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Westminster, December 17.

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 Francis Molineux, 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 make the following most gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE present general State of Tranquility in Europe, gave Me Hopes, that it would not have been necessary to assemble My Parliament sooner than is usual in Times of Peace.

But, as Matters of Importance have lately occurred in some of My Colonies in America, which will demand the most serious Attention of Parliament; and as further Informations are daily expected from different Parts of that Country, of which I shall order the fullest Accounts to be prepared for your Consideration; I have thought fit to call you now together, in order that Opportunity may thereby be given, to issue the necessary Writs on the many Vacancies that have happened in the House of Commons since the last Session; so that the Parliament may be full, to proceed, immediately after the usual Recess, on the Consideration of such Weighty Matters as will then come before you.

Venice, November 27. The Magistrates of Health here have received Advices of the Plague spreading a little farther in the Turkish Province of Bosnia, and of its being likely to cease in that of Erzegovina. Their Excellencies have laid a Quarantine of Twenty-eight Days upon the Vessels coming from Daila, and some other Ports in Istria, on Account of three Men having made their Escape to Daila, out of some Gallies that came from Corfu.

The Nobles being now returned to Town, the first Great Council was held here on Saturday last.

Florence, November 30. The Great Dutchess's Birth-day was celebrated here last Sunday. Their Royal Highnesses dined that Day in publick under a Canopy in the Great Hall of the Palace; and in the Evening there was a Drawing-Room. The same Day Marshal Botta entertained at Dinner some of the principal Officers of the Court, and the Foreign Ministers.

Prince Kinsky, who, the Beginning of the Month arrived here with the Ensigns of the Order of Marie Terefe to the Great Duke, received from his Royal Highness a Snuff-box, with his Picture on the Outside set with Diamonds; and on the 26th returned to Vienna.

York-House, December 15.

This Day Hamet Aga, Ambassador from Tripoli, had a private Audience of his Royal Highness the Duke of York.

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

Whitehall, December 17.

Yesterday the King was pleased to appoint Sir Andrew Mitchell, Knight of the Bath, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Prussia.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 17, 1765.

Orders for the Court's going out of Mourning on Sunday next the 22d Instant, for his late Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; and the same Day the Mourning for her late Royal Highness the Margravine of Schwedt, Sister to the King of Prussia, to be changed, viz.

The Ladies to wear black Silk or Velvet, coloured Ribbons, Fans and Tippetts.

The Men to continue in Black full trimmed, and to wear coloured Swords and Buckles.

Erratum. In last Saturday's Gazette, in the Article dated St. James's, December 13, for Andrew Mitchell, Esq; His Majesty's Minister, &c. read, Andrew Mitchell, Esq; late His Majesty's Minister, &c.

Victualling-Office, December 13, 1765.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday next the 20th instant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat for Six Hundred Oxen, and One Thousand, or One Thousand Five Hundred Hogs, (at the Option of the Board) for Sea Store for the Port of London. The Oxen not to weigh less than Seven Hundred Weight, nor the Hogs less than One Hundred Weight, each.

East-India House, September 26, 1765.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That, pursuant to a Resolution of the General Court held this Day, the present Interest of 4 £. per Centum per Annum on the said Company's Bonds shall cease and determine on the 31st Day of March next; and that from and after that Day, the said Company's Bonds are to carry an Interest after the Rate of 3 £. per Centum per Annum; and the Proprietors thereof are hereby allowed to the 20th Day of February next inclusive, to bring the same in to the Accountant of the said Company, at their House in Leadenhall-Street, (if they think fit) to be mark'd, in order to carry the said Interest of 3 £. per Centum per Annum from the said 31st Day of March next accordingly; and that the Principal and Interest to the said 31st Day of March next, on all such Bonds as shall not be brought in to be marked on or before the said 20th Day of February as before-mentioned, shall be paid off.

Robert James, Secretary.