

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Saturday June 2, to Tuesday June 5, 1764.

St. James's, June 4.

THIS Day being the Anniversary of the King's Birth-Day, there was a very numerous and brilliant Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, to compliment His Majesty on that Occasion. At Noon the Guns in the Park and at the Tower were fired; and in the Evening there was a Ball at Court, and Bonfires, Illuminations, and other Publick Demonstrations of Joy throughout London and Westminster.

St. James's, June 4.

This Day the Prince of Aversperg, sent from the Emperor to notify the Coronation of the King of the Romans, had an Audience of Leave;

And the Baron de Nolcken, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sweden, had a Private Audience of His Majesty, to deliver his Credentials.

To which they were introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Sandwich, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, June 4.

This Day the Prince of Aversperg, sent from the Emperor to notify the Coronation of the King of the Romans, had an Audience of Leave;

And the Baron de Nolcken, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sweden, had his First Private Audience of Her Majesty.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Harcourt, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty; and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

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 Superfcription 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 Superfcription 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 Superfcription 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 Superfcription 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