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Stockholm, May 19.

THE Town of Philipstادت in Wermeland is entirely burnt down, together with all the Magazines of Corn.

The King's Voyage to Finland, which was delayed till the Coast was free from Ice, will take Place the 22d Instant; his Majesty will embark here, attended by the two Senators Counts Ulrich Scheffer and Liewen, and the Chamberlains Taube, Poffe, Ehrensfward, and Oxenshierna.

Florence, May 20. The Great Duke fet out early in the Morning of the 18th, attended only by Count Goes, Captain of the Guardia Reale; his Royal Highness will meet the Emperor either at Verona or Parma, from whence they will go together to Venice, and are expected here after the Ascension.

St. James's June 3.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, containing a Grant unto the Reverend Richard Dobbs, Clerk, Master of Arts, of the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour's Connor, with the Rectories and Vicarages thereunto belonging, together with the entire Rectory of the Island of Magee in the said Kingdom, vacant by the Death of the Reverend Hill Benfon, Clerk, late Dean thereof.

St. James's, June 3.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Abdy Rutherford, of St. John's College in the University of Cambridge, Esquire, His Royal Licence to assume and take the Surname of Abdy only.

St. James's, June 3, 1775.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on the 3d Day of last March, Mr. Robert Hunter, Collector of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Montrose in Scotland, did receive by the Post, under his Address, an anonymous Threatening Letter, without either Date or Signature; and that on the 20th Day of April last, Mr. David Reid, Inspector General of the Customs, did also receive an anonymous Threatening Letter, under his Address, by the Post, signed "Nine" dated the 12th Day of April 1775; of which Letters the following are Copies, viz.

Sir

The receiving this Letter from an unknown hand, and unsubscribed, may no doubt be matter of Wonder and Surprise to you, but as I always have a pleasure of being Serviceable to mankind, and of preventing Mischief when impending to any Person (altho' never so worthless) as much as lies in my power, is the reason for my making free to acquaint you of the following particulars, the knowledge of which, I only got not many hours ago, if its well taken as a Caution shall be infinitely glad, which will best Appear by your after Conduct, if otherwise, I shall only think my trouble lost, and whatever may be the Consequence afterwards I shall be very indifferent.

Having occasion yesterday to be a few Miles from home on Business, I happened to fall in with a small but Sensible Company, after talking over a great many Things, the Conversation turned at last upon a Subject altogether foreign to me, namely several Prosecutions which have of late been commenced against different Persons in and about the neighbourhood of the Place you live in, particularly to the Northward, and was entirely confounded to hear, that you are the principal Instigator, and actor of such hellish Schemes, as commencing these Prosecutions to

prove those persons to be Smugglers, or Importers of prohibited Goods, in order to which you with some others, your accomplices, have suborned a set of the most worthless Perjured, Infamous lowliv'd Rogues; that perhaps Scotland, nay, the whole world cannot produce such like perfidious wretches, Consummate Knaves, and the very dregs of mankind; yea, more Generosity is to be had from the most savage Tyger, that roams in the wild of Nubia, If this is the case (which god; you, and your accomplices only know) I think you must undoubtedly be the most unhappy of all men — I naturally enquired, what motive, one in your office and Rank could have in such wickedness, it was answered, your motives were thought to be partly Envy and Revenge, but mostly mercenary, and that for a very inconsiderable trifle to yourself (after paying your Banditti you pay no Regard to the ruining Individuals, or whole Families) The men who you have injured so much, now after coming to the perfect knowledge, that you are the main Spring of action, are, and justly raised to a Degree of rage next to Madness, and are determined, that if you do not immediately stop procedure in these matters, that you will be treated as a Common Enemy, and were their case mine, I would look upon you worse than a Highwayman; and treat you as such first opportunity, which I understand you have reason to expect; and if that should happen (as god forbid) I am absolutely convinced, the world would justify the Action, and pray, what fine Reflection must your Family and Friends have, when they think of the great honours, you have brought on yourself and them. But allowing you still go on in your ordinary Career; and meet with no disaster or Obstacle, and that you get your wicked designs accomplished, that you cause a few people leave their Country, that you get them ruined to all Intents, that you get their families made destitute, and that by their destruction you get a number of those detestable Knaves you employ, into low dirty Offices, to be always plotting, swearing and perjuring themselves, as tools to your inflexible barbarity and voracious Appetite; pray what mighty Conquest do you make? — Yes, you make a few men that might live peaceable in their Families, Miserable Vagabonds, and send those ignorant fellows, who are subservient to you, directly to the Devil, and yourself at their head. It might be thought that one of your sense could never have thought of degrading yourself so much, by being engaged in so horrid actions, and with such low pauntry Company, which must render you infamous to the last degree, and without a speedy amendment of your manners you must leave the world with a most abominable Character; and how hideous must your Reflections be, to think that you cannot survive long, I may say, looking into the grave and such a load of Iniquity on your back — pardon me for being so tedious, only let me add that if your years shall be lengthened yet sometime, It will be your wisdom to change your method to a better way of thinking, which if done must soon appear, otherwise blame yourself, if the Consequences are fatal. I am.

Sir

Your Crimes are now at a height: your Oppression and Influence in the exercise of your Office, are become so glaring that they call aloud for Vengeance, You trust to your Friends; but there are some who pretend to be so who would be happy to see you sacrificed to the Mandes of injured Innocence — Know then proud villain, that as your Life is now become odious in the sight of God and all good People,