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Whitehall, April 24, 1781.

**E**XTRACT of a Letter from the Hon. Major-General Vaughan, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the Leeward Islands, to Lord George Germain, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, brought by Captain Nicolls, of the Royal Regiment of Foot, who arrived in His Majesty's Ship Venus from St. Eustatius.

St. Eustatius, March 18, 1781.

MY LORD,

I HAVE the Pleasure to inform your Lordship, that since I had the Honour of writing to you on the 5th Instant, the Colony of Demarary and the River Essequibo have, in consequence of a Summons made by Two of His Majesty's Sloops of War, commanded by Captains Day and Pindar, submitted to His Majesty's Arms. The Terms which the Admiral and myself have thought proper to grant them for the present, I have the Honour to inclose your Lordship.

I have the Honour further to inform your Lordship, that having sent Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson to the Island of St. Bartholomew, that Island immediately surrendered to His Majesty's Protection; a Copy of which, with the Return of the Ordnance found there, I have the Honour to transmit your Lordship.

C O P Y.

Sandwich, St. Eustatius, March 14, 1781.

**W**E the General Officers and Commanders in Chief of His Britannick Majesty's Forces in the West Indies, do, in His Royal Name, demand an immediate Surrender of the Island of St. Bartholomew, with all its Dependencies.

The Inhabitants of the Island, on taking the Oaths of Allegiance, will be permitted to remain in full Possession of their Property, and be received as Subjects under the Protection of the British Crown, till His Majesty's Pleasure is known.

(Signed.) G. B. RODNEY.  
J. VAUGHAN.

(C O P Y.)

St. Bartholomew, March 15, 1781.

**W**HEREAS Colonel Ferguson and Captain Græme have demanded an immediate Surrender of this Island in the Name of His Britannick Majesty, by Order of their Excellencies Sir George Brydges Rodney, Bart. K. B. and the Honorable General Vaughan, Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Fleets and Armies in the West-Indies;—  
WE, the Governor and principal Inhabitants of the Island of St. Bartholomew, do accordingly deliver up the said Island to the Arms of Great Britain, and do declare ourselves Subjects thereof, relying upon the Justice and Humanity of the Commanders in Chief for Protection.

GOD save King GEORGE.

Return of the Ordnance found on the Island of St. Bartholomew, when taken Possession of the 15th of March, 1781.

(C O P Y.)

One Eighteen-pounder. }  
Two Nine-pounders. } All French.  
Two Four-pounders. }

And Seven others in different Parts of the Island.  
(Signed) D. SANXAY,  
Assistant Dep. Adj. General.

[ Price Three-Pence Halfpenny. ]

Admiralty-Office, April 24, 1781.

**C**APTAIN Balfour arrived this Morning with Dispatches from Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in North America, to Mr. Stephens, of which the following are Copy and Extract.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot to Mr. Stephens, dated Royal Oak, in Lynne-haven Bay, March 20, 1781.

**M**Y Letter of the 15th ult. by the Mercury Pacquet will have acquainted their Lordships with the Loss of the Culloden, and Disfigurement of the Bedford, in a Gale of Wind on the 23d of January, at the East End of Long Island, and of the Absence of the America, which at that Time was driven to Sea, but returned without Damage on the 8th ult.

In the mean while every possible Exertion was made to get the lower Masts out of the Culloden, for the Bedford; but the Weather was so exceedingly severe and tempestuous, that it was not effected until the 1st Instant.

The Enemy deriving Courage and Confidence from these Misfortunes, at one Time, during the Absence of the America, and believing that the Bedford also was lost, meditated an Attack upon us, which however they laid aside, after their Emisaries had reconnoitred our Position in Gardiners Bay.

An Attempt was next made against our Naval Force employed to co-operate with Brigadier-General Arnold in Virginia. I received early Intimation of their Intentions, and accordingly put these Officers upon their Guard. This was to have been executed by the Eveillé, a coppered 64, and Two Frigates which sailed from Rhode Island on the 8th of February; but finding it impossible to succeed in that Quarter, left it on the 10th following.

I had, on the Communication of this Intelligence, dispatched the Charlestown to Carolina, to order the Chatham (of whose Arrival I had been informed) with the Roebuck, Romulus, and some Frigates, to proceed to Virginia, and endeavour to cut off their Return; which, however, was rendered abortive by the Shortness of their Stay. I am sorry to add, that they fell in with and captured the Romulus on their Passage back off the Capes of Virginia, as she was proceeding thither from Charlestown to relieve the Charon; having failed, in consequence of a prior Engagement, before the Charlestown could reach her.

It was now necessary, from the Discontents in the Rebel Army, and among the Minds of the People, to attempt something to revive a drooping Cause; the Danger of Virginia from the enterprising Spirit of Brigadier-General Arnold, had he been strengthened, which was likely to happen, must become imminent; the Plan therefore, adopted by the Rebels and their Allies, was by a combined Operation to attack him, and, by reducing him and his Detachment, to set at Liberty the whole Force of the Southern Provinces, to act against Lord Cornwallis in Carolina. The Parties from Mr. Washington's Army, under the Marquis de Fayette, were to proceed down the Elk by the Way of Maryland; whilst a large Body of Virginian Militia, under a Mr. Nelson in this Colony, were collecting to attack him in Concert with the French Troops commanded by the Count de Rochambault. I had the Honor to give Information of these Designs to Sir Henry Clinton at New York; and as my Intelligence from

from Rhode Island was frequently and accurately repeated, the Objects for the Service of the Squadron became clear and open to my View.

The Season the Enemy chose to execute this Measure was while the Bedford was remaining. The lower Masts of the Culloden having been brought into Gardiners Bay, she hauled alongside the London, and got them in on the 5th Instant, and was completely rigged and ready for Sea the 9th.

The Enemy, I presume, were very soon apprized of the Bedford being entirely stripped, and conceiving this Work would take up a considerable Time, began to embark Troops on the 5th: By the 8th near 2000 of their Troops were put on Board the Squadron, which had been previously prepared in other Respects, and pushed to Sea with a strong Easterly Gale the Evening of the same Day.

On the 9th the Whole of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command fell down to the Entrance of Gardiners Bay; and the next Morning, just before I weighed, I received corroborative Information from Sir Henry Clinton, that very considerable Detachments were sending to the Southward from Mr. Washington's Army; but his Excellency did not appear to have any immediate Idea of reinforcing Brigadier-General Arnold with Troops. Supposing, however, that he might afterwards judge it necessary, as his Situation would become extremely critical, I directed Capt. Hudson of the Richmond, the senior Officer at New York, to take his Excellency's Sentiments on the Subject; and should it be deemed proper, to take under his Convoy the Troops that might be sent to aid those already employed in Virginia; but, should his Excellency think such Relief unnecessary, he was to join me off the Chesapeake with the Richmond, Orpheus, and any others of His Majesty's Ships that might arrive at New York in the Interim.

On the 10th I cleared the Coast of Long Island with the Squadron, and proceeded to the Southward as expeditiously as possible, in the Hope of being able to fight the Enemy before their Entry to the Chesapeake, or, if practicable, to attack them there.

On the 13th, in Lat. 39:30 North, within a few Leagues of the Coast, I spoke a Vessel from London for New York, which had seen the French Squadron the Day before a Degree to the Southward, consisting of Eight Sail of large Ships, Three Frigates, and a Tender. I parted from her the same Evening, and steered such a Course as would best enable me to intercept it.

The same Evening a Gale from the N. W. was exceedingly favorable to the Pursuit, and pushed the Squadron on; its Violence however appears by the Event to have equally retarded the Enemy, which must have lain to while it lasted.

On the 16th at Six A. M. the Iris made the Signal for discovering Five strange Sail to the N. N. E. and soon afterwards hailed, that they were large Ships steering for the Capes of Virginia, and supposed to be distant about Three Miles. I immediately concluded it must be the Enemy I was in Search of, and accordingly prepared the Squadron for Battle, by forming the Line a-head a Cable's Length asunder, on a Wind which was then fresh, and proceeding towards them with a Prefs of Sail: At this Time Cape Henry bore S. W. by W. distant about 14 Leagues, Wind at West; the French bearing from us N. N. E. the Weather so hazy that the Length of the British Line could scarcely be discerned.

At a Quarter of an Hour after Eight A. M. the Wind veered to N. W. by W. and soon after to N. by W. which gave the Enemy the Advantage of the Weather-gage. About this Time several of the Enemy's Ships were discovered to Windward, manœuvring to form their Line.

At 25 Minutes after Eight, the Guadalupe ranged up under our Lee, bringing the same Intelligence with that already given by the Iris, and was ordered to make Sail, and endeavour to keep Sight of the Enemy.

At 35 Minutes after Eight I directed the Iris by Signal to make Sail a-head, and keep Sight of the

Enemy, as the Haze appeared to thicken. The British Line was by this Time completely formed, and close hauled on the Larboard Tack.

At 20 Minutes after Nine the Headmost of the French Ships tacked, as did the rest in Succession, and formed the Line on the Starboard Tack.

At 35 Minutes after Nine, the Weather being very squally, I formed the Line a-Head at two Cables Length asunder.

At a Quarter of an Hour after Ten, I made the Signal for the Squadron to tack, the Headmost and Weathermost first, and gain the Wind of the Enemy.

At a Quarter of an Hour after Eleven, the Headmost of the French Line tacked; but one of them having missed Stays, the Rest wore, and formed the Line on the Larboard Tack.

At 40 Minutes after Eleven, I re-formed my Line, at one Cable's Length asunder.

At Twelve o'Clock there being a Prospect of the Van of my Line reaching the Enemy, the Whole of my Line tacked by Signal, the Van first, and the leading Ship continuing to lead on the other Tack.

At Ten o'Clock the French Squadron having completed their Form in a Line a-Head, consisting of Eight Two-Deckers, bore E. by S. the British Line close hauled, steering E. S. E. Wind at N. E.

At Half an Hour after One o'Clock, the Enemy being very apprehensive of the Danger and Inconvenience of engaging to Windward from the high Sea that was running, and squally Weather, wore and formed their Line to Leeward of the British Line.

At Two o'Clock the Van of my Squadron wore in the Line, and in a few Minutes the Robust which led the Fleet, and afterwards behaved in the most gallant Manner, was warmly engaged with the Van of the Enemy.—The Ships in the Van and Center of the Line were all engaged by Half an Hour past Two, and by Three o'Clock the French Line was broke; their Ships began soon after to wear, and to form their Line again, with their Heads to the South East into the Ocean.

At 20 Minutes after Three, I wore and stood after them. I was sorry to observe the Robust, Prudent and Europe, which were the headmost Ships, and received the Whole of the Enemy's Fire at their Rigging as they bore down, so intirely disabled, and the London's Main top-sail-yard being carried away, (the Two first unmanageable, laying with their Heads from the Enemy) as to be incapable of Pursuit, and of rendering the Advantage we had gained decisive.

At Half an Hour after Four the Haze came on so very thick, as entirely to intercept the Enemy from my View. The Medea joined me soon after, which I directed to follow, and observe the Rout of the Enemy, while I proceeded with the Squadron to the Chesapeake, in the Hope of intercepting them; should they attempt to get in there.

At Seven o'Clock I brought to with the Squadron, to put the disabled Ships in a Situation to execute these Intentions.

Next Morning I made Sail, and the same Evening (the Robust being towed by the America, and the Prudent by the Adamant) anchored with the whole Squadron about Three Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Charles, within Cape Henry: The Evening after, the whole Squadron anchored in Lynne-haven Bay.

I cannot but regret the early Flight of the Enemy prevented the Action from becoming general.

I have had a Conference with Brigadier-General Arnold, and find his Force began to be prest for Provision, as well as by the formidable Combination against him. Fayette's Continental Detachment is block'd up at Annapolis by His Majesty's Sloops the Hope and General Monk. The Rebel Militia, disaffected to the Service, will speedily disperse; and the Count de Rochambault must seek another Opportunity of visiting Virginia. The Plan of the Rebel Campaign is entirely disconcerted; and I flatter myself these Events will be productive of very solid Advantages to His Majesty's Service.

I have detached Frigates after the Enemy, and shall put to Sea immediately with the Squadron to follow their Movements, and bring them if possible to

to a second Action. In this first they must have lost great Numbers of their Men, though their Rigging suffered little to Appearance.

I have the Honour to inclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded, List and Disposition of the Squadron, and Line of Battle.

Captain Balfour, who is charged with the Delivery of this Letter, served as a Volunteer for Six Weeks on Board of the Royal Oak, and was with me in the Day of Action.

I have the Honour to be, &c.  
M<sup>r</sup>. ARBUTHNOT.

*Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot to Mr. Stephens, dated Royal Oak in Lynne-haven Bay, March 30, 1781.*

**I**N Continuation of my Letter of the 20th Instant, I have the Honour to acquaint you, that I put to Sea with the Squadron under my Command on the Morning of the 24th, and steered a Course for the Delaware, where it was conceived likely the Enemy might endeavour to take Refuge; but as the State of the Weather towards Noon appeared to indicate a Gale, which is generally expected at this Season, I judged it adviseable to return to the Bay, where I anchored the same Evening.

The next Day and the following we had the Wind from the Northward, which, had we been at Sea, must inevitably have crippled some of our Ships, or driven me very considerably to the Southward.

On the 26th a Reinforcement of Troops, in Number about Two Thousand, commanded by Major General Philips, arrived from New-York, under the Escort of Captain Hudson, of the Richmond, with the Ships and Vessels named in the Margin\*: At the same Time the Iris and Pearl, which had been detached to observe the Rout of the Enemy, returned without having discovered them; the former had sprung her Main-Mast in the late Gale.

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LINE OF BATTLE.

*THE America to lead with the Starboard, and the Robust to lead with the Larboard, Tacks of Board.*

Frigates.	Rates.	Ships.	Names.	Guns.	Men.
Guadaloupe.	3d	America	Captain Thompson	64	500
	—	Bedford	Captain Affleck	74	600
	4th	Adamant	Captain Johnston	50	350
Pearl to repeat Signals.	2d	London	{ Rear-Admiral Graves Captain Graves	98	768
	3d	Royal Oak	{ Vice-Admiral Arbuthnot Captain Swiney	74	624
	—	Prudent	Captain Burnett	64	500
Iris.	—	Europe	Captain Child	64	500
	—	Robust	Captain Cosby	74	600

Mariot Arbuthnot, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, Commander in Chief.

Given on Board His Majesty's Ship the Royal Oak in Gardiners Bay, February 13, 1781.

M<sup>r</sup>. ARBUTHNOT.

*A LIST of the French Ships composing the Enemy's Squadron on the 16th of March, 1781.*

Ships Names.	N <sup>o</sup> of Guns.
Neptune (coppered)	84
Burgogne (coppered)	84
Conquerant	74
Provence	64
Ardent	64
Jafon	64
Eveillé (coppered)	64
Romulus	40

*Frigates. Hermione, Gentile, Fantafque en Flute.*

*Royal Oak, Lynne-haven Bay, March 28, 1781.*

M<sup>r</sup>. ARBUTHNOT.

*St. James's, April 23.*

This Day John Morin, Esq; was, in virtue of His Majesty's Reverfionary Grant, sworn before the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, into the Office of One of

The Medea was immediately dispatched to reconnoitre the Delaware.

The Army under Major General Philips were immediately forwarded to Portsmouth, and the Junction effected between the Forces at present there under Brigadier General Arnold.

I wait with great Impatience to embrace the first Opportunity to put to Sea, which I shall seize the Moment it offers. For these last Two Days the Weather has been so squally, as to preclude all Communication by Boats between the Ships of the Squadron.

\* Orpheus, Chatham, Savage, Halifax, Bonetta, Vulcan Fire-Ship.

*RETURN of the Killed and Wounded in the Action between the British and French Squadrons off the Capes of Virginia, March 16, 1781.*

	Killed.	Wounded.
Robust	15	21
Europe	8	19
Prudent	7	24
Royal Oak	—	3
London	—	3
Adamant	—	—
Bedford	—	—
America	—	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>73</b>

OFFICER KILLED.

Hon. Lieutenant Lyttelton, of the Robust.

OFFICER WOUNDED.

Master of the America.

*Royal Oak, Lynne-haven Bay, March 28, 1781.*

M<sup>r</sup>. ARBUTHNOT.

the Clerks of His Majesty's Signet, in the Room of Sir Joseph Copley, Bart. deceased.

GEORGE R.

*An ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION to all Ships of War and Privateers that have or may have Letters of Marque against the French King, the King of Spain, or the States General of the United Provinces, their Vassals or Subjects, or others inhabiting within any of their Countries, Territories or Dominions, or against any other Enemies or Rebellious Subjects of the Crown of Great Britain. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twentieth Day of April, 1781, in the Twenty-first Year of Our Reign.*

**W**HEREAS We have ever been desirous to prevent Interruption being given to the Trade and Commerce of every State in Amity with Us, as far as was compatible with the necessary Operations of War: And whereas it will tend very much to that Purpose that the Trade and Navigation of the Baltic should remain uninterrupted; We have

have therefore been pleased to resolve, that so long as the Trade of Our Subjects shall continue to be secured in those Seas, Our Ships of War, Privateers, and other Vessels acting under Our Commission, shall be restrained from making Prize of, stopping, or detaining any Ship or Vessels within the Baltic: And We do hereby strictly charge and enjoin the Commanders of Our Ships of War, and the Commanders of all Ships and Vessels having Letters of Marque and Reprizal, that they do not, by virtue of their Commissions, or under Colour thereof, stop or detain any Ship or Vessel in the Baltic, for the Purpose of making Prize of the same, but that they suffer all such Ships and Vessels as they shall meet in those Seas to proceed in their respective Voyages, without any Interruption.

By His Majesty's Command,  
S T O R M O N T.

*Erratum.* In last Saturday's Gazette, first Paragraph, Line 7th, after *Coppin* omit only.

April 6, 1781.

**T**HE Court of Assistants of the Russia Company give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at the Office of the Corporation for Seamen in the Merchants Service over the Royal Exchange, London, on Friday the 27th Day of April, 1781, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, for the Election of a Governor, in the Room of Edmund Boehm, Esq; deceased, for the Remainder of the present Year; and on other Affairs.

A. Greenwood, Secretary.

**T**HE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Edward Holton, of Havant in the County of Hants, Lincen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt, on Friday the 27th of April instant, at Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Queen's Arms Tavern, in Newgate-street, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees concerning the Validity of a Mortgage made by the said Bankrupt to Mr. Ralph Yates, for securing his Debt; and also to recover back sundry Goods belonging to the said Bankrupt's Estate, taken by Mr. Thomas Zeunig in Discharge of his Debt; and on other special Affairs.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Miller, of Bishopsgate-street in the City of London, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 1st and 12th Days of May next, and on the 5th Day of June following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mess. Bateman and Davies, Little St. Helen's, Bishopsgate-street.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against David Regnier and Peter Montet, of Litchfield-street in the Parish of St. Ann Soho, within the Liberty of Westminster in the County of Middlesex, Tailors and Copartners, and they being declared Bankrupts, are hereby required to surrender themselves to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 28th Day of April instant, on the 8th Day of May next, and on the 5th of June following, at Ten in the Forenoon on each Day, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of their Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees; and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupts are required to finish their Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of their Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupts, or that have any of their Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. White, in Castle-street, near Leicester-fields.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Robert Draper, of the Town and County of the Town of Kingston upon Hull, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 1st and 4th Days of May next, and on the 5th Day of June following, at Three in the Afternoon on each Day, at the House of Robert Bamford, called the George Inn, in Kingston upon Hull aforesaid, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the

Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Codd, jun. Attorney, in Kingston-upon Hull.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Holmes, of Bungay in the County of Suffolk, Money-scrivener, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 11th Day of May next at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, on the 12th Day of the same Month, and on the 5th Day of June next, at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Mr. Tilbury's, the White Swan Inn, in the City of Norwich, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Cole, Attorney, at Thetford in the County of Norfolk; or to Mr. Gotobed, Attorney, Temple, London.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Shiers, of Oxford-street in the Parish of St. Mary le bone in the County of Middlesex, Button-seller, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 28th Day of April instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to receive the Proof Debts under the said Commission; when and where the respective Creditors are to attend and prove their Debts accordingly.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Mulhall and John Ashley, of Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn, London, Merchants, Copartners, Dealers and Chapmen, intend to meet on the 4th Day of May next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to receive the Proof of the separate Debts of the said John Mulhall under the said Commission; when and where his separate Creditors are to attend and prove their respective separate Debts, pursuant to the Lord Chancellor's Order in that Matter.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against John Mulhall and John Ashley, of Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn, London, Merchants, Dealers, Chapmen, and Copartners, intend to meet on the 15th Day of May next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupts; when and where the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Cooper, of the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, Haberdasher, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 16th Day of May next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the House of William Loftus, the White Hart, in Newcastle upon Tyne, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against James Christias, of Guildford in the County of Surry, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 15th Day of May next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against George Collard, of the Parish of St. Mary Whitechapel in the County of Middlesex, Silk-thrower, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 15th Day of May next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are desired to come and prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Claims not then proved will be disallowed.

**W**HEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Richard Watts, of Manchester in the County of Lancater, Innkeeper, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Hon. Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Richard Watts hath conformed according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that, by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed, as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 15th Day of May next.