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*St. James's, January 11.*  
**T**HIS Day His Majesty was pleased to invest the Duke of Gordon with the Ensigns of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarre, Esq; Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod, (in the Absence of the Secretary) the Duke was then called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by Lord Cathcart and the Duke of Buccleugh, two Knights Companions of the Thistle, and supported on each Side by the Earls of Portmore and March, the two senior Knights of the Order; Mr. Brodie, Principal Herald of Scotland, (in Place of the Gentleman Usher of the Green Rod) carrying the Sword of State.

At the Entrance a low Reverence was made, a second about the Middle, and, on being advanced up to the Sovereign, a third. The Duke being presented by the two senior Knights, and, kneeling down, the Herald drew the Sword, and (kneeling) delivered it to the Sovereign, who thereupon knighted his Grace. The Duke having kissed His Majesty's Hand, Green Rod administered the Oath to his Grace; then Green Rod, having received the Ensigns of the Order, presented the same (kneeling) to the Sovereign upon a Velvet Cushion, who put the Ribbon over the Duke's Left Shoulder, upon which his Grace had again the Honour of Kissing His Majesty's Hand. After this the Duke rose up, and, making a low Reverence, withdrew in the same Manner as he had entered.

The Ceremony was performed, soon after the Levee, in His Majesty's Clolet, several of the Great Officers of the State and Court being present.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 14, 1775.*

Such Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Wednesday next the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Monday next the 16th Instant, and to send for their Tickets the next Day, 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 Day of the said Ball after Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 14, 1775.*

To prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before their Majesties that is allotted for Minuet Dancing being exceedingly crowded, it is requested, that those Ladies only who mean to dance will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places.

*Petersburg, December 20.* Her Imperial Majesty's Journey to Moscow is postponed to the End of this Year, or the Beginning of the next.

*Florence, December 24.* The Great Dutchess was this Day delivered of a Prince; her Royal Highness and the young Prince are as well as can be expected.

*Dresden, December 25.* The 23d Instant being the Elector of Saxony's Birth-Day, their Electoral Highnesses in the Morning received the Compliments of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers on the Occasion, and in the Evening there was a Gala Drawing-Room at Court.

*Copenhagen, December 31.* After a very gentle Thaw of several Days, the Frost recommenced on Wednesday Night with more Severity than ever.

*Hamburg, January 3.* The Bailiffs of some Districts in the Dutchy of Holstein having reported to the Chancery at Copenhagen, that a Mortality had lately broken out again among the Horned Cattle, in order to prevent the Infection from spreading, Orders have been sent, that, upon the Appearance of the least Symptom, all Cattle thus infected be immediately killed, and interred with their Hides on.

*Osney, January 3.* By an Ordinance of the Board of Finances, dated the 21st of December last, Cloths and Woollen Stuffs of all Kinds, as also Cotton and Velvets, are permitted to pass this Country through the Towns of Ipses, Courtray, Tournay, and Mons, on paying at the Rate of Five per Cent. Transit Duty, according to their Value.

*Paris, January 4.* The Distemper among the Horned Cattle, which at first broke out in Gascony, has now extended itself to the Provinces of Perigord and Languedoc, and has made great Havock: It appears to be so contagious as to have been carried in the Cloaths of a Person from Gascony to Perigord.

*St. James's, January 10, 1775.*

*Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that, since the First Day of December last past, some wicked and malicious Persons have several Times in the Night entered into the Marsh Lands situate in the different Levels of Poplar in the County of Middlesex, and the respective Levels of Plaistow, East-Ham, West-Ham, Barking, and Ripley, in the County of Essex, and have feloniously killed, maimed, and destroyed Forty fat Sheep, by stabbing them in their Necks, and maiming them in different Parts of their Bodies, for the Purpose of stealing their Fat, and thereby so mangled the said Sheep that they could not be offered to Sale: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Perpetrators of such wicked and malicious Crimes, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of the Persons concerned therein, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices in the same, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

SUFFOLK.

*And, as a farther Encouragement, we, John Cook, of High-street, Whitechapel, Butcher, and William Worth, of Tower-Street, Butcher, do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid; the said Reward to be paid by us, on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.*

John Cook.  
 Will. Worth.

*Irish Annuities with Benefit of Survivorship.*

**T**HE Subscribers to the Life Annuities established in Ireland, who are to be paid in London, may receive One Year's Annuity, due on the 25th Day of December last, by applying to Mess. Browns and Collinson, Bankers in Lombard-street, on the following Days, from Nine in the Forenoon till Two in the Afternoon: The first Class on the 23d and 24th of January instant; the second Class on the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th ditto; the third Class on the 30th and 31st ditto, and on the 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th of February. Those of each Class remaining unpaid will be paid every Wednesday following, during the aforesaid Hours: The Debenture to be produced, and a Certificate of the Life of the Nominee; the Form of which may be had by applying as above.