

tion carrying on in some of Our Provinces and Colonies in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that he will vouchsafe a special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, on Thursday the Third Day of February next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Us and Our Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned the same may be published and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the KING.

Admiralty-Office, January 11, 1780.

CAPTAIN Clerke, of His Majesty's Sloop the Resolution, in a Letter to Mr. Stephens, dated the 8th of June, 1779, in the Harbour of St. Peter and St. Paul, Kampschatka, which was received Yesterday, gives the melancholy Account of the celebrated Captain Cook, late Commander of that Sloop, with Four of his private Mariners, having been killed on the 14th of February last at the Island of O'why'he, One of a Group of new discovered Islands, in the 22d Degree of North Latitude, in an Affray with a numerous and tumultuous Body of the Natives.

Captain Clerke adds, that he had received every friendly Supply from the Russian Government; and that as the Companies of the Resolution and her Consort the Discovery were in perfect Health, and the Two Sloops had Twelve Months Stores and Provisions on Board, he was preparing to make another Attempt to explore a Northern Passage to Europe.

Petersburg, December 14. Saturday last, being St. Andrew's Day, the Knights of that ancient Order, in their Robes, attended the Empress to Mass, and afterwards were admitted to dine with her Imperial Majesty in Publick, on a magnificent Service of Gold Plate. The Court was remarkably splendid on this Occasion, as well from the great Concourse of Nobility present as from the Numbers of the Spectators in the several Galleries round the Saloon,

where the Dinner was served. The Evening concluded with a Ball and Illuminations.

His Prussian Majesty has sent the Order of the Black Eagle to his Imperial Highness the Great Duke Alexander Paulowitz.

The Neva froze over a few Days ago. The Empress has ordered the Bridge of Boats, which the Ice annually carries away, to be rebuilt, and to remain during the Winter; an Attention which not only greatly facilitates the Crossing the River, but which probably will save many Lives.

Berlin, December 31. All the Branches of the Royal Family are now here; and the usual Diversions of the Carnival commenced the Beginning of this Week.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 11, 1780.

SUCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Tuesday next the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Saturday next the 15th Instant, and to send for their Tickets the Monday following, between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon.

N. B. No Attendance will be given at this Office on the Day of the Ball after Two o'Clock.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 11, 1780.

TO prevent the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the Space before Their Majesties, which is allotted for Minuet-Dancing, being exceedingly crowded, it is requested that those Ladies only, who mean to dance, will send for Dancers Tickets, and sit in those Places, as the Seats have been found too few to accommodate the Dancers.

East-India House, December 31, 1779.

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 Leadenhall-street on Wednesday the 26th of January next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to confirm the Bye-Law agreed to at the last General Court; further to consider the temporary Suspension then also agreed to of the 39th Bye-Law; and to consider of an Alteration, Repeal, or Suspension of the first Part of the 8th Bye-Law.

South Sea House, January 11, 1780.

THE Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at this House, on Thursday the 27th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend on their Capital Stock for the Half Year ending the 5th of this Month.

Prize Money.

Notice is hereby given, that the Prize Money due to the Officers and Crews of the Ships called the Mary, the Heart of Oak, and the Eagle, as Recaptures of the Brig called the Thames, will be on Thursday the 18th of January instant, and on every Tuesday and Thursday following, paid, between the Hours of Four and Six in the Afternoon, at Mr. Marshall's Office, No 8, in Doctors Commons; where all Persons concerned are desired to apply accordingly.

London, January 5, 1780.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Surprise, Robert Linzee, Esq; late Commander, who were actually on Board the 16th of December, 1778, at taking the French Snow Les Deux Freres, that the Second and Final Payment of the said French Snow and Cargo will be made on Board the Surprise at Spithead, on Wednesday the 12th of January, 1780; and the Shares not then claimed will be recalled by Mr. Atkinson, at Gosport, the First Monday in every Month for Three Years.

Edward Linzee, of Portsmouth, } Agents.
Tho. Atkinson, of Gosport, }