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St. James's, March 15.

THE King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Frederick North, commonly called Lord North, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, to be His Majesty's Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Somerset.

St. James, March 14.

This Day the Count de Scarnafs, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia, had his Audience of Leave of His Majesty.

And afterwards the Marquis de Cordon, his Successor in the same Capacity, had his first Private Audience of His Majesty, to deliver his Credentials.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochford, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, March 12, 1774.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to His Majesty, That the Shop, Still-House, and Store-Ce llers, of John Bockett, in the Borough High-Street within the Parish of Saint Saviour Southwark in the County of Surry, Distiller, have at sundry Times been robbed of a large Quantity of Spirituous Liquors to a considerable Value: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the said Robbery, doth hereby promise His most gracious Pardon to any One who shall make a Discovery of his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Robbery, (except the Person who actually committed the same,) if that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a further Encouragement, the said John Bockett doth hereby promise a Reward of **FIFTY POUNDS** to any Person or Persons who shall make such a Discovery, to be paid upon the Conviction of one or more of the Parties concerned in the said Robbery, except the Person who actually committed the same.

John Bockett.

East-India House, March 8, 1774.

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

That, notwithstanding the said Court proceeded with the utmost Caution in determining the Manner and Order of choosing Directors, agreeable to the late Act of Parliament for establishing certain Regulations for the better Management of the Affairs of the East-India Company, as well in India as in Europe; and that they were warranted in the Mode of Election advertised on the 23d of February, by the concurrent Opinions of Mr. Sayer, Mr. Dunning, and Mr. Madocks, as being perfectly legal; yet various Doubts having arisen, under the Intoxicants and Difficulties which the Act of Parliament presents upon every Alternative; and several other Lawyers, equally eminent in their Profession, viz. Mr. Solicitor-General, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Wallace, having delivered their Opinions, "That the said Mode, as proposed by the Court of Directors, is

totally illegal;" The Court, in order to avoid the dangerous Consequences of any Error in their Proceedings, on a Subject of so much Importance, have again taken the same under their most deliberate Consideration, together with the several Opinions of Council above referred to, and have unanimously come to the following Resolutions, as the Manner and Order seemingly agreed by all to be free from any legal Objections; for choosing Six Directors expressly for the Term of One Year; Six other Directors for the Term of Two Years; Six other Directors for the Term of Three Years; and the remaining Six Directors for the Term of Four Years, according to the Words of the Act.

That the Election shall be by Ballot of the Proprietors on the 13th of April next, from Nine o'Clock in the Morning, until Six in the Evening.

That each Proprietor shall give in a List, containing Twenty-four Names of Persons duly qualified, divided into four Classes of,

Six for the Term of one Year,

Six for the Term of two Years,

Six for the Term of three Years,

Six for the Term of four Years.

That the Six Candidates, who shall have the greatest Number of Votes in any one Class, shall be the Directors chosen for the Period for which they shall be so classed, and that no Votes shall be transferred from one Class to another; and if any Dispute shall arise upon an Equality of Votes between any two or more Candidates in any of the said Classes, the same is to be reported by the Scrutineers to the General Court, that the Choice may be determined in the said Court by Lot, conformably to the Directions in the Company's Charter, for that Purpose.

General Post-Office, March 14, 1774.

LAST Saturday Night ~~the~~ Mail, containing the Bags of Letters from Derby, Ashbourne and Burton upon Trent, which should have arrived here this Morning, was stolen from the Post-Office at Loughborough whilst the Boy was putting his Horse in the Stable;

Whoever shall apprehend the Person or Persons, who stole the said Mail, will be intitled to a Reward of **FIFTY POUNDS**, to be paid on Conviction agreeably to an Advertisement from this Office the 27th of January, 1770, for encouraging the immediate Pursuit of Mail-Robbers. Or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the said Theft, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Person, who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Person who committed this Theft, be intitled to the said Reward of Fifty Pounds, and will also receive His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon.

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

Admiralty-Office, February 18, 1774.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery, for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Friday the 22d of April next, at Justice-Hall in the Old-Bailey, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Ph. Stephens.