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AT the Court at St. James's, the 21st Day of October, 1768,

P R E S E N T,
The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Henry Earl of Rochford to be one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, his Lordship was this Day, by His Majesty's Command, sworn one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

Whitehall, October 22.

The King, on the Resignation of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shelburne, has been pleased to deliver the Seals of the Southern Department to the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Weymouth, and to appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochford Principal Secretary of State for the Northern.

St. James's, October 20, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That the Stables, Barns, and Outhouses belonging to a Farm-House of John Leman, Esq; of Northaw in the County of Hertford, were maliciously set on Fire in the Night of Sunday the 16th Instant, and entirely consumed, with a Quantity of Grain in the Barns; that the Farm lies in Barvin, in Northaw Parish, and was quitted by William Knight at Michaelmas last, and uninhabited at the Time it was set on Fire, which was first discovered between Three and Four o'Clock on Monday Morning the 17th Instant: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in setting the said Premises on Fire, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set the same on Fire) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

W E Y M O U T H.

And, as a further Encouragement, the said John Leman does hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted;) to be paid by him on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

John Leman.

[Price Three-Pence.]

Navy-Office, October 14, 1768.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Wednesday the 26th Instant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, Commissioner Hughes will be ready, at his Office in His Majesty's Yard at Portsmouth, to treat with such Person or Persons as are willing to supply that Yard on a standing Contract with Shod Shovels, that they may attend with their Proposals at that Time.

General Post-Office, September 6, 1768.

His Majesty's Postmaster General having been pleased to establish a sufficient Number of Packet-Boats to sail between Falmouth and New York, Charles Town, and the West-India Islands, to support a regular Monthly Correspondence to and from these Kingdoms and all Parts of His Majesty's extensive Dominions in America.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that the several Mails for America, upon this New Arrangement, are to be made up at this Office on Wednesday the 5th of October next, and will continue to be dispatched from hence in the same Manner upon the first Wednesday in every Month.

The Mail for New York will contain the Letters for all the Provinces on the Continent of America, from Virginia Northwards. That for Charles Town will include the Letters for North and South Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida. The Letters for Pensacola and all Parts of West Florida will be forwarded from Jamaica by every Opportunity. The Mail for the West Indies will contain the Letters for Barbadoes, all the Leeward Islands, and Jamaica, from whence the Packet-Boats are, instead of proceeding to Pensacola, to return immediately to Falmouth.

Upon the Arrival of these several Mails from hence at Falmouth, the Packet-Boats are to proceed with them to Sea immediately, Wind and Weather permitting; but if they should be unavoidably detained one or more Days, such Letters as come hither, or may be put into this Office, will be sent every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to Falmouth, for the Chance of the Packets under Sailing Orders, and if sailed, they will be forwarded by the next Boat in Turn.

Great Inconveniences having arisen to the Public by returning Letters for the Postage, Their Lordships, for the Accommodation of Correspondence, leave it now to the Option of the Writer to pay or not beforehand to any Part of His Majesty's Dominions either in Europe or America, except to Gibraltar or Port Mahon.

All Persons however are particularly to take Notice, that Letters and Packets from any Part of Great Britain,

