

ineffimable Blessings of Peace, to which, by your Majesty's paternal Goodness, we are now happily restored.

That the Calamities of War, by which many have been rendered indigent, being now put an End to, and the Prospect of our returning Trade and Commerce, are Considerations as pleasing, as the Benefits derived therefrom are universal; permit us, therefore, to assure your Majesty of our most perfect Gratitude; and that it shall be our constant Prayer that your Majesty, the Restorer of Peace, may long enjoy the pleasing Satisfaction of seeing your People happy and prosperous, and your Illustrious Progeny beloved.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, this Twenty-ninth Day of March, in the Twenty-third Year of your Majesty's Reign.

[Signed by the Mayor, Recorder, 5 Capital Burgesses, and 40 of the Principal Inhabitants.]

War-Office, April 5, 1783.

- 22d Regiment of Foot, Ensign Donald M'Donald is appointed to be Lieutenant, vice Daniel Bick.
- Ditto*, Lieutenant James Kennedy Simpson, of the Northamptonshire Militia, to be Ensign, vice Donald M'Donald.
- 40th Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Marland to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Wallis.
- 45th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Edward Perks to be Lieutenant, vice Samuel Achmuty.
- Ditto*, ——— Robinson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Edward Perks.
- 46th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Marcus Anth. Saurin to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice George Manning.
- Ditto*, Ensign Alexander Forbes to be Lieutenant, vice Marcus Anth. Saurin.
- Ditto*, Ensign ——— Raitt, of the Southern Regiment of Fencibles, to be Ensign, vice Alexander Forbes.
- 48th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Arthur Thomas to be Lieutenant, vice William Boyle.
- Ditto*, Lieutenant ——— Beaver, of the Oxfordshire Militia, to be Ensign, vice Arthur Thomas.
- 52d Regiment of Foot, Edmund Burke, Gent. to be Ensign, vice William Wharam.
- 79th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant Clotworthy Dobbins to be Captain of a Company, vice Thomas Mounsey.
- Ditto*, Lieutenant Alexander Jack to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Clotworthy Dobbins.
- 83d Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Alexander Sutherland, of the Sutherland Regiment of Fencibles, to be Ensign, vice Francis Bird.
- 85th Regiment of Foot, Godfrey Gibson, Gent. to be Ensign, vice ——— M'Dowall.
- 87th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Francis Bird, of 83d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Robinson.
- 104th Regiment of Foot, Major Andrew Corbet, of the 14th Regiment of Dragoons, to be Major, vice William Richardson.

*Caserta, March 11.* The Accounts from Calabria and Messina continue to give great Alarm here. On the 6th Instant, another violent Shock of an Earthquake destroyed the few Houses that had been left standing at Messina, and obliged the Troops to quit the Citadel, and to encamp. Part of the Citadel in the Island of Lipari was destroyed by the same Shock. The Number of Towns and Villages in Calabria, that have already been either totally or in great Part destroyed, is really prodigious. Amongst the principal ones are Francavilla, Briatico, Monteleone, Vallelonga, Francia, Mileto, Soriano,

Arena, Rosano, Anfoia, Gioia, Cinquefrondi, Droiti, Polistino, St. Martino, Terra-nuova, Catal-nuova, Palma, Seminara, Oppido, Bagnara, Sinopoli, St. Euphemia, Scilla, Reggio, Bova, Messano, Ardore, Girace, Grotteria, and Castel-verere. The Earthquake does not appear to have affected the Country above the narrow Neck of Land that lies between the Gulphs of St. Euphemia and Squillace, but to have ranged over the whole of what is generally called the Toe of Italy, affecting the nearest Corner of Sicily, and the Lipari Islands.

Exact Returns of the Mortality have not yet been received here; but, from private Calculations which are circulated at Naples, it is feared it will amount to upwards of Twenty-six Thousand. Measures are taken to procure more authentic Accounts of this dreadful Calamity.

Whitehall, April 1, 1783.

*Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Sunday Night, the 30th of March last, St. Paul's Cathedral Church, in the City of London, was sacrilegiously broken open, and a Silver Vase, weighing about Thirty Ounces, and the Sum of Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence, Sacrament Money, stolen out of the Dean's Vestry, by some evil-disposed Person or Persons unknown:*

*His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the said Felony and Sacrilege, is hereby pleased to promise His most Gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

SYDNEY.

*And, as a further Encouragement, - a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as above-mentioned, to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders, by Robert Comyn, Esq; at the Chapter-house in St. Paul's Church-yard.*

Rob. Comyn.

General Post-Office, March 6, 1783.

*THE Preliminary Articles of Peace between Great Britain, France and Spain, being signed and ratified, the Correspondence is now opened between Dover and Calais, and the Mails will be dispatched from this Office every Tuesday and Friday, as formerly, to commence upon Friday the 14th Instant; and no Passports, for the future, will be required of Persons either going or coming in any of His Majesty's Packet Boats whatsoever. By the Command of the Postmaster General,*

Auth. Todd, Sec.

Navy-Office, March 31, 1783.

*THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 15th of April they will be ready to treat for Ships of not less than 400 Tons Burthen, Cat-built, with Rasi Ports proper to take in Masts, to be employed in bringing Masts from Riga to His Majesty's Yards in England, at a stated Sum per Voyage.*

East-India House, February 12, 1783.

*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 9th of April next, from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until Six in the Evening, for the Election of Six Directors of the said Company for Four Years.*