

or had other Designs against Switzerland. They also endeavoured to alarm you, by filling you with Apprehensions of Oppression and Pillage, on the Part of the Imperial Army.

It is my Duty, therefore, solemnly to declare to the Swiss of all Descriptions, that His Imperial Majesty, in conformity to those Assurances which he has on every Occasion given to the Helvetic League, of his Amity and good Neighbourhood, is firmly resolved to preserve towards her, in the most active Manner, the antient friendly Relations; and also, that His Imperial Majesty has no other View than that of contributing, to the utmost of his Power, that Switzerland may enjoy, without Interruption, its Independence, its Integrity, its Privileges, its Rights, and its Possessions, without Diminution or Alteration whatever.

On my Part, I confidently expect that the Troops under my Command, whose Entry into the Swiss Territory, occasioned by Circumstances sufficiently evident, and by the fairest Views, announced in the most solemn Manner, has no other Object than that of the common Safety, will be treated in a friendly Manner, and assisted by all the Members of the Helvetic League; satisfied they have the Good of their Country at Heart, and that the People of Switzerland will carefully avoid whatever may augment the Miseries of War.

Among the happy Effects of such a Conduct to Switzerland may be reckoned the Suppression of those Measures which Hostilities and Violence have occasioned, and the Re-establishment of the Relations of Commerce and Communication between Germany and Switzerland.

The ARCHDUKE CHARLES.

#### APPRENTICE DUTY INDEMNITY.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, Jan. 24, 1799.

**HIS** Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp-Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clause in an Act of the present Session of Parliament, it is enacted, for the Relief of all Persons who have omitted to pay the several Rates and Duties, or any Part thereof, upon Monies given, paid, or contracted for, with Clerks, Apprentices, or Servants, and also who have omitted to insert and write in Words at Length in Indentures or other Writings relating to the Service of any Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant, the full Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, received or contracted for, with or in relation to every such Clerk, Apprentice, or Servant, that, upon Payment of double the Rates and Duties upon the Monies, or such Part of the Monies, so omitted or neglected to be paid, and also so omitted to be inserted and written in such Indenture or Writing, on or before the 22d Day of June next, to the proper Officer, and tendering the same to be stamped at this Office, every such Indenture or other Writing shall be good and valid, and the Persons so offending be excused from any Penalty incurred by the Omission thereof; except those against whom any Prosecution shall be now depending.

By Order of the Commissioners,  
John Brettell, Secretary.

Transport-Office, April 16, 1799.

**THE** Commissioners for the Transport Service, and for the Care and Custody of Prisoners of War, do hereby give Notice, that they will be ready on Monday

next the 22d Instant, to receive Tenders for the Conveyance of Eighty Men, more or less, from the River Thames to Quebec; and also for the Conveyance of about Two Hundred Officers and Men, by a Ship of about Three Hundred Tons, from thence to Barbadoes. The Rate per Head to be specified for the respective Voyages; Half Price to be allowed for Children: Victualling to be provided per Head, in like Manner by the Owners for the Two Voyages, at a certain Rate, including Water Casks. The latter Voyage to be made without Convoy.

No Tenders will be received after Twelve o'Clock, nor any noticed, unless the Owners, or an Agent for them, personally attend.

A. Whitehead, Secretary.

Navy-Office, April 17, 1799.

**THE** Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 26th Instant, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for a Quantity of Swedish Iron to be delivered at His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth. Distributions of which, and a Form of the Tender, may be seen in the Lobby at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, April 15, 1799.

**THE** Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 23d Instant, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for supplying His Majesty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Plymouth, with the undermentioned Articles, viz.

Norway Goods,  
Dantzick Goods,  
Turpentine,  
Rosin;

Samples of the latter Article to be produced.

Forms of the Tenders may be seen at this Office, and none will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, April 15, 1799.

**THE** Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 29th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, Commissioner Hartwell will expose to Sale, at his Office in His Majesty's Yard at Sheerness, several Lots of old Stores, consisting of

Old Canvas,  
Hammocks,  
Colours,  
Junk,  
Ditto in Paper-Stuff,  
Shakings,  
Old Cast Iron,  
Leather Buckets,  
Bellows,

and 20 Lots of Old Russian Cordage, Canvas, &c. Also the Hull of His Majesty's Brig Pilote, of the Burthen of 218 Tons, Coppered and Copper-fastened, with Masts, Yards, Furniture, and Stores, as per Inventory; all lying at the said Yard, where any Person