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*Petersburgh, December 11.*

**F**RIDAY last being St. George's Day, her Imperial Majesty dined in Public with the Knights of that Order; when Thirty new Knights of the Fourth Class were created.

*Berlin, January 1.* Her Royal Highness the Princess of Prussia was safely delivered of a Prince, at the Palace here, on Sunday last in the Evening.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 8, 1782.*

**S**UCH Ladies as desire to dance Minuets at the Ball which is to be at St. James's on Friday the 18th Instant, are requested to send their Names and Rank, in Writing, to this Office, on or before Wednesday the 16th, and to send for their Tickets the next Day, (Thursday) 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 8, 1782.*

**T**O 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.

*Navy-Office, December 26, 1781.*

**T**HE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 22d of next Month they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to supply His Majesty's Yards at Portsmouth and Plymouth with Braziers and Founders Wares on a Standing Contract, to commence the 24th of June, 1782.

*Bank of England, January 12, 1782.*

**T**HE Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That they have appointed John Greenway to be one of their Cashiers, and empowered him to sign Bills and Notes for the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.  
Robert Lewin, Secretary.

*General Post-Office, January 8, 1782.*

**F**ROM Variety of Circumstances, there is the strongest Reason to believe, that one George Weston, and Joseph Weston his Brother, were concerned in the Robbery of the Bristol Mail near Cranford-bridge, on the 29th of January, 1781, for the apprehending of the Person who committed the same, a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS was offered, by Advertisement from hence in the London Gazette of Saturday the 10th of February last, and in several succeeding Gazettes; to be paid out of this Revenue upon Conviction.

The said George Weston and Joseph Weston are two of the Sons of one George Weston, now deceased, who was born in the Parish of Stone, in Staffordshire, and all resided in that County, and in the Parish of Allchurch in Worcestershire, until the Year 1773 or 1774, when they quitted that Country.

The latter End of 1774, they resided on a Farm near Lynn, by the Names of Stone; having de-

franded several Persons there, they decamped in the Spring following.

In 1775, they resided upon a Farm in the Parish of Blackburn, in Scotland, by the Names of Gilbert; and, having conducted themselves there in the same Manner as at Lynn, they speedily left that Country.

The Beginning of the Year 1776, they resided for a short Time at Brough, in Lincolnshire, on the Banks of the Humber, where they acted a similar Part.

In the Spring of 1776, they rented an Estate near Beck nham, in Kent, in the Names of Green, and soon quitted it on the same Account.

In the Summer of 1776, they resided at Brathey, in Lancashire, near Windermere Lake, where they assumed the Names of Gilbert; from thence they absconded in October 1776, were pursued and apprehended at Bishops Castle in Shropshire, and taken before Mr. Alderman Hewitt at Coventry.

In 1777, they resided upon a Farm of Lord Aldborough's in Ireland, and, during their short Stay in that Kingdom, put off several forged Drafts.

In the Spring of 1778, the two Sons (George taking the Name of Scott, and Joseph taking the Name of James Watton) were at Tenby, in Pembrokeshire, on a Tour of Pleasure, where they negotiated a forged Draft; from thence they went by Sea to Biddeford in Devonshire.

In August, 1778, they were in the Neighbourhood of Brecknock, Grouse-shooting, where they went by the Names of James Clark and ——— Smith, and put off a forged Draft at Brecknock: Also, in that Year Joseph put off a forged Draft near Sutton Coldfield, in Warwickshire, taking the Name of Joseph Hart.

The two Westons are supposed to be well known either by some of the before-mentioned Names, or the Names of Smith, Walker, Hill, and West, in almost every Part of this Kingdom, except the West of England, and to be connected with an Attorney of notorious Character in Worcestershire, and his Confederates.

Immediately after committing the Robbery of the Mail, George Weston set out in a Post-Chaise and Four from London, (or the Neighbourhood) through Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, and Northumberland, to Newcastle, from thence to Carlisle, and from that City by the Great North Road to London, putting off Bills and Notes at various Places in his Route; and one or both of them are supposed to have been last Summer at a Fair at Mortham, near Rotherham, and at Launceston, at each of which Places a Bill taken out of this Mail was negotiated by them.

Within the two last Months they have put off several Notes and Bills at Lottery-Offices in London, and George by himself has, within that Time, put off one at Richmond in Surry, and another at Hackney, assuming the Name of John Ward.

George Weston is about 29 Years of Age, 5 Feet 7 Inches high, square set, round faced, fresh coloured, pitted with the Small Pox, has a short thick Nose, his upper Lip rather thick, his Hair of a lightish-brown Colour, which is sometimes tied behind, at other Times loose and curled; has much the Appearance of a Country Dealer, or a Farmer; one of his Thumb Nails appears, from an Accident, of the