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Whitehall, January 1.

THE King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Chester, to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Doctor Beilby Porteus, late Bishop thereof, to the See of London; and His Majesty has also been pleased, by His Royal Sign Manual, to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Reverend William Cleaver, Doctor in Divinity, and one of the Prebendaries of Westminster, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Chester.

St. Petersburg, December 6.

Wednesday last being the Anniversary of her Imperial Majesty's Name's Day, it was celebrated at Court in Grand Gala, and in the Evening there was a Ball.

This Day being the Anniversary of the Order of St. George, there was a numerous Drawing-Room at Court this Morning, and there will be a Ball in the Evening. Her Imperial Majesty upon this Occasion has conferred the Cross of the Fourth Class of this Order upon several of her Officers, who have been Five and Twenty Years in her Service.

The Duke de Sierra-Capriola, the Neapolitan Minister at this Court, has lately received from his Sovereign the Investiture of the Constantine Order of St. George.

Berlin, December 22.

His Serene Highness the Duke of Brunswick arrived here Yesterday, and met with the most distinguished Reception from the King, who had previously sent all the General and Field Officers of this Garrison, with the Prince of Prussia at their Head, to wait the Arrival of his Highness, and congratulate him publicly.

Stamp-Office, Somerset Place,
December 17, 1787.

WE His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties, duly authorised by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to an Act of the last Session of Parliament, to Let to

Farm the Duties granted by "An Act of the Twenty-fifth of His present Majesty on Horses Let to "Hire for Travelling Post, and by Time," do hereby give Notice, That We intend to Let, at Our Office in SOMERSET PLACE, the said Duties to Farm, on Saturday the 19th Day of January next, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, within the Two following Districts, and to put the same up at the Sums placed opposite to each, (BEING THE GROSS AMOUNTS OF THE DUTY COLLECTED THEREIN for the Year ending on the 1st of August, 1786,) for the Term of Three Years from the 1st Day of February next; to such Persons as shall be willing to contract for the same.

All Persons proposing to bid for the said Duties within these Two Districts, are, at least Three Days previous to the said 19th of January, to signify their Names, Places of Abode, and the District for which they intend to bid, by Letter directed to Us, at our Office aforesaid.

No Persons licensed to Let Horses for the Purpose of Travelling Post, nor any Persons for their Use, can be a Contractor for the said Duties.

Districts to be Let to Farm.

No.	District	Produce.
6.	Northamptonshire	} 7,900
	Rutlandshire	
	Warwickshire	
	Oxfordshire	
13.	Kent	} 10,594
	Suffex	

J. BINDLEY.
W. BAILLIE.
R. TICKELL.
J. BYNG.
E. FAWKNER.

Navy-Office, December 10, 1787.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Thursday the 3d of January next, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for supplying the Slop Office here with Deal Cases for packing Slops. Particulars may be seen in the Lobby here.

No Letter will be received as a Tender, unless the Writer, or an Agent for him, attends; nor will any be received after Twelve o'Clock.

[Price Three-pence Halfpenny.]