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AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th of April, 1777.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in this present Session of Parliament, for enabling the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain to grant Commissions to the Commanders of Private Ships and Vessels, employed in Trade, or retained in His Majesty's Service, to take and make Prize of all such Ships and Vessels, and their Cargoes, as are therein mentioned, for a limited Time: And whereas it has been represented, that, by the Orders in Council now subsisting, Ships outward bound are only permitted to take on Board particular Quantities of Arms and Ammunition for their Defence; and that such Quantities are not sufficient for the Use and Defence of the Ships and Vessels which may have Commissions granted them by Virtue of the said Act: His Majesty, taking the same into Consideration, is hereby pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that all Ships and Vessels as shall be commissioned by the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty, in Pursuance of the before mentioned Act, be permitted to take on Board, and carry out for their Use and Defence, a sufficient Quantity of Gunpowder, Ball, and Ammunition, not exceeding Fifty Rounds for each Carriage and Swivel Gun that each Ship or Vessel may have on Board. — And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Blair.

Spithead, April 19. Yesterday and this Morning arrived the Resolution and Royal Britain Transports from Willemstadt with Hessian and Hanau Recruits, for their respective Corps in America.

St. James's, April 22.

The King has been pleased to prefer Matthew Powley, Clerk, Master of Arts, to the Vicarage of Dewsbury in the Diocese and County of York, void by the Death of Scudamore Lazenby, the last Incumbent.

St. James's, April 12, 1777.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Monday the 10th Day of March last past, an Oat-stack, standing in the open Field of Cockley Cley in the County of Norfolk, (far remote from any House

or other Building) the Property of Mrs. Rose Crow, Widow, and thought to contain Ten Loads of Corn, was, about Nine o'Clock at Night, maliciously and wickedly set on Fire by some Person or Persons unknown, and thereby entirely consumed: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the said Offence, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person or Persons who did actually set Fire to the said Oat-stack) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S U F F O L K.

And, as a farther Encouragement, Sir Richard Bedingsfeld, of Oxburgh in the said County of Norfolk, Bart and John Richard Dashwood, of Cockley Cley aforesaid, Esq; do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

Rich. Bedingsfeld.  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Rich. Dashwood.

East-India House, April 15, 1777.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenball Street on Wednesday the 23d Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, in order to communicate to them the Proceedings of the Court of Directors in Consequence of the Resolutions of the General Court on the 26th and 31st of March last past, and of the Advices lately received from Fort St. George.

Ship Nevis and Brigantine Devonshire.

THIS is to give Notice, that Mr Hugh Gould will pay to the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Ship the Liverpool, Henry Bellew, Esq; Commander, their Prize Money for the Recapture of the Ship Nevis and Brigantine Devonshire, on Board His Majesty's said Ship at Plymouth, on Tuesday the 6th of May next.

FOR Sale by Auction, at the Commissioners Warehouses in Liverpool, on the 28th Instant, The Cargo of the Ship Aurora, a Prize, from York River in Virginia, containing about 416 Hogheads of Tobacco, condemned as a Droit of Admiralty; to be sold Duty free, and for Inland Consumption only.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Thomas Harris, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-inn, London, on Wednesday the 28th of May next, at Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, A Piece of Ground on the West Side of Wormwood-street, in the Parish of Allhallows on the Wall, London, whereon lately stood a Tenement, which was let to Thomas Simpkin, at 6l, a Year, clear of Taxes,

[ Price Threepence-Halfpenny. ]