

el, he abhorred and disowned all such practices, and humbly begged His Majesties pardon for what was past, promising to behave himself more dutifully for the future. Which humble submission of the said Lord *Shandois*, the King graciously accepting of, His Majesty was pleased at the same time to assure him of His Favour, and that He did approve of him to go as His Ambassador to *Turkey*.

At the Court at Whitehal, April the 26.

His Majesty having commanded the Council to meet this day extraordinarily, acquainted them, that he lately had notice of a false and dangerous rumour spread abroad, of a black Box pretended to be found, wherein was contained a Writing, importing a Marriage, or Contract of Marriage between His Majesty and the Duke of *Monmouths* Mother; which His Majesty did positively declare to be altogether false, and therefore said, he thought himself obliged in Honor and Conscience, to have the matter thoroughly examined and searched into, and that in order therunto, he had sent for Sir *Gilbert Gerard*, who was reported to be the person that had seen some such Writing, or to have had the same in his custody.

Whereupon Sir *Gilbert Gerard* being called in before His Majesty in Council (his Royal Highness and all the rest of the Court at *Westminster*, being present by His Majesties particular Command) this following Question was by His Majesties Order, and by the advice of his Privy Council, and by the opinion of all the Judges proposed to him, viz. Whether he knew of, or had seen any Writing, importing a Marriage, or contract of Marriage between His Majesty and the Duke of *Monmouths* Mother; to which Sir *Gilbert Gerard* having taken his Oath upon the Holy Evangelist, made answer, That he never had seen any such Writing, nor was there ever any such committed to his custody, nor did he know of any such thing; Whereunto he also subscribed his name. After which, His Majesty declaring, he resolved to use all means possible to find out the Author of this report, required all the Lords of the Council, and the Judges there present, to give an account, whether they had heard of any discourses relating to the said or any like matter; To which they all answered, they had heard of nothing concerning it but a flying and imperfect rumour of late discoursed of; one of the Lords of the Council only acquainted His Majesty, that a Gentleman had told him of some particular discourse he had lately heard of that matter.

His Majesty thereupon commanded Mr. Secretary *Fenkins* to examine the said Gentleman, or any other who should be named by him, in order to trace the said false report up to the first Author and Invention of it.

Whitehal, April 28. This morning two persons, suspected to have been concerned in the Assault made upon Mr. *Arnold*, were seized in *Westminster-Hall*, and immediately committed to Prison; and were this afternoon examined before the Committee of Examinations.

ALL persons owing Arrears of Rent for their Wine-Licences, or whose Licences expired at Lady-day last, are hereby desired to take notice, That if they do not pay their said Arrears and renew their said Licences at the Wine-Licence Office in Great Essex-street, near the Temple, London, before the Tenth day of May next, they will be sued in His Majesties Court of Exchequer, as well for recovery of their said Arrears, as upon the Statute for Retailing Wine without Licence.

Advertisements.

A Travelling Map of England, Containing the principal Roads which are laid down with the commensurated distances expressed by pricks, which are Miles, with a stroke at every ten Miles, and numbered with 10. 20. 30. &c. from the Towns from whence the Road Commenceeth; so that the distance between London and any other Town on the Road may be known by inspection, being extraordinary useful, and the readiest Guide for any that travel on the Road. Sold by *A. Tooker*, over against *Ivy-Edge* in the Strand, and *Rob. Green* at the *Rose and Crown* in *Burges-Row* *Tho. Wright*, at the *Tribun* on *London-Bridge*. *William Battersby*, at *Thomas's Inn* Gate in *Hilbourn*. At these places is to be sold the Print of King *Charles* the Second, very like (Ingraved by *P. Varderia*) on Imperial Paper, also Tables of Accounts being sums ready cast up.

Whereas the Right Honorable the Lord President and Council of the Principality and Marches of *Wales*, have thought fit to adjorne the next Terme appointed to be held at *Cardiff*, the 5 day of *May* next, until the 31 day of the same Month, these are to give notice thereof, to all persons concerned that they may give their Attendance accordingly.

Taken the 23. of this Instant *April* from Mr. *Nasham* *Richard*, Keeper of His Majesties Goal at *Aylesbury* in *Buckinghamshire*, a Dapple-Grey-Gelding, about 14 hands high 6. years old, a bob tail, trots all, thorn about a handfull from the Poll, and as supposed, by one *John Bower*, about 23. years of age tall of stature, fair complexion'd, rarely burn'd in the hand. Whoever give notice of the Person or Nag to Mr. *Birch* as above, or to Mr. *Woot* at the *Black Swan-Inn* in *Holborn* near *Fetter-Lane-end*, shall have 40 s. Reward.

Charles found A Boy about Four years of age, round faced, brown hair and black eyed; in a sad coloured worsted prunella old Coat, strayed from his Father Mr. *Anthony* *Ford*, Keeper of *Luggitt*, on the 27th of this Instant *April*. If any person can find him, or give tidings of him or bring him to his Fathers house near *Ludgate* aforelaid they shall be contented for their paines.

Taken the 19th instant out of a Gentlemans Chamber in *Hampshire*, a Gold Watch made by Mr. *H. Young*, that went with a Chain, the Hour of the day, and day of the Month, having a studded sapphire case and the square in the inner case where the ring is, riveted. Whoever shall bring the same to Mr. *H. Young*, living near the *White Horse Tavern* in the Strand, or to Mr. *Tho. Rawson* at the *White Hart* in *Hartford-bridge* in *Hampshire*; shall have 40 s. Reward.

Lost by Mrs. *Tobinson*, upon the 17th Instant, An Accompt-Book covered with parchment, and rolled up round and tied with a string, betwixt *Bedford-street* in *Green-Garden*, and the upper end of *Pater-noster-Row*, wherein there is divers bills of Accompt from the Lace-shop. If any one has taken up such a book, let him bring it to Mr. *H. Young*'s shop at the Crown in *Pater-noster-Row*, and they shall have ten shillings Reward.