

the Nation. But we feel that the Glory, the Happiness, and even the Existence of our Country are now at Stake; we see around us the Wrecks of Nations, whom a short-sighted Selfishness withheld from making the requisite Exertions in due Time; and we are deeply convinced that no Danger can be equal to that of Subjection to a foreign Power, and no Loss so irreparable as the Loss of National Honor and Independence.

Animated by these Sentiments, the Convention of the Royal Burghs feel themselves called on to ratify, in its full Extent, the Pledge of Support given to your Majesty by our Representatives in Parliament; and we are ready to stand forth with our Lives and Fortunes in the public Cause. The Power and Resources of this Country, under your Majesty's auspicious Government, have reached a Height unknown in the Annals of our History. We are confident that, in the present eventful Crisis, your Majesty will employ them with Energy and Vigour; and we trust that, through the Blessing of Heaven on the Wisdom of your Counsels, and the Justice of your Cause, they will enable your Majesty to repel the Attacks of the Enemy, to preserve the invaluable Blessings of our free Constitution, to protect and extend the Means of commercial Enterprise to your Subjects, and to furnish to many other Nations of Europe, our ancient Friends and Allies, an Opportunity of recovering their former Dignity.

Signed in our Name, by our Appointment, and in our Presence,
Neil Macvicar, Preses.
Edinburgh, July 15, 1803.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Lord Pelb.sm.]

Transport-Office, June 25, 1803.

THE Commissioners for conducting His Majesty's Transport-Service, and for the Care and Custody of Prisoners of War, do hereby give Notice, that they will be ready on Tuesday the 26th of July next, at this Office, to receive sealed Tenders, and treat with such Person as may be willing to contract for victualling Prisoners of War in Health, from the 1st Day of September next, for Six Months certain, with Three Months Notice of Discontinuance, at per Man per Day, at the following Places, viz.

Portsmouth,
Plymouth,
Stapleton near Bristol,
Norman-Cross, and
Chatham.

Further Particulars may be known by applying at this Office, or to the Agent for Prisoners of War at the above Places respectively.

No Tenders will be received after One o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Parties, or Agents for them, personally attend.

N. B. Each Tender must be accompanied with a Letter from Two respectable Persons, engaging to become bound, with the Person tendering, in the Sum of 2000l. for the due Performance of each Contract.

Alex. M'Leay, Secretary.

Transport-Office, July 5, 1803.

THE Commissioners for conducting His Majesty's Transport-Service, and for the Care and Custody of Prisoners of War, do hereby give Notice, that they will

be ready on Tuesday the 2d of August, at this Office, to receive sealed Tenders, and to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for victualling Prisoners of War in Health, from the 1st Day of October next, for Twelve Months certain, and until Six Months Notice shall be given, at per Man per Day, at the following Places, viz.

Jamaica,
New Providence,
Antigua,
Barbadoes,
Bermuda,
Halifax in Nova Scotia,
Gibraltar, and
Malta.

The Contractors must engage to begin to victual the Prisoners not later than the 1st of October; and they may begin as much earlier as they shall think proper, with the Concurrence of the Commanders in Chief of His Majesty's Ships on the respective Stations.

Further Particulars may be known by applying at this Office.

The Tenders must be given in separately for each Place, and none will be received after One o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Parties, or Agents for them, attend.

N. B. Each Tender must be accompanied with a Letter from Two respectable Persons engaging to become bound, with the Person tendering, in the Sum of 2000l. for the due Performance of each Contract.

Alex. M'Leay, Secretary.

Navy Office, July 25, 1803.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that they are ready to receive Tenders for the Purchase of Six Vessels of the Burthen of 250 to 280 Tons; the Vessels must have Two Flyb Decks, and be coppered and Copper-fastened.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE.

July 26, 1803.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Notice is hereby given, That the Price of Three per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £.53 and under £.54 per Centum.

By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes,
Matthew Winter, Secretary.

London, July 23, 1803.

Office for the Duty on Post-Horses, Poland-Street, Oxford Street.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of His present Majesty King George the Third, and by Order of the Commissioners for managing the Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, Notice is hereby given, that the Post-Masters, Innkeepers, and other Persons licensed to let Horses to travel Post, &c. residing in the City of London, and Liberty of Westminster, and within Five Miles of the Head Office for Stamps, or within the Bills of Mortality, are required to attend on Friday, or Saturday next, between the Hours of Nine in the Forenoon and Four in the Afternoon, to bring in and deliver at this Office their several Weekly Accounts to Saturday the 23d Day of July instant, inclusive; and at the same Time to pass the said Accounts, and pay the Money due thereon.

C. Hayter, Farmer of the said Duties.