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From **Tuesday** June 4, to **Saturday** June 8, 1776.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 5th of June, 1776.
P R E S E N T,
The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day his Grace George Montagu, Duke of Montagu, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

St. James's, June 8.

The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace George Duke of Montagu to be Governor; Richard, Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, Preceptor; Lieutenant Colonel George Hotham, Sub-Governor; and The Reverend William Arnald, B. D. Sub-Preceptor; to Their Royal Highnesses George Augustus Frederick, Prince of Wales, and to Prince Frederick, Bishop of Osnabrug.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the Right Honourable Thomas Bruce Lord Bruce, and his Heirs Male, by the Name, Style, and Title of Earl of Ailesbury in the County of Buckingham.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Hyde, and his Heirs Male by Charlotte his present Lady, by the Name, Style, and Title of Earl of Clarendon.

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of a Viscount of the Kingdom of Great Britain unto the Right Honourable Robert Lord Trevor, and his Heirs Male, by the Name, Style, and Title of Viscount Hampden, of Great and Little Hampden in the County of Buckingham.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Samuel Pipe, of Staffold in the County of Stafford, Esq; (Son of Samuel Pipe, Clerk, Rector of Wolton upon Trent, and Vicar of Croxall in the County of Derby, by Dorothy his Wife, Daughter and Coheirefs of Stanford Wolfertan, of Staffold aforesaid, Esq; deceased) and to his Issue, His Royal Licence and Authority to take upon him and them the Surname of Wolfertan, and also to bear the Arms of Wolfertan, (such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office;) and also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in the College of Arms.

St. James's, June 5.

This Day Lieutenant General Baron de Schlieffen, Minister Plenipotentiary from the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, had his Audience of Leave of His Majesty.

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Suffolk, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Charles Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, June 8, 1776.

PUBLICK Information is hereby given, That there will be no Drawing-Room at *St. James's* on Sundays, till further Notice.

Die Lunæ, 13^o Maii, 1776.

ORDERED by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, That the Commissioners of His Majesty's Excise do write circular Letters to all such Persons whom they have Reason to suspect to have Plate, as also those who have not paid regularly the Duty on the same, and lay before this House, on the First Day of the next Session of Parliament, the Names of those Persons to whom such Letters have gone, specifying those who have, and those who have not, complied with the Requisitions of such Letters.

Ordered, That the said Order be inserted in The London Gazette for Four Saturdays following.

Ashley Cowper, Cler. Parliamentor.

Admiralty-Office, June 8, 1776.

BY Letters received from Vice Admiral Shuldham, dated at Halifax the 25th of April last, it appears, that on the 15th of that Month, Captain Furneaux of the Syren, one of the Frigates under his Command, took a Brigantine belonging to the Rebels, which was carrying, from Philadelphia to Charles Town in South Carolina, a Company of Artillery, consisting of a Captain, commissioned by the Continental Congress, and 79 Men, most of whom have since entered into His Majesty's Service with General Clinton: It also appears, that the other Cruizers of his Squadron had intercepted and taken Forty-four Merchant Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesty's rebellious Subjects in North America; and that Captain Barkley, of the Scarborough, who had been sent to Savannah, in the Province of Georgia, for Provisions, had liberated Thirteen Vessels richly laden, which had been seized and detained there by the Rebels: And the Admiral transmits, with the abovementioned Letters, the following Account which he had received from Captain Tyringham Howe of his Engagement in the Glasgow with Five Armed Ships and Vessels of the Rebels, viz.

“ On Saturday the 6th of April, 1776, at Two, A. M. Block Island, then bearing N. W. about Eight Leagues, we discovered a Fleet on the Weather-beam, consisting of Seven or Eight Sail; tacked and stood towards them, and soon perceived them to be two or three large Ships, and other Square Rigged Vessels; turned all Hands to Quarters, hauled up the Main-tail, and kept standing on to the N. W. with a light Breeze, and smooth Water, the Fleet then coming down before it. At Half past Two, a large Brig came within Hail, and seemed to hesitate about giving any Answer; but still kept standing towards us; and, on being asked what other Ships were in Company with her, they answered, *The Columbus and Alfred, a 22 Gun Frigate*. And almost immediately a Hand Granadoe was thrown out of her Top. We exchanged our Broadfides: She then shot a-head, and lay on our Bow, to make Room for a large Ship, with a Top-light, to come on our Broadside, and another Ship ran under our Stern, raked as she passed, and then luff up on our Lee-beam, whilst a Brig took her Station on our Larboard Quarter; and a Sloop kept altering her Station occasionally. At Four the Station of every Vessel was altered, as the two Ships had dropt on each Quarter, and a Brig kept astern, giving a continual Fire. Bore away, and made Sail for Rhode Island, with the whole Fleet within Musket Shot on our Quarters and Stern. Got two Stern Chase Guns out of the Cabin, and kept giving and receiving a very warm Fire. At Day-Light perceived the Rebel Fleet to consist of two Ships, two Brigs, and a Sloop, and a large Ship and a Snow which kept to Windward as soon as the Action began. At Half past Six the Fleet hauled their Wind, and at Seven tacked and stood to the S. S. W. We had one Man killed and three wounded by the Musquetry from the Enemy.”

The following is a State of the Rebel Armed Vessels abovementioned:

Alfred, commanded by Hopkins, 20 Nine Pounders on the Lower, 6 Ten Pounders on the Upper Deck; 220 Men, including 60 Marines.
Columbus, commanded by Whipple, 18 Nine Pounders on the Lower, 10 Six Pounders on the Upper Deck; 220 Men, including 60 Marines.

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