

also, upon Application to them, to give, or cause to be given, unto the Agents who shall, at any Time or Times, be appointed as aforesaid by the Captors, all such Lists from the Muster-Books of any such Ships of War, and annexed Lists, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in paying the Produce of such Prizes, and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents, as shall be necessary. And as touching the said One Eighth Part, herein before mentioned to be granted to the Flag or Flag Officers, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, or shall be directing and assisting therein, We have thought fit, and do, by these Presents, publish, order, and declare, that the following Regulations be observed; First, That a Flag Officer commanding in Chief, where there is but One Flag Officer upon Service, shall have to his own Use the said One Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by Ships under his Command: Secondly, That a Flag Officer sent to command at Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Right to any Share of the Prizes taken by Ships employed there, before he arrives at the Place to which he is sent, and actually takes upon him the Command: Thirdly, That when an inferior Flag Officer is sent out to reinforce a superior Flag Officer at Jamaica, or elsewhere, the said superior Flag Officer shall have no Right to any Share in the Prizes taken by them before they arrive within the Limits of his Command, and actually receive some Orders from him: Fourthly, That a Chief Flag Officer returning Home from Jamaica, or elsewhere, shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by the Ships left behind to act under another Command: Fifthly, That if a Flag Officer is sent to command in the Out-parts of this Kingdom, he shall have no Share of the Prizes taken by Ships that sailed from that Port, by Order from the Admiralty: Sixthly, That when more Flag Officers than One serve together, the Eighth Part of the Prizes taken by any Ships of the Fleet, or Squadron, shall be divided in the following Proportions; videlicet, If there be but Two Flag Officers, the Chief shall have Two Third Parts of the said One Eighth Part, and the other shall have the remainin Third Part; but if the Number of Flag Officers be more than Two, the Chief shall have only One Half, and the other Half shall be divided equally among the other Flag Officers: Seventhly, That Commodores, with Captains under them, shall be esteemed as Flag Officers, with respect to their Right to an Eighth Part of Prizes taken, whether commanding in Chief, or serving under Command.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-second Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

St. James's, December 30.

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, of the County of Peebles, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Robert Murray Keith, Knight of the Bath, their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace,
Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax,
of the County of Peebles.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, of the County of Peebles, beg Leave, upon the present very serious and alarming Occasion, to express, with perfect Unanimity, that warm Affection and Gratitude which we have and owe to your Royal Person, under whose auspicious Government we feel, in common with all your Majesty's Subjects, every Blessing that the best Laws, executed by the best of Kings, can possibly produce.

We lament the Situation of those of your Majesty's Subjects in America, who, by the Artifices and false Suggestions of designing Men, have been induced to go into Rebellion, from the groundless Apprehensions of their Property being rendered precarious, and their

Liberties destroyed, by their submitting to be taxed by the British Legislature.

We detest all the illegal and disloyal Artifices that have been used for seducing your Majesty's American Subjects, not only to violate the Law in the Destruction of Private Property, but also to resist and destroy all legal Authority, and at last, by open Rebellion, even to dispute the Sovereignty of the British Legislature.

We likewise beg Leave to testify our Disapprobation and Dislike of all the licentious, seditious, and poisonous Doctrines, which have of late been maintained and published, either by speaking or writing, that have a Tendency, at this critical Juncture, to add to the Deception of the deluded People of America, by making them believe that their Rebellion is lawful, and approved of, by the Subjects of Britain.

We confide in the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, aided and supported by your Parliament, and in the Valour of your Majesty's Arms, that every proper Means will be used successfully, under the kind Protection of Heaven, for bringing our deluded Fellow-Subjects of America to a just Sense of their Duty of Obedience to the supreme Legislative Authority of these Kingdoms, and to eradicate those groundless Apprehensions that seem to have inflamed their Minds; that the Reconciliation may be sincere and permanent; and we beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our Wish and most earnest Desire to exert every Means we can to strengthen the Power of your Government.

We pray God, that your Majesty may long reign over us; and that the British Dominions, united in your Reign, may be transmitted in that State to your Majesty's latest Posterity.

Signed, in our Name, and by our Appointment, at Peebles, the 14th of December, 1775.

Ja. Montgomery.

Lord Chamberlain's-Office, December 30, 1775.

Notice is hereby given, That there will be a Drawing Room at St. James's on Monday next, being New Year's Day, on which Account there will be no Drawing Room there on the Thursday following.

Vienna, December 16. His Royal Highness the Archduke Maximilian returned hither on Thursday, in perfect Health, from his Tour through Italy.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,
December 23, 1775.

THE Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 26th Day of June next, or as soon after as may be, the following Estates will be let on Lease, to commence the 12th Day of May, 1776, viz. Kirkbank Close and the East Side of Greens Cross, Part of Maggees Lands, now in the Tenure or Occupation of John Elliot; that Part of Haydon West Leigh, also Part of Maggees Lands, now in the Tenure or Occupation of William Wear; that Part of Haydon Town Farm, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the Representatives of Mr. Francis Stokoe, or their Under-Tenants; that Part of Millhills, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Michael Topping and Ann Brown; Gibson's Farm at Fourstones, now in the Tenure or Occupation of George Gibson and others; Lambert's Farm at Fourstones, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Cuthbert Lambert; Peelwell, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Henry Atkinson; Whitfield's Tenement, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Henry Atkinson; that Part of Alionside Farm, held by Agreement for Ninety-nine Years, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the Representatives of Thomas Walker; Baggraw Farm, now in the Tenure or Occupation of George Jackson's Representatives, and the Tythes arising and renewing within four Closes or Parcels of Ground at Broxfield, called the Fore Fields, and the Tythe Hay of the Stanke, and the Meadow thereunto adjoining, known by the Name of Ginfild or Ginesfield, alias the Gilfen Meadow, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Michael Doubleday, Esq; all which Premises are in the County of Northumberland; and Kefwick Tythes,