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*Petersburg, September 27.*

**O**N Wednesday Morning last, in the Chapel of the Winter-Palace, the intended Great Dutches was anointed and baptized in the Greek Faith, according to the Rites of that Church, by the Name of Maria Feodorowna.

On Thursday the Betrothing her to the Great Duke, with the Ceremony of exchanging Rings, was performed in the said Chapel; after which the Foreign Ministers had the Honour of kissing the Emptress's Hand, and making their Compliments. Her Majesty dined in publick upon the Throne, with the Great Duke and Dutches, being served by the Great Officers of the Household. The four first Classes of the Nobility dined at different Tables in the same Hall. In the Evening there was a Ball at Court, and Illuminations throughout the City.

This Morning the Ladies and Great Officers of the Court, the four first Classes of the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, the Officers of the Guards, and other Regiments here, and of the Navy, had the Honour of being presented to the Great Dutches, at her Imperial Highness's Apartments, and of kissing her Hand.

*Corunna, September 28.* On Wednesday last, at Two Minutes past Seven o'Clock in the Evening, we had a very smart Shock of an Earthquake, which threw down some old Walls, but did no farther Damage.

*Vienna, October 2.* The Emperor returned two Days ago to this Capital in perfect Health, having finished all the Reviews of his Troops for this Season.

*Berlin, October 12.* His Prussian Majesty has granted Permission to the British Shipmasters, and Merchants, settled at Memel, to erect a Chapel, and establish a Clergyman to celebrate Divine Service according to the Rites of the Church of England.

*Brussels, October 15.* The Harvest in this Country has been very plentiful, and many Applications have been made to Government to permit the free Exportation of Grain.

*Hague, October 18.* The States-General have published a Proclamation, forbidding, under the same Penalties as before, the Exportation of Warlike Stores and Ammunition to the British Colonies in America, or in British Bottoms any where, for the Space of one Year from the Date of the Proclamation, which is the 10th of the present Month.

*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, October 19, 1776.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, That there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's on Thursday next, the 24th Instant; but that there will be a Drawing-Room there the next Day, (Friday) being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

*Victualling-Office, October 19, 1776.*

**T**HE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy to pay Interest and Non-Interest Bills, registered on the Course of the Victualling, in the Months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August, 1775, in order that the Persons possessed of the said Bills may bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment.

*Navy-Office, October 19, 1776.*

**T**HE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that all Bills registered on the Course of the Navy for the Months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August, 1775, are ordered to be paid in Money; that such Persons as are possessed thereof may bring them to this Office, to be assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy for Payment.

*Navy-Office, October 21, 1776.*

**T**HE Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half-Pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st Day of January, to the 30th of June, 1776, according to His Majesty's Establishment in that Behalf; These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Pay-Office of the Treasurer of the Navy in Broad-Street, on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th of this Month, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, viz. To Captains and their Attorneys, and other Officers appearing themselves, on the Monday; and to Attorneys of Lieutenants, Masters and Surgeons, on the Tuesday; (after which the List will be recalled once a Month) that all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any Publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid their Half-Pay; but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oath required by Act of Parliament to His present Majesty; and in Case any of the said Sea Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

*Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,*

*August 3, 1776.*

**T**HE Commissioners and Governors of the said Royal Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 5th of February next, or as soon after as may be, Fourstones Colliery in the County of Northumberland, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Henry Errington, Esq; will be lett on Lease for Two Years, to commence from the 12th Day of May, 1777. All Persons willing to take the said Colliery are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing to Mr. Ibbetson, at the Admiralty Office, London.

*Note, The said Commissioners and Governors will reserve*