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Petersburg, March 4.

THE Zeal which the Inhabitants of Casan have manifested on the late Occasion, in raising a Body of Cavalry for the Service of Government, and other Marks of their Affection to their Sovereign, have been thought to merit her Imperial Majesty's Thanks, which have been conveyed to them in the most gracious Manner.

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 23^d 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 Intricacies 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 prescribed 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 class'd, 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.

[Price Three-Pence.]

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.

General Post-Office, January 11, 1774.

WILLIAM Harvey, of Amersham in the County of Bucks, Innholder, and Deputy-Postmaster of that Place, stands charged upon Oath, on a violent Suspicion of having feloniously stolen out of the Post-Office there, several Bank Notes and Bills contained in Letters sent by the Post.

The said William Harvey absconded from his Dwelling-House at Amersham aforesaid, on Sunday last the 9th Instant. He is about forty Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, very fat, short Neck, and carries his Head very upright; is remarkably full chested, rather a black Complexion, short thick Nose, very full Eyes, wears a black curled Wig with a Tyburn Top, and is supposed to have had on a brown Coat and red Waistcoat when he absconded.

Whosoever shall apprehend and convict; or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the said William Harvey, will be intitled to a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS.

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

Navy-Office, March 2, 1774.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to contract for the Stores under-mentioned, for His Majesty's Service, on the Days against the same expressed, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, that they may attend with their Proposals at those Times, viz.

- Dantzick Goods, Wednesday March 30.
- Tar East-Country, Tuesday April 5.
- Hemp, Wednesday April 6.
- Iron, Friday April 8.

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 22^d of April next, at Justice-Hall in the Old-Bailey, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Ph. Stephens.