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*Whitehall, August 18.*

**T**HE King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Eden to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the King of Spain.

*Commission in the Worcestershire Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

James Wakeman Newport, Esq; appointed Lieutenant-Colonel, vice John Walsh, Esq; resigned. Dated August 3, 1787.

*St. Petersburg, July 20.*

An Ukase, or Imperial Edict, has just been published here, by which all Arrears of the Poll Tax to the 1st of January, 1776, are remitted, and the Term of Twenty Years granted for the Payment by Instalment of the Arrears due from that Period to the 1st of January, 1786. In Default of Money, Corn is to be received in lieu thereof at the current Market Price. Persons who have served Twenty-five Years in the Army are exempted from all personal Taxes in their Retirement. The Tax on the Purchase of Lands and Houses is reduced from Six to Five per Cent.; and what was formerly called the Fourth Tax, levied on such as entered into the Possession of Lands without the usual Formalities, is remitted. All Prosecutions depending against the Heirs of public Defaulters are to cease; and no Suit is to be commenced in future for a Deficiency in the Government Cash, if proved to have happened involuntarily, unless it exceeds a Thousand Roubles. Deserters and other Fugitives are pardoned, and the Term of One Year allowed for their Appearance if within the Empire, and Two Years if Abroad. Criminals under Sentence of Death are to be employed at the public Works. Prisoners and those condemned to corporal Punishments are to be sent to the Colonies, except those convicted of Murder, or who may have been branded. The Debts of Persons who have been confined for Five Years, whether in public or private Suits, are annulled. The Limitation of Ten Years for the Commencement of Civil Actions is extended to Government Claims; and all Criminal and Civil Prosecutions, on the Part of the Crown, which have been depending for Ten Years, are supereded. Pardon is granted for Negligence in public Duty; but Bribery and wilful Offences of the like Nature are excepted. Speculators in Brandy and Salt also share the general Amnesty.

*St. Petersburg, July 24.*

The Empress arrived with her Suite at Czarsko-Zelo, in perfect Health, on Sunday last, the 22d Instant.

*Carlton House, August 16, 1787.*

**T**HE respective Creditors of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales are desired to observe that the second Payment in Liquidation of his Royal Highness's Debts will begin on Tuesday next the 21st Instant, at the Treasury Office, Pall-mall, and will be continued from Eleven to Four o'Clock every Day (Saturday excepted) until finished.

*Office of American Claims, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, July 21, 1787.*

**W**HEREAS several Persons, who have lodged Claims at this Office, have, upon being summoned to attend, neglected or omitted to appear in consequence thereof; This is FINALLY to require, that all Persons within the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, whose Claims have not been examined, do, by themselves or their Agents, signify at this Office, in Writing, on or before the 29th Day of September next, their Intentions of prosecuting their Claims; and that all such Persons who are Abroad do attend at this Office, for the like Purpose, within Six Months from the Date hereof; and such who may be incapacitated to attend in Person are required, within the Times above limited, to transmit a special State of the Circumstances which disable them, authenticated on the Oaths of themselves and One or more reputable Inhabitants of the Place or Neighbourhood where they reside: And all such Claimants as have already given, or shall hereafter give Notice in Writing, of their Intentions to prosecute their Claims, are hereby informed, that, on receiving a further Summons, they will be expected to attend and be examined forthwith. And Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the Commissioners will presume that all Persons, who fail in complying with the above Requisitions, have abandoned or declined the Prosecution of their Claims, and will be reported upon accordingly.

*John Forster, Secretary to the Commissioners.*

## ERRATUM.

The Gazettes of July 7 to August 11, both inclusive, being wrong numbered, instead of Numb. 12300 to 12310, read Numb. 12900 to 12910.

*Notice is hereby given, That on and after the 29th Day of September next, a Light by Night and a Flag by Day will be hoisted on the West Pier Head of the New Harbour at Rye, in the County of Sussex, whenever there is Nine Feet Water at the Mouth of the Harbour.*

*By Order of the Commissioners,  
Rye, Aug. 15, 1787. John Jeakins, Treasurer.*