

Whitehall, May 17. This day was published His Majesties Proclamation For Suppressing the Printing and Publishing Unlicensed News-Books, and Pamphlets of News.

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Whereas it is of great Importance to the State, That all News Printed and Published to the People, as well concerning Foreign, as Domestick Affairs, should be agreeable to Truth, or at least Warranted by good Intelligence, that the minds of His Majesties Subj^{ts} be not be disturbed, or amused by Lies or vain Reports, which are many times raised on purpose to scandalize the Government, or for other indirect Ends; and whereas of late many Evil-disposed Persons have made it a common Practice to Print and Publish Pamphlets of News, without License or Authority, and therein have vended to his Majesties People, all the idle and malicious Reports that they could Collect or Invent, contrary to Law; The continuance whereof would in a short time endanger the Peace of the Kingdom, the same manifestly tending thereto, as has been declared by all His Majesties Judges unanimously: His Majesty therefore considering the great Mischief that may ensue upon such Licentious and Illegal Practices, if not timely prevented, hath thought fit by this His Royal Proclamation (with the Advice of His Privy Council) strictly to Prohibit and Forbid all Persons whatsoever to Print or Publish any News-Books, or Pamphlets of News not Licensed by His Majesties Authority. And to the intent all Offenders may know their Danger, and desist from any further Proceedings of this kind, His Majesty is Graciously pleased hereby to Declare, That they shall be proceeded against according to the utmost Severity of the Law: And for that purpose, His Majesty doth hereby Will and Command all His Judges, Justices of Peace, and all other His Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, That they take effectual Care, that all such as shall Offend in the Premises, be proceeded against, and punished according to their Demerits.

Falmouth, May 13. Yesterday was seen off of this Harbor, about 40 sail of Ships, which we are informed, came from the Streights, under the Convoy of Sir Richard Munden in the *St. David*, and Captain Craveth in the *Greenwich*.

Plymouth, May 14. This morning the *Reserve* and the *Mary-Rose* Frigats sailed from hence with the Merchant Ships under their Convoy, to the Eastward.

Plymouth, May 14. Yesterday arrived here the *Ruby* Frigate from *Lisbon*, from whence she brought 44 sail of English Merchant Ships under her Convoy; besides these, above 80 sail more are come home from the Streights, under the Convoy of the *St. David*, the *Greenwich* (on board of which list, is Col. *Dunton*, late Deputy-Governor of *Tangier*) the *Mary Rose* and the *Reserve*, without reckoning the *Asia*, the *Prosperous* and the *Bernardston*, who came from *Scandaroon*, under the Convoy of the *Sweepstakes*, were alone said to be worth Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Portsmouth, May 16. Yesterday came into this Road, the *Pearl* Frigate, Capt. *Williams* Commander, and within few hours, sailed again to the Westward.

Deal, May 17. On Sunday sailed the *Swallow* Frigate, with a rich Convoy of Merchant Ships, bound to *Portugal* and *Spain*. The *Diamond* and *Sampson* Fire-ship are ready to sail for *Kinsale*, to take in Soldiers

for *Tangier*, whether they are to proceed with all expedition, and having landed there M.N., are to cruise upon the Turks, according to the Orders they receive from Vice Admiral *Herbert*.

Graveland, May 12. His Majesties Ship the *Orange-Tree*, is ready to sail for *Iceland*, to protect the Kings Subj^{ts} that Fish upon that Coast.

Whitehall, May 17. This day the Parliament met at Westminster, and was Prorogued by Commission, till the 1st of July next.

Westminster, May 18. This day *Walter Lord Aston* Baron of *Far-far* in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, was Arraigned at the *Kings-Bench Bar*, by the name of *Walter Aston Esq*; together with *Sir James Symons*, *Walter Beveningham Esq*; and *Robert Peters*, for High Treason in Conspiring the Death of the King, and to Levy War, and alter the Religion Established &c. upon an Indictment preferred against them at the last Assizes for the County of *Stafford*, and removed hither by *Certiorari*, to which they severally Pleaded not Guilty.

The Lord *Aston*, was likewise arraigned upon an other Indictment for Felony in concealing and harbouring one *Emers*, knowing him to be a Popish Priest. And the said *Robert Peters* was arraigned for High Treason, as being a Popish Priest, to which they pleaded not Guilty.

Westminster, May 19. This day *Richard Tasburgh* of *Flixton* in the County of *Suffolke* Esq; (who on the fourth Instant was arraigned at the Kings-bench upon an Indictment of High Treason in conspiring the death of the King, &c. which Indictment was preferred against him at the last Assizes for the County of *Suffolke*) came to his Tryal, and after a full hearing of the Witnesses, the Jury without going from the Barr, gave their verdict not Guilty, whereupon Mr. *Tasburgh* was immediately discharged.

Windfor, May 16. The Address from the County Palatine of *Lancaster* (of which we gave you an account the last week) was presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*; and His Majesty was pleased to Command the said Duke to return them Thanks in His Majesties Name.

Windfor, May 19. The King, thanks be to God, continues very well, his Distemper having quite left him, and this morning His Majesty walked in the Park.

Advertisements.

Choice Presidents upon all Acts of Parliament, relating to the Office and Duty of a Justice of Peace. With necessary Notes and Instructions thereupon &c. Collected by *Rich. Kiburne Esq*; And now made publick by *G. F. of Grayes-Inn Esq*; Sold by *Richard Toulson*, within *Grayes-Inn-Gate* next *Grayes-Inn-Lane*.

Lost or stolen the 11th Instant of Mr. *Christopher Shirley's*, of *Thame*, in *Oxfordshire*, out of a ground near *Thame-Park*, a Brown bay Gelding, about 5 years old, near 13 hands high, a white slip down his nose, his Tayl newly Dockt, with some white hairs in it a blemish in his near Eye, and a Log or staff lockt on one of his legs. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. *Shirley* aforesaid, or to Mr. *George Shirley*, at the *Harts-hornes* in *Basing-Lane*, nere *Boadstreet* Lane shall be well rewarded.

One *Thomas Gutteridge*, a thick short boy, about 13 years old light brown hair hanging right down, with a sad colored coat and stockings, red waistcoat and gray breeches, and a gray calter hat, run away from his Miller *John Radcliffe* a Butcher at *Heath* in *Kent*, on the 12th Instant with 5 l. in money, and a gray gelding, cut tail, and flapping ears, with a very old saddle, having but one stirrup. Whosoever gives notice of him to the said *John Radcliffe*, or to Mr. *Lenjan Williams*, at the *Ship* in *Friday-street*, shall have 1 s. Reward.