

hath been graciously pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, dated the Sixth Day of May, in the Sixteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, to nominate and appoint me Richard Viscount Howe, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and William Howe, Esq; General of His Forces in North America, and each of us, jointly and severally, to be His Majesty's Commissioner and Commissioners for granting His Free and General Pardons to all those, who in the Tumult and Disorder of the Times, may have deviated from their just Allegiance, and who are willing, by a speedy Return to their Duty, to reap the Benefits of the Royal Favour; and also for declaring in His Majesty's Name, any Colony, Province, County, Town, Port, District or Place, to be at the Peace of His Majesty; I do therefore hereby declare, That due Consideration shall be had to the meritorious Services of all Persons who shall aid and assist in restoring the public Tranquillity in the said Colonies, or in any Part or Parts thereof: That Pardons shall be granted, dutiful Representations received, and every suitable Encouragement given for promoting such Measures as shall be conducive to the Establishment of legal Government and Peace, in Pursuance of His Majesty's most gracious Purposes aforesaid.

Given on Board His Majesty's Ship the Eagle, off the Coasts of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, the 20th Day of June, 1776.
(Signed) H O W E.

Copy of the Paper, numbered 3, referred to in the above Letter.

In Congress, July 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a Copy of the Circular Letters and of the Declarations they inclosed from Lord Howe to Mr. Franklin, Mr. Penn, Mr. Eden, Lord Dunmore, Mr. Martin, and Sir James Wright, late Governors, sent to Amboy by a Flag, and forwarded to Congress by General Washington, be published in the several Gazettes, that the good People of these United States may be informed of what Nature are the Commissioners; and what the Terms, with the Expectation of which the insidious Court of Great Britain has endeavoured to amuse and disarm them; and that the few who still remain suspended by a Hope founded either in the Justice or Moderation of their late King may now at length be convinced that the Valour alone of their Country is to save its Liberties.

Extract from the Journals,
(Signed) Charles Thomson, Secretary.

Copy of the Paper numbered 4, referred to in the above Letter.

Rhode Island, Providence Plantations, Newport, July 21, 1776.

MY LORD,

I Am favored with your Lordship's Letter of the 20th of June last, inclosing your Declaration: I have communicated them to the General Assembly of this State now sitting here; and, at their Request, inform your Lordship, that they will transmit Copies of them to the most Honorable the General Congress of the United States of America, to whom every Application respecting the Disputes between the said States and Great Britain ought to be addressed, and must be referred.

I have the Honor to be, with great Esteem and Respect,
MY LORD,

(Addressed) Your Lordship's
On the Public Service. Most obedient
To his Excellency Lord Humble Servant,
Viscount Howe, Admiral of His Britannick Majesty's Fleet, &c.
on Board the Eagle.
(Signed) Nich. Cooke.

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,
Nicholas Cooke.

Copy of a Letter from General Howe to Lord George Germain, dated Head Quarters, Staten Island, August 15, 1776.

MY LORD,

I have the Honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Dispatches of the 11th and

On the 12th the Two Fleets, under Convoy of Commodore Hotham, and the Repulse, met off this Harbour and came in together; the Guards and Hessians on Board are reported to be very healthy. The Camp Equipage is also come, and no Time will be lost in proceeding upon the Operations of the Campaign.

Lord Dunmore and Lord William Campbell arrived Yesterday from the Southward, with Sir Peter Parker: Being anxious to send off this Packet, I defer being more particular until the next Departure.

I have the Honour to be, &c.
WILL. HOWE.

Dublin, September 24, 1776.

Sunday last, being the Anniversary of Their Majesties Coronation, in the Morning the Flag was hoisted on Bedford Tower. At Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks; and Yesterday Evening a Play was given by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the Entertainment of the Ladies; and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

IN Pursuance of the Directions of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act to enable the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his Warrants to make out new Writs for the Choice of Members to serve in Parliament, in the room of such Members as shall die during the Recess of Parliament;" I do hereby give Notice, That the Death of Francis Herne, Esq; late Member of Parliament for the Borough of Camelford in the County of Cornwall, hath been certified to me in Writing, under the Hands of two Members of Parliament; and that I shall issue my Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the Electing of a Burgess to serve in this present Parliament for the said Borough of Camelford, in the room of the said Francis Herne, Esq; deceased, at the End of Fourteen Days after the Insertion of this Notice in the Gazette. Dated the Thirtieth Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six.

FL^a. NORTON, Speaker.

Union Fire-Office, September 25, 1776.

AT a General Meeting of the Members held at their Office in Maiden-lane, on Tuesday the 24th Instant, and continued by Adjournment to Wednesday the 25th Instant, for the Choice of Eight Directors for the Year ensuing, the following Gentlemen were chosen:

William Bowden, Esq;	Nathaniel Polhill, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Gregg	John Rivington, Esq;
Mr. Thomas Jordan	Mr. Thomas Rickards
Mr. William Loveday	Mr. Thomas Rogers.

The Sixteen following Gentlemen are continued according to the Deed of Settlement:

<i>For One Year.</i>	<i>For Two Years.</i>
George Brough, Esq;	Mr. Cornelius Denne
Mr. William Caldwell	Mr. John Dunn
Mr. Francis Hamilton	Thomas Edwards, Esq;
Mr. Michael Harris	Mr. Simon Foster
Thomas Lucas, Esq;	Mr. Robert Maitland
Mr. John Relph	Thomas Page, Esq;
Mr. Sandeforth Streatfeild	Mr. John Wells
Mr. John Towers	Mr. Joseph Wells.

Guildhall, London, September 28, 1776.

THE Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for completing the Bridge across the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London to the opposite Side in the County of Surry, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," do hereby give Notice to the several and respective Person and Persons, to whom the under-mentioned Bonds, under the Common Seal of the said City, and made payable to Edward Bathurst, his Executors,