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Westminster, February 10.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers: The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for continuing, and granting to His Majesty, certain Duties upon Malt, Mumm, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four.

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty, by a Land Tax to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion; and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

Petersburg, January 18. The reigning Duke of Courland is, by her Imperial Majesty's Consent, to be married to the Princess Youssoupow, in about three Weeks Time; and the Ceremony of Betrothing was performed Yesterday.

On Saturday last Prince Oñow gave a most elegant Ball and Supper to Sir Robert Guining, His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at this Court, and to the Gentlemen of the British Factory established here. Nothing could exceed the Splendor and Hospitality of this Entertainment, except the Politeness and Affability with which the Prince so highly distinguished himself on this Occasion.

An Act for granting Annuities, in the Manner therein provided, to such Persons as shall voluntarily subscribe towards the raising a Sum not exceeding the Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Pounds.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, being highly sensible of the inestimable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and auspicious Reign; and desirous to the utmost of our Power to support your Majesty's Government with Honour, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that as a further Supply to your Majesty, a Sum, not exceeding Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Pounds, shall be raised by granting Life Annuities, or Interest, at the Rate of Six Pounds per Annum, with Benefit of Survivorship: And for that Purpose, Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same. That if any Person or Persons, your Majesty's natural born Subjects or Foreigners, shall, within the several Times, and in Manner herein after particularly mentioned, pay into His Majesty's Treasury in Ireland, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole, the said Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand

Pounds, to be subscribed by them in Sums of One Hundred Pounds each, there shall be paid to such Person or Persons so paying and advancing the same respectively, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or to the Person or Persons legally authorized by them to receive the same, by the Hands of the Vice-Treasurer or Vice-Treasurers, Pay-master or Receiver-General, his or their Deputy or Deputies, Annuities of Six Pounds per Annum, for each and every Hundred Pounds so subscribed and paid, for and during the Lives of the Persons to be nominated by the Persons subscribing and paying the said Sum and Sums respectively, together with such additional Interest as shall accrue by Survivorship, in Manner herein after provided; and that the said Annuities shall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three; and shall be paid Half Yearly in equal Portions, on every Twenty-fourth Day of June, and Twenty-fifth Day of December, in every Year.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Sum of Twenty Pounds, Part of each One Hundred Pounds, so to be subscribed, shall be paid into the said Treasury on or before the First Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four; and that a further Sum of Forty Pounds per Cent. thereof be paid on or before the First Day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four; and that the remaining Sum of Forty Pounds per Cent. to complete the Payment of every such Subscription of One Hundred Pounds, be paid on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of July, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four; at or before which last mentioned Time, all and every Person and Persons having completed the Payment of the Sum or Sums by him, her, or them, subscribed respectively, shall name such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall think proper, to be the Person or Persons for and during whose Life or Lives the said Annuity or Annuities, with the said Benefit of Survivorship, shall be respectively paid; and that every Subscriber may subscribe and pay as many Sums of One Hundred Pounds each as he or she shall think fit; and that all and every Person and Persons subscribing and paying as aforesaid, may name to the Vice-Treasurer or Vice-Treasurers, Pay-master, or Receiver-General, his or their Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, one or more Life or Lives, at his, her or their Discretion, for the Sum or Sums by him, her, or them subscribed and paid, so as no more Lives than one be named for each distinct Sum of One Hundred Pounds, so subscribed and paid; and every Person so subscribing and paying, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall receive such Annuity or Interest as aforesaid, together with such Benefit of Survivorship as is herein after provided, for every Hundred Pounds subscribed and paid as aforesaid, during the Life so named, for every such Sum of One Hundred Pounds respectively; and that every such Subscriber may name one and the same Life, for so many of such several and distinct Sums of One Hundred Pounds each, so subscribed and paid, as such Subscriber shall think fit; and that the several Nominees in the said Life-Annuities shall be or