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*Westminster, November 24.*

**T**HIS 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 Molyneux, 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,*

I Have chosen to call you together at this Session of the Year, that My Parliament might have full Time for their Deliberations upon all such Branches of the Publick Service as may require their immediate Attention, without the Necessity of continuing the Session beyond the Time most suitable to My People for the Election of a new Parliament: And I doubt not, but you will be careful, from the same Considerations, to avoid, in your Proceedings, all unnecessary Delay.

Nothing in the present Situation of Affairs Abroad gives me Reason to apprehend, that you will be prevented, by any Interruption of the publick Tranquillity, from fixing your whole Attention upon such Points as concern the internal Welfare and Prosperity of My People.

Among these Objects of a Domestic Nature, none can demand a more speedy or more serious Attention, than what regards the high Price of Corn, which, neither the salutary Laws passed in the last Session of Parliament, nor the Produce of the late Harvest, have yet been able so far to reduce, as to give sufficient Relief to the Distresses of the poorer Sort of My People. Your late Residence in your several Countries must have enabled you to judge, whether any farther Provisions can be made, conducive to the Attainment of so desirable an End.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I will order the proper Officers to lay before you the Estimates for the Service of the ensuing Year.

The Experience I have had of your constant Readiness to grant Me all such Supplies as should be found necessary, for the Security, Interest, and Honor of the Nation, (and I have no other to ask of you) renders it unnecessary for Me to add any Exhortations upon this Head; and I doubt not, but the same Publick Considerations

will induce you to persevere, with equal Alacrity, in your Endeavors to diminish the National Debt; while, on My Part, no Care shall be wanting to contribute, as far as possible, to the Attainment of that most essential Object, by every frugal Application of such Supplies, as you shall grant.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

The Necessity of improving the present general Tranquillity to the great Purpose of maintaining the Strength, the Reputation, and the Prosperity of this Country, ought to be ever before your Eyes. To render your Deliberations for that Purpose successful, endeavor to cultivate a Spirit of Harmony among yourselves. My Concurrence in whatever will promote the Happiness of My People, you may always depend upon: And in that Light, I shall ever be desirous of encouraging Union among all those, who wish well to their Country.

*Naples, October 27.* A Courier from Vienna arrived here on Saturday last with the melancholy Account of the Death of the Archduchess Maria Josepha: The Court and City are in great Affliction upon this unhappy Event.

Last Week has exhibited repeated Scenes of Horror, the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius having continued with great Violence: Many fine Vineyards are destroyed; and some Villa's; but his Sicilian Majesty's Palace and the Museum of Portici have escaped, by the Lava's taking another Course, when it was within a Mile and an Half of them. From Monday last till this Day, although the Weather has been fine and calm, we have not seen the Sun clear; and some Days the Ashes were so thick in the Air, as to give the Sun the Appearance of a clouded Moon. The Concussion of the Air from the Explosions of the Mountain were so violent on Monday and Tuesday Nights, and on Thursday Noon, that many Doors and Windows, even at Naples, were forced open by them. At Portici, in the King's Palace, a Door that was locked was forced open; yet we do not find, except upon the Mountain itself, that there have been any Earthquakes. The Explosions and Concussions of the Air were most terrible on Thursday. We observed, that the Noise generally continued, each Time, between Five and Six Hours, and then ceased as suddenly as it began. The Stones thrown up by these Explosions were of an enormous Size, and were thrown between Five and Six Hundred Feet high, and

[ Price Three-Pence. ]



Lunar and Calendar Watch-Keys,

FROM an elegant new Die, which show the Day of the Month and the Age of the Moon, by only the usual Winding-up of the Watch, continue to be sold (by His Majesty's Patent) by John Mallett (joint Patentee with the late Mr. Sanderion, the Inventor) in Albion's Buildings, Bartholomew Close: They are sold also by Mr. Deards, Piccadilly, Mr. Pinchbeck, Haymarket, Mr. Carter, Spring-Gardens, Mr. Mathews, Fleet-Street, and Mr. Cowell, Royal Exchange, London; Mrs. Wicksteed and Mr. Laurence, Bath; and Mr. Lock, Oxford.

N. B. Some neatly finished, adapted for the Turkey-Trade.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Charles Baker, late of Plaistow in the County of Essex, Gentleman, deceased, are, on or before the First Day of Hilary Term next, to come before John Eames, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane, London, and prove their several Demands, or in Default thereof they will peremptorily be excluded all Benefit of the said Decree.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors (if any) of John Page, late of Putney in the County of Surry, Esq; deceased, are to come in and prove their Debts before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Larking, of Haslow in the County of Kent, Timber-Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, are to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate, on Thursday next, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, at the Rainbow Coffee-House in Cornhill, on very special Affairs relating to the said Bankrupt's Estate.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Taylor and Philip Freeman, of Hammer-smith in the County of Middlesex, Coal-Merchants, Dealers, Chapman, and Copartners, 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 27th Day of November instant at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, on the 5th Day of December next at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and on the 5th Day of January following at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of their Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupts are required to finish their Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of their Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupts, or that have any of their Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Parker, in the Rolls Buildings, Fetter-Lane, London.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Hopkins, of Wednesbury in the County of Stafford, Gunsmith, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 29th and 31st Days of December next, and on the 5th Day of January following, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of each of the said Days, at the House of William Kendrick, known by the Sign of the Bull's-Head, in Rushall-Street in Walfall in the County of Stafford, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Henry Whateley, Attorney, in Walfall aforesaid.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Humphry Hopkins, of Wednesbury in the County of Stafford, Timber-Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 4th and 5th Days of December next, and on the 5th Day of January following, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of each of the said Days, at the House of William Kendrick, known by the Sign of the Bull's-Head, situate in Rushall Street in Walfall in the County of Stafford, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting

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WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Benjamin Cuninghame, late of Fenchurch-Street, London, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 28th Day of November instant, on the 12th Day of December next, and on the 5th Day of January following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Albany Wallis, in Norfolk-Street in the Strand.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Godhard Hagen and David Wolpman, of London, Merchants and Copartners in Trade, intend to meet on the 16th Day of December next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors of the said Bankrupts will be at Liberty to prove their Debts.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Ann Grant, late of Lambeth in the County of Surry, Brewer, Dealer and Chapwoman, intend to meet on the 21st Day of December next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Francis Hooker, of the Parish of St. Giles in the Fields in the County of Middlesex, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 16th Day of December next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Thomas Hall, of Chiswell-Street, in the Parish of Saint Luke in the County of Middlesex, Linnen-Draper, intend to meet on the 19th Day of December next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Thomas Amas, of Wisbech St. Peter's in the Isle of Ely in the County of Cambridge, Merchant, intend to meet on the 22d Day of December next, at the House of Edward Smith, called the Crown Inn in Downham Market in the County of Norfolk, in order to make a final Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Richard Alexander, of the Precinct of White Fryers, London, Coach-master, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Camden, Lord High Chancellor of Great-Britain, that the said Richard Alexander hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 15th of December next.