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*Petersburgh, May 3.*  
**Y**ESTERDAY being the Anniversary of her Imperial Majesty's Birth-day, there was a very brilliant and numerous Court in the Morning; and in the Evening a Ball and Supper, both which the Empress honoured with her Presence, being the only Time her Imperial Majesty has supped in publick for many Years.

Upon this Occasion, the Order of St. Alexander was given to General Potemkin, and the same Mark of Distinction sent to M. Reinstorff, Governor of Oremberg, accompanied with a Present of fifteen thousand Roubles. General Bibikow was promoted from the Rank of Major to that of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Guards. An Express arrived from this Officer on Saturday Night last, with an Account, that Prince Galitzin had again engaged a Body of the Rebels, commanded by their Chief, on the Borders of the Yaick; which he entirely defeated, Pugatcheff escaping with only fourteen Men. It seems that after the former Action he found Means to assemble some Thousands of the Fugitives, with which he engaged a second Time with the above Corps. When the Express came away General Bibikow was near Oremberg, and so ill of a Fever as to be scarcely able to sign the Report.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, Stable-Yard, St. James's, May 28, 1774.*

Such Ladies as desire to dance-Minuets at the Ball at St. James's, on Saturday next the 4th of June, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Thursday the 2d of June, and to send for their Tickets the next Day, (Friday) between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon. N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Birth-Day, after Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

*St. James's, May 28.*

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by the Right Honourable the Lord Cathcart, His Majesty's High Commissioner, to the Earl of Suffolk, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, embrace with Pleasure this first Opportunity which our Meeting in a General Assembly affords us, of approaching your Throne with humble Congratulations on the Birth of another Prince.

Attached to your Majesty by that Affection which your Majesty's amiable Qualities inspire, we cannot but rejoice in an Event which adds to your domestic Felicity. The Loyalty which we bear to our Sovereign, and a deep Sense of the intimate Connexion betwixt the Prosperity of your Royal Family, and the Publick Welfare, increase our Satisfaction. Engaged as we are by every Motive of Duty and Interest to wish the Continuance of the British Sceptre in your illustrious House, we regard every Addition to your Royal Family as a new Pledge of the Securities of our Religion and Liberties. We adore the Goodness of God, who, by

the flourishing State of your Royal House, and the persevering Wisdom and Clemency of your Government, affords us so much Reason to be grateful for the Happiness which we now enjoy, and for the future Prospects which are before us.

That His gracious Protection may ever continue to watch over your Royal Person, your illustrious Consort the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and every Branch of your august Race; that His Spirit may prompt all your Majesty's Undertakings, His Wisdom may direct all your Councils, and His Providence crown them with Success; and that, after having long made that extensive and flourishing Empire over which you reign happy by your mild and just Administration; you may at length attain the full Reward of those righteous Princes who shall shine as the Brightness of the Firmament in the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, are the sincere Prayers of,

Most Gracious Sovereign, Your Majesty's most faithful, obedient, and loyal Subjects, The Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

At Edinburgh, *Robert Henry, Moderator.*  
 May 23, 1774.

*St. James's, May 24, 1774.*

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that, in the Morning of the 3d Instant; the Boat belonging to the Hawke Cutter, in the Service of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Falmouth, coming round Deadman Point, was chased by a large new Irish Cutter of about One Hundred Tons Burthen, mounted with Eight Carriage and Twenty Swivel Guns, with Twenty five Men on Board, and forced on Shore; and that the Crew of the said Cutter fired a great Number of Shot from their Carriage and Swivel Guns at the Boat, in order to destroy her and the Persons on Board the said Boat, and continued so firing for a considerable Time after they were got on Shore, and were climbing up the Hill at the Deadman Point; after which they gave Chace to the Hawke Cutter, and forced her into the said Port: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Offence, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

**S U F F O L K.**

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, to the Person making such Discovery, to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

*Edward Stanley, Secretary.*

Custom-House, London, May 26, 1774.

**F O R S A L E,**

**B**Y Order of the Honourable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, &c. (in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament of the Third Year of His present Majesty) on Tuesday the 7th, Wednesday the 8th, and Thursday the 9th, and in the following Week, on Tuesday the 14th and Wednesday the 15th of June, 1774, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoons of the said Days, will be put up to Sale in the Long Room in the Custom-House, London,