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Lisbon, February 27.

THE Nostra Senhora das Graças, a Portuguese Forty Gun Ship, arrived on Monday in the Tagus from the Brazils, with a large Sum of Money on Board on account of the Crown and the Merchants.

Whitehall, March 19.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Sir Edward Hawke, Knight of the Bath, Charles Townshend, John Buller, Esqrs. the Right Honourable Henry Viscount Palmerston of the Kingdom of Ireland, Sir George Yonge, Bart. Sir Piercy Brett, Knight, and Charles Spencer, Esq; commonly called Lord Charles Spencer, to be Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands and Territories thereunto respectively belonging.

Whitehall, March 12, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Friday the 19th of February last, at Eight o'Clock in the Evening, a Rick of Pease, belonging to John Bullock, of Dripshill in the County of Worcester, was set on Fire, and entirely consumed; and that many Ricks, as also the House and Outhouses of the said John Bullock, were in great Danger of being destroyed: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Rick) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S H E L B U R N E.

And as a farther Encouragement the said John Bullock doth hereby promise a Reward of Thirty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

General Post-Office, March 5, 1768.

His Majesty's Postmaster-General thinks it necessary to give this Public Notice, to all Members of Parliament and others whom it may concern, That by an Act of the Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, no Letters or Packets shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, except to or from Members of Parliament during the Sitting of any Sessions of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation of the same. From the Dissolution, therefore, of the present Parliament, all Letters and Packets are to be charged with the Duty of Postage, until Forty Days before the Meeting of the new Parliament.

By the said Act, printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed News-Papers, being sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, which shall

be signed on the Outside thereof by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as hath been heretofore practised, or which shall be directed to any Member of Parliament 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 be received Free of the Duty of Postage. As this Clause contains no Limitation in point of Time, the Peers and Lords of Parliament may continue to send and receive Free all such printed Papers; and the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and every Member of the Honourable House of Commons of the new Parliament, from the Time they are elected.

All Persons are desired to take Notice, That as the said Act authorizes certain Clerks in the Offices of the Secretaries of State and in the Post-Office, under certain Restrictions, to Frank such printed Papers, the Postmaster-General has been pleased to give Directions to the Six Clerks of the Roads in this Office, to Frank all such printed Papers as any of the present Sixteen Peers of Scotland, or of the Members of the present House of Commons, have given Notice of in Writing, that no Interruption possibly to be avoided may happen to the News-Papers so intended to pass Free: And such Members of the present Parliament, who now permit News-Papers to be addressed to them, are desired, upon their being re-elected, to renew the Notices.

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

East-India House, February 24, 1768.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 23d Day of March next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Christmas last to Midsummer next.

Notice is also hereby given, that according to an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, such Dividend cannot be made otherwise than in pursuance of a Vote or Resolution, passed by way of Ballotting, in a General Court of the said Company.

East-India House, March 11, 1768.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice,

That the Quarterly General Court, before advertised to be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 23d of this Instant March, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, is, at the Desire of Nine Proprietors, to be on Special Affairs.

Westminster Fire-Office, Bedford-Street,
Covent-Garden, March 17, 1768.

Notice is hereby given to all Persons having any Receipts signed by Mr. Ogle, the late Clerk, for Insurances in this Office, and who have not received their Policies, are desired to apply to Mr. Browne, Principal Clerk to this Office, for the same.

