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Naples, December 9.

**T**HIS Court went into Mourning for his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland on Saturday last, which is to be for ten Days.

Dresden, December 25. Last Monday being the Elector's Birth-day, who entered into his Sixteenth Year, there was a numerous Court in the Morning to compliment his Electoral Highness on the Occasion. At Night there was a Drawing-room for the Ladies; but the Electress did not appear, having been obliged, for these three Days past, to keep her Chamber on Account of a violent Cold attended with a Fever; but her Royal Highness was Yesterday much better.

Berlin, December 28. Two Days ago his Majesty, who is in perfect Health, went from hence on Horseback to Fridericksfelde, a Pleasure-House, distant one German Mile from hence, belonging to his Brother Prince Ferdinand, as Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem; and his Majesty was pleased to express his Approbation of the Changes and Improvements his Royal Highness is making, as well with regard to the House as the Gardens.

Copenhagen, December 31. The King, who for some Time past, been afflicted with a Dropsical Disorder, and which had increased so much as to make it necessary to undergo the Operation of a Puncture, the same was performed on Saturday Morning last, which relieved his Majesty but for a short Time. He was very restless and feverish on Sunday Night, and the Symptoms were such as to give but little Hopes of his Recovery; on which Account publick Prayers have been offered in all the Churches in this City, and the City Militia have received their Ammunition, together with Orders to be in Readiness, in Case of the melancholy Event of his Death, to guard the City till the Regular Troops have sworn Fidelity to the Successor.

The near Prospect of losing, in the Meridian of Life, a Sovereign universally beloved for his great Humanity, creates such an Affliction to the Royal Family, and the Subjects in general, as may be more easily imagined than expressed.

St. James's, January 3, 1766.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That a Draft has been passed on the Bank, under the Signature of Sir Joshua Van Neck and Co. for 4500 l. dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of October last, payable to the Honorable Thomas Walpole, Esq; and the said Draft has been exchanged for sundry Bank Notes, payable to the aforementioned Thomas Walpole, which have been paid, in Cash, on or about the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> of the said Month; and that there is Reason to suspect that the said Draft was forged:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing

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to Justice the Persons concerned in Writing and Forging the said Draft, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon, and also a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any One of them; (except the Person who actually signed the said Draft) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Fact, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof; the said Reward to be paid by the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

H. S. CONWAY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Governor and Company of the Bank of England do also promise a Reward of Five Hundred Pounds, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid by the Cashiers of the Bank upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Robert Lewin, Secretary.

St. James's, January 3, 1766.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of December last, early in the Morning, an incendiary Letter was laid at the Gate of the Dwelling-House of Mrs. Mary Scrope, at Castle Comb in the County of Wilts, directed as hereunder, and containing the Words and Letters following; viz.

“ For

“ Mrs Scrop in Castle Comb.”

“ Madum Scrop if you Sufer the Bels to be  
“ Sould by god by god by god you Shall Suffer  
“ greatly by feyer, by god and be Ruend, So Stop  
“ it and be Seavead, for by Damneasion you Shall  
“ be Ruend by feyer by god and So Stop it for  
“ vengans of feyer Shall be your Ruend by god  
“ and Damneasion and So, no more at present from  
“ Youre unnown frinds”

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in Writing the said incendiary Letter, and in Laying it at the Gate of the Dwelling-house of the said Mrs. Mary Scrope, at Castle Comb aforesaid, 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 or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Facts, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

H. S. CONWAY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the said Mrs. Mary Scrope does hereby promise a Reward of Forty Guineas to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid by her upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Mary Scrope.

South Sea House, London, January 8, 1766.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at this House on Thursday the 23<sup>d</sup> Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend on their Capital Stock for the Half-Year ending the 5<sup>th</sup> of this Month. And in order to agree on an humble Address to His Majesty, that He will be graciously pleased to continue Governor of this Company.

C. Crespigny, Secretary.