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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 4th Day of *August*, 1773,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**T**HIS Day the Right Honourable Sir William Lynch, Knight of the Bath, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

*Petersburg*, July 9. The King of Great Britain having been graciously pleased to nominate Robert Gunning, Esq; His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at this Court, to be a Knight Companion of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, and His Majesty being desirous that he should be knighted and invested with the Badges of the said Order in the most Honourable and most distinguished Manner, Mr. Gunning applied to her Imperial Majesty the Empress of Russia, by Order of the King His Master, to desire she would be pleased to represent His Majesty on this Occasion; to which her Imperial Majesty very readily consented, expressing in the strongest Terms her Sentiments of Friendship and Affection towards His Britannick Majesty, and was at the same Time pleased to appoint this Day, (being the Anniversary Festival of her Imperial Majesty's Accession to the Throne) for the Performance of the Ceremony, which was as follows:

Mr. Gunning having, between Four and Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, repaired to the Palace, according to Appointment, he was there received by the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, who conducted him through many of the Royal Apartments, where a great Number of the Nobility and Persons of Distinction were assembled in Honour of the Day, and proceeded to the Apartment destined for the Performance of the Ceremony, where her Imperial Majesty was attended by her Serene Highness the Landgravine of Hesse Darmstadt, and the three Princesses her Daughters, Prince Orlov, Count Panin, Count Zachar Czernichew, and all the Great Officers of State and of the Household. Mr. Gunning being introduced by the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, made a low Reverence on his Entrance, a Second in the Middle of the Room, and a Third on his approaching her Imperial Majesty; and Mr. Gunning then kneeling, the Empress took from a Table a curious Gold-hilted Sword richly ornamented with Diamonds, and touched his left Shoulder three Times with it, pronouncing these Words, *Soyez Bon & Honorable Chevalier au Nom de Dieu*, and laid the Sword upon the Table. Then the Vice-Chancellor Prince Gallitzin presented to her Imperial Majesty the Ribbon of the Order, which the Empress put over the Knight's right Shoulder; and receiving the Star likewise from the Vice-Chancellor, her Imperial Majesty delivered it to Sir Robert Gunning: After which the Empress again took the Sword from the Table, and delivering the same to Sir Robert Gunning, her Imperial Majesty most graciously condescended to do him the Honour of desiring him to wear the Sword with which he had been knighted. Sir Robert Gunning then rose up; and, after expressing to her Imperial Majesty how much he was penetrated by this most gracious and extraordinary Mark of Favour, which he had been pleased to add to that of investing him with the Order, he withdrew, observing the same Ceremony as at his Entrance.

[ Price Three-Pence. ]

*Munich*, July 29. On the 26th Instant the Elector's Name-Day was celebrated at Nymphenburg, where a great Number of the Nobility were assembled; and Yesterday this Court removed to Steisheim, where they propose to remain 'till the Middle of August.

*Hamburg*, July 30. A Proclamation has been published, dated at Friedensbourg the 2d of July, 1773, signed by his Danish Majesty, and countersigned by Count Bernsdorff, by which all Creditors or other Persons, who may have any Demands or Pretensions to form upon the Counties of Aldenbourg and Delmenhorst, on account of Debts contracted either by his present Danish Majesty himself, or by his Predecessors, are ordered to appear at the City of Aldenbourg before one of the Regency of that County, (who is named in the Proclamation) to give in an exact State of their Claims, in such Manner that accurate and authentick Information may be obtained of the Amount thereof.

Yesterday died here, much regretted, in the 73d Year of his Age, Mr. Van Graffen, Fifteen Years a Senator of this City.

*Bregenz*, August 3. For these Ten Days past we have had very heavy Rains, which makes us apprehensive for the Harvest, after the greatest Appearances of a plentiful Crop of every Kind; the Rye, most Part of which was cut before the Rain began, it is to be feared, will suffer much.

BANK OF ENGLAND, July 31, 1773.

**A**T the Request of the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and for the Relief of those who have in their Possession the Diminished Gold Coin of this Kingdom;

This is to give Notice, That on Monday next, the 2d of August, will be taken in at the Bullion-Office in the Bank, at the Rate of Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny per Ounce, any Quantity of Guineas, Half Guineas, and Quarter Guineas, that have been Cut or Defaced, agreeable to the Act of Parliament, not less than Fifty Guineas in a Parcel, and to continue taking in there every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, (Holidays excepted) from the Hours of Nine in the Morning to Three in the Afternoon, till further Notice.

FRANCIS MARTIN, Assistant-Secretary.

Bank of England, August 7, 1773.

By an Act of Parliament passed last Session, it will be Felony, without Benefit of Clergy, for any Persons, after the 29th Day of September next, (except those employed by the Bank) to have in their Possession any Mould or Instrument for making Paper, with the Words BANK OF ENGLAND visible in the Substance of such Paper, or to aid or assist in the Making such Paper.

And, by the same Act, if any Persons (not authorized by the Bank) shall after that Time engrave, cut, etch, or scrape, in Metzatinto, or shall cause or procure to be engraved, cut, etched, or scraped, in Metzatinto, or assist in the Engraving, Cutting, Etching, or Scraping, in Metzatinto, any Promissory Note, or Bill of Exchange, containing the Words BANK OF ENGLAND, or BANK POST BILL, or any Words expressing the Amount of such Note or Bill, in White Letters or Figures on a Black Ground, or use any such Plate, or have it in their Custody, or publish any such Note or Bill, they will on Conviction suffer Six Months Imprisonment.

Robert Lewin, Secretary.