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*Petersburg, December 14.*

**T**HE Weather has been so mild for some Days past, that the Port of Cronstadt is opened again, and a Ship sailed from thence Yesterday, an Instance of which is not remembered at this Time of the Year.

*Berlin, December 25.* His Prussian Majesty, accompanied by Prince Frederick of Brunswick and General Lentulus, came hither on Wednesday last from Potsdam, and the same Day his Majesty gave Audience to the Foreign Ministers. The Queen of Prussia recovers daily from her late Indisposition, but is not yet well enough to partake of the Amusements of the Carnaval which are now begun, and will last as long as his Prussian Majesty stays in Berlin.

*Vienna, December 25.* Their Imperial Majesties received this Day, from Florence, the agreeable News that the Grand Duchess is happily delivered of a Prince.

*Osford, December 29.* The Distemper amongst the horned Cattle is again broken out in several Parts of the Province called West Flanders; a few Districts of which (viz. Courtray, Furnes, Bruges, and Ipres) annually supply their Neighbours with sixty or seventy thousand Head of Black Cattle, of which a Linn alone consumes twelve or fourteen Thousand. In the District of Courtray several infected Cattle have been already killed; and this Week the Distemper has appeared at Sevecote and St. Peter's Capelle, two Villages not above two Leagues from this Town, where six infected Beasts have been killed; notwithstanding which, and the unremitting Attention of the Persons appointed in the Beginning of last Year to superintend every Thing relative to this Contagion, it is apprehended from the desultory Manner of its appearing at Places remote from each other, that it may again become general in this Province.

The Military Cordon, established on this Frontier towards French Flanders on the breaking out of the former Contagion, has not been removed, so that there is no Reason to think that it has been introduced by Infection; it seems rather to proceed from the Influence of the Air, and the Quantity of Rain, with which these low Pasture-Grounds have been overflowed for these last three Months.

*Brassells, January 4.* The Magistrates of Brussells, having received Information that the Distemper amongst the horned Cattle threatened different Places of the Low Countries, and particularly that in the Town of Ninove there was a Stall infected with it, have issued an Ordinance to forbid the Introduction of any Cattle into this Town, and it's Jurisdiction, unless the Conductors of them shall produce good Certificates of Health, together with a Declaration from whence the Cattle come: and it is particularly forbidden to bring into this Town, and it's Jurisdiction, any Cattle coming from Ninove, or from any Place within one League of that Town; and that all Cattle brought into this Town, and it's Jurisdiction, contrary to the said Ordinance, shall be killed, and buried immediately, and those who bring them punished.

*St. James's, January 8.*

His Majesty has been pleased to present Henry Chaytor Clerk, Doctor of Laws, to the Vicarage of Catterick in the County of York and Diocese of Chester, void by the Resignation of Theophilus Lindsay, A. M. the last Incumbent.

*Navy-Office, January 8, 1774.*

*Whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, Money was granted for paying a Bounty for the Year 1773, of Two Shillings and Six Pence a Day to Fifteen Chaplains, and Two Shillings a Day to Fifteen more Chaplains, who have served longest on board His Majesty's Ships of War; provided it appears, by the Books of the said Ships, that they have been actually borne and mustered thereon for the Space of Four Years during the late War with France and Spain; and provided likewise, that such Chaplains do not enjoy the Benefit of some Ecclesiastical Living or Preferment, from the Crown or otherwise, of the present annual Value of Fifty Pounds:*

*The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice to all such Chaplains as are within the aforesaid Description, that they are forthwith to apply to this Office to be admitted to the said Bounty; and at the same Time to deliver a List of the Ships they have served in, together with an Affidavit made before a proper Magistrate, that they have not enjoyed the Benefit of any Ecclesiastical Living or Preferment, from the Crown or otherwise, of the present annual Value of Fifty Pounds, between the 1st of January and 31st of December, 1773, in order that Lists may be made out for the Payment of the aforesaid Bounty.*

*Custom-House, London, January 7, 1774.*

*Whereas it has been represented to the Commissioners of the Customs, by the Collector and Comptroller of Ilfracombe, that on the 31st of December last, at Night, His Majesty's Custom-House at that Port was feloniously broke open, and likewise a Book-Press and Drawers; that the King's Chest was attempted without Success; but that a small Quantity of Paper and two Penknives, which were in the said Press and Drawers, are missing.*

*The Commissioners, in order to bring the Offender or Offenders to Justice, do hereby promise a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS, to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered or apprehended, the said Offender or Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs, upon Conviction.*

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

*General Post Office, January 3, 1774.*

*THE Post-boy who was robbed of the Mail from London, of the 21st of December, was again robbed at Eleven o'Clock on Friday Night last, near Casterton, two Miles North of Stamford, of the Mail of Thursday Night, from this Office, by the same Person, as he verily believes, who robbed him before, and who opened the following Bags, viz. Lincoln, Hull, Grantham, Newcastle, Belford, Morpeth, Alnwick, Berwick, and the Bye Bag, with the Letters from Canton, for the North, and took something out of one*

