

the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon this Occasion. And whereas it appears by a Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Clerk of the Council in Waiting, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, upon receiving the foregoing Information, had sent Directions to the Commissioners of the Customs at Edinburgh, to prevent the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into Scotland, until they should receive further Orders; His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, and approving of the Directions given by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the Commissioners of the Customs in Scotland thereupon, is hereby pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to prohibit the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom: And also to order and direct that the utmost Care be taken not to permit any Entry to be passed for Hay or Straw, which is already or may hereafter be brought from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be further signified. And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Directions herein accordingly.

Philip Sharpe.

Whitehall, December 23.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable William Earl of Dunmore to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon, in America.

St. James's, December 19.

The King has been pleased to grant His Royal Licence and Authority unto Richard Staunton Wilmot, Esq; and his Descendants, to take upon him and them the Name of Sitwell, and to use and bear the Arms of Sitwell quarterly with those of Wilmot, pursuant to the Will of Elizabeth Sitwell, late of Pontefract in the County of York, Spinster, deceased.

East-India House, December 22, 1769.

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

That the General Court of the said Company, appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors for the Year ensuing, will, pursuant to a Resolution of a General Court held the 20th Instant, be continued from Nine o'Clock in the Morning till Ten in the Evening of the same Day; after which Time no Lists will be taken in.

General Post-Office, November 24, 1769.

Whereas a Bill of Exchange, supposed to be feloniously taken out of the Mail dispatched from this Office for Ireland on Friday the 3d Instant, (which Mail was forcibly taken from one of the Sailors belonging to the Packet Wherry as he was carrying it from the said Wherry to the Post Office in Dublin, on Wednesday the 8th Instant,) hath been offered to be negotiated in London by four Persons answering the following Descriptions, viz.

One of them dressed in a brick-dust coloured Great Coat with a New-Market Cape, and a black Coat under it, mixt coloured Stockings, and a plain Hat, is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, wears his own Hair, of a dark brown Colour tied behind, thin Face, fresh Complexion, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a reddish mixt coloured Coat, green Breeches, mottled Silk Stockings, his Hair of a lightish brown Colour, tied behind, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a light coloured Great Coat, a dark brown Under Coat, a Pair of dirty Leather Breeches, dark mixt coloured Stockings, a light coloured Wig, a plain Hat flapped before, and a red Handkerchief about his Neck, is about 5 Feet

rather bloated with Liquor, between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

And the other dressed in a grey coloured Great Coat, a dark coloured second-mourning Coat, with black Buttons and Button-holes, dirty Leather Breeches, dark grey coloured Stockings, and a dark brown frizzled Wig, is about 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, thick-set, and of a pale Complexion.

Notice thereof is hereby given, in Precaution to Merchants and Others, to prevent the Negotiation of any of the Bills feloniously taken out of the said Mail; and also further Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, any of the Persons concerned in forcibly and feloniously taking the said Mail, shall be entitled to a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS for each Person so apprehended and convicted; or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Persons who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Persons who committed the Robbery, be intitled to the like Reward, and also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

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

Victualling-Office, December 18, 1769.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 16th of January next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Sea Provisions to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may touch at Senegal, and be in Want thereof; also Fresh Beef on a separate Contract.

The Conditions of the Contracts may be seen at the Secretary's Office at this Office.

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion, are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 16th of January next.

Whereas Mr. William Cocking, of Barking in Essex, went away from his Friends about Eleven or Twelve Years ago, and has not been heard of since: This is to acquaint him (if living) that if he will inform his Friends where he is, he may hear of something to his Advantage.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt several Years ago issued against John James, late of Nether Knutsford in the County of Chester, Currier, Dealer and Chapman; and he being declared a Bankrupt, surrendered himself, and completed his Examination before the Commissioners, but not obtaining his Certificate, he afterwards absconded, and has not lately been heard of. And whereas an Advertisement was lately inserted in the London Gazette, giving Notice, that, as the eldest Son of the said John James had attained his Age of 21 Years, if the said John James would apply to him, and to the surviving Assignee of his Estate and Effects, a Method might be proposed for settling his Affairs to his Satisfaction; but no Application having been made by the said John James, pursuant to the said Advertisement, it is doubted whether he is living or not: Now Notice is hereby given, that the Creditors of the said John James, who have proved their Debts under the said Commission, are desired to meet the surviving Assignee of his Estates and Effects, at the House of Richard Hancock, the George Inn in Knutsford aforesaid, on Thursday the 11th Day of January next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon; and the said John James, if living, is desired then and there to attend, or if any Person can give Information of his being either alive or dead, such Person is desired to send such Information to Mr. Wright, of Knutsford, before the said 11th Day of January next. Dated this 7th Day of December 1769.

The Creditors of William Join, of Penzance in the County of Cornwall, Merchant, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet his Assignees on Monday the 15th Day of January 1770, at the Sign of the Ship in the Borough of Truro in the said County, on special Affairs.

To be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane, London, The several Trust Estates of the Right Honorable Thomas late Earl of Thanet, deceased, in Fifteen distinct Lots, consisting of several Farms and Woodlands in the several Parishes of Hartfield, Hellingly, Beckley, Peasmarch, and Rye in the County of Sussex, and of several other Woodlands in the several Parishes of Betheriden, Billington, Ruckling, Warhorne, Wittersham, and Sandherit in the County of Kent. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Matter's Chambers, or at the Chambers of Mr. Wood