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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th of December, 1777.

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 25th of October 1776, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 31st of December then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy. And whereas His Majesty was also pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen, who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service, by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the said 31st Day of December. And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 15th Day of August last, to promise and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should voluntarily enter himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships, on or before the 31st Day of October then next, should receive as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed. And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations, for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 31st Day of this Instant December; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said 31st Day of this Instant December, to the 28th Day of February, 1778, inclusive.—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

St. James's, December 23.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable Lord Onslow to be Comptroller of His Majesty's Household.

Dublin Castle, December 5.

A Memorial of Richard Lord Viscount Powercourt having been laid before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, praying a Grant of a Yearly Fair for Yarn, and a Weekly Market to be held at the Town and Lands of Benburb, in the Barony of Benburb and County of Tyrone; that is to say, a Fair to be held on the last Wednesday in every Month; and a Weekly Market on every Wednesday for ever; his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has

been pleased to order His Majesty's Writ of *Ad quod Damnum* to be issued, as in such Cases is usual.

A Memorial of Richard Bourke, Esq; having been laid before his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, praying a Grant of two Yearly Fairs, and two Weekly Markets, to be held at the Lands of Portcrushy, otherwise Mount Peier, otherwise Fairy Hall, in the Barony of Clanwilliam and County of Limerick; that is to say, one Fair to be held on every 10th Day of June, and one other Fair to be held on every 19th Day of October; (and if any of said Days should fall on a Sunday, then such Fair to be held on the Monday following;) one Market to be held on every Wednesday, and one other Market to be held on every Saturday for ever; his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to order His Majesty's Writ of *Ad quod Damnum* to be issued, as in such Cases is usual.

Royal Exchange Assurance Office.

London, December 10, 1777.

THE Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, that their Transfer Books will be shut from Thursday the 18th of December instant to Thursday the 15th of January next; and that the Annual General Court appointed by their Charter will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 24th of December instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that a Dividend will be considered of at the said Court.

Blenheim, December 15, 1777.

HIS Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Oxford hereby gives Notice, That there is a Want of Officers to serve in the Militia of the said County: All Gentlemen, therefore, who are qualified and willing to serve, are desired to return their Names and Intention to His Majesty's said Lieutenant, or, in his Absence, to any General Quarter Sessions for the said County.

MARLBOROUGH.

December 20, 1777.

BY Order of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, Notice is hereby given, that the Clergy are to pay their Tenths that will become due at Christmas next, to Robert Chester, Esq; at his Office opposite the Garden-Gate in the Middle Temple, London; where daily Attendance will be given for Receipt of the same, from the 7th of January next to the last Day of April following, Sundays and Holidays excepted.

Mercers Hall, London, December 19, 1777.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London do hereby give Notice, that a Committee of the said Wardens and Commonalty have this Day, in the Presence of several of their Bond Creditors, caused to be drawn out of their Lottery-Wheel the Lots of the Bonds to be paid off, amounting to the Principal Sum of £3080; the Numbers of which said Bonds, and the Principal Sums to be paid off, are as follow, viz. Numbers 109, 127, 182, 297, 329, 405, 421, 438, 480, 517, 544, 676, 679, 767, 779, 799, 805, 1085, 1156, 1177, 1181, 1196, 1202, 1217, 1223, 1231, 1278, and 1383, for £100 each; Numbers 1430 and 1438 for £70 each; Number 1457 for £60; and Numbers 1474 and 1479 for £40 each: And the said Wardens and Commonalty do hereby give this further Notice, that the said several Bonds, of the Numbers and Principal Sums above-mentioned, will be paid off at the Clerk's Office at Mercers Hall, on the 5th Day of July next, together with the Interest that will be then due thereon; at which Time the Interest on such Bonds will cease and determine.

Robert Cawne, Clerk.

