the separate Estates of the said Bankrupts, to Mess. Fermignac and Wharton, in Swithin's Lane Cannon-Street, London.

**T**HIS is to give Notice, that the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Sydebotham and Jonathan Radcliffe the Younger, both late of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster, Merchants, Dealers, Chapman, and Partners, intend to meet at the Golden Lyon in Dale-street in Liverpool aforesaid, being the House of James Wrigley, on Friday the 25th Day of May instant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, to take the Proof of Debts of all such Persons as have hitherto neglected or omitted to prove the same. At which Time and Place the Creditors, who have already proved, or shall then prove their Debts under the said Commission against them the said William Sydebotham and Jonathan Radcliffe, either as Partners or in their separate Capacity, are desired to attend, to assent to or dissent from the Assignee bringing one or more Actions or Suits at Law or in Equity, and for submitting Matters to Reference; and upon other special Affairs.

**W**hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against William Kinloch and George Bishop, of Cow Lane West Smithfield, London, Druggists and Partners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to surrender themselves to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 12th and 21st Days of May instant, and on the 19th Day of June next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of their Estate and Effects; when