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Edenburg, Sept. 22.

THis day the Privy-Council being met, such of the Lords as were present, took the Test appointed by the late Act of Parliament, and made an Act of Council; ordaining all Privy Counsellors not now present to take the same, before they be admitted to act as Counsellors: and that all Persons, taking the same, either before the Council, or any other Judicatory, shall do it upon their knee, repeating the words.

His Royal Highness, His Majesties High Commissioner, and the Privy-Council, appointed the Earl of Balcarras to be Colonel of the Militia Regiment in Fife; lately Commanded by the deceased Duke of Rothes: and the Lord Burnt-Island, to be Colonel of the Regiment, lately Commanded by the Earl of Weems, deceased.

Edenburg, Sept. 24. The Acts passed in the last Parliament being now published, we send you that against Assassinations, and the other for Asserting the Kings Jurisdiction, which, (of those you have nor already had,) are of the most general Concern,

An Act against Assassinations.

THe Kings most Excellent Majesty considering, that notwithstanding Assassination be a crime of a high nature, inconsistent with, and wholly destructive to all Humane Society; yet such are the pernicious Principles and wicked Practices of several Persons, that they do assert and maintain those villainous, impious, and horrid Doctrines and Principles: Therefore His Majesty, with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, doth Statute and Ordain, That not only all such Persons who shall Assassinate, but that all who shall maintain or assert, that it is lawful to kill any Man upon difference in Opinion, or because they have been employed in the Service of the King, or of the Church, as it is presently established by Law, shall incur the pain of Treason, and be punished by Tinsel of Life, Lands and Goods: And the remembering with horror the execrable Murderer of that most Reverend and Worthy Prelate, *JAMES*; late Archbishop of *St. Andrews* (who deserved so well of this Church and Monarchy, for his eminent Service to both) Do Ordain the Sheriff of Fife and his Deputes, to make weekly Searches in those places where it is, or may be suspected those Assassins do reside; that they be brought to Justice, and exemplarily punished. And likewise Ordain all other Sheriffs and Magistrates, upon information that those Assassins are within their bounds; to make search for, and apprehend them, that they may be brought to Justice. And do hereby Ratify the former Acts of Council, against such as shall reject those Murderers.

An Act asserting His Majesties Prerogative in the point of Jurisdiction.

THe Estates of Parliament considering, that all Government and Jurisdiction within this His Majesties ancient Kingdom of *Scotland*, does originally reside in his Sacred Majesty, His lawful Heirs and Successors: And though His Majesty and his Royal Predecessors have bestowed Offices and Jurisdictions upon several of his well deserving Subjects, yet these are not privative of his Jurisdiction. They do therefore in a dutiful and humble Recognizance of his Majesties Royal Right and Prerogative as to this point, Declare, That notwithstanding of those Jurisdictions and Offices, His Sacred Majesty may by himself, or any Commissioned by him, take Cognizance and Decision of any Cases or Causes He pleases.

Bristol, Oct. 7 There are several Letters from *France* and other places, which give an account of the Surrender of the City of *Strasbourg* to the French, without the least Difficulty of a Siege, farther than the Investing it by the French

Troops. On Sunday last the Dutch Ambassador in *France* pass through this City on his way to the *Hague*. There seems at present not any likelihood of an Accommodation between the Elector of *Lobagne* and the City of *Lige*.

Hague, Oct. 7. You will easily believe, that we are extremely surprized to hear that the French have made themselves Masters of the City of *Strasbourg*, which made nos any resistance, but upon the first appearance of the French Troops, opened their Gates and received a Garrison. We may well expect that the Princeps of *Germany* will be mightily alarmed, and we must expect to see what measures they will take for their common safety and preservation.

Paris, Oct. 8. The City of *Strasbourg* is now in of the hands of the French, having received a Garrison, as we told you in our last, without any opposition; the King received the news of it at *Vaux le Francois*, and thereupon, as we are informed, stop his Journey, resolving to stay there in expectation of the Queen and the Dauphiness. What the Kings farther Design is, a few days will inform us; in the mean time there are several conjectures, but these being altogether uncertain, are not worth the mentioning. Its not doubted, but the Treaty between the King and the Duke of *Munster* is by this time executed; By it his Majesty obliged himself to pay that Duke two Millions of *Livres* (which he has already received) and 100000 *Livres* yearly during his Life; and on the other side the Duke of *Munster* promised to put the Citadel and Castle of *Caer* immediately into the Kings Possession, and yields to him the Town of *Caer*, and the whole Dutchy of *Munster*; after his death; the said Duke being to enjoy all the Honors, Rights and Revenues thereof during his Life. There is much discourse of the Count de *Luzarq* returning to Court.

Newmarket, Sept. 28, His Majesty being extremely pleased with those Loyal Expressions of Duty, which the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge made in the name of himself and that University, when he waited on him at *Newmarket* to that purpose, besides what his Majesty then Declared. (which was much more than was mentioned in our late account of it) at a further testimony of his Princely Favour to that Loyal Body, was pleased on the same day to Declare His intention to Honour the University with His Own and the Queens Presence which he signified to *Dr. Gower* the Vice-Chancellor, with express Command to the said Vice-Chancellor, so to order His Reception; that what he intended for a Favour and Kindness, should not prove a Burden to the University; and on Tuesday the 27th Instant, their Majesties accordingly set forth from hence, attended with the whole Court, and about two miles from Cambridge, were met by Sir Thomas Slater, High Sheriff of the County, with his Men in their Liveries; and some way out of Town, by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Scarles, together with the Common Council, and all the Govern-men of that Corporation, to the number of about fourscore. After the Mayor had ended his Speech, surrendered his Mace, and received it again, he carried it before the Kings Coach into the Town; at the very Entrance whereof, the Scholars were placed; First, the Under-Graduates, then the Bachelors of Arts, all in their Gowns, and Habits suitable to their Standing, in one continued rank from that place to the Schools, and all the way as their Majesties passed along, the Scholars on their knees fill'd the Air with their loud Acclamations, of *Vivat Rex, Vivat Regina*; The Townsmen at the same time contending to express their good wishes as heartily in English. When their Majesties were come to the Schools, they found the Regent-walk crowded on both sides with Regents, non-Regents, and Bachelors of Divinity, through whose joyful applauses they walked

As they came near two Chairs of State that were set for them; the Vice-Chancellor, Heads of Houses, and all the Doctors standing in their Robes, Their Majesties being sate, the Orator of the University spoke first in Latine to the King, and then in English to the Queen, The Vice-Chancellor after a short Latine Speech on his knees, delivered a large Folio English Bible to His Majesty; and then another short Speech in English to the Queen, with another Book, being a View of the late Troubles in England.

Then their Majesties went up to the Regent-House, and by their particular Command, Mr Montague a younger Brother to the present Earl of Sandwich, Fellow of Trinity Colledge, and His Majesties Chaplain in waiting, was Admitted and Created Doctor of Divinity; their Majesties being much pleased in observing the Solemn Rites and Formalities used on such occasions. Afterwards severall of the Nobility were admitted Doctors of Law, His Majesty allowing the Vice-Chancellor to sit Covered in His Presence, while the Orator presented them; he also altho' other things then to be done as at other times. From thence they went to Kings-Colledge-Chapell, where after two Speeches and Psems made them by Dr. Coppelton, the Provost of that Colledge, their Majesties were pleased to go up to the top and view all that magnificent Structure; From thence they went to Trinity-Colledge, and after a Speech in Latine, spoke by Dr. Linnee; and another in English Verse by Mr. Duke; They went to St. Johns Colledge, where Dr. Cooper, Vice-Chancellor, as Master of that Society, made two Speeches to before in Latine and English, and presented both their Majesties, and then conducted them to the Library, where Sir Francis Compton's Son, a Fellow-Commoner of that Colledge, repaired a Copy of Verses; after which, their Majesties went into the Masters long Gallery, where they were Entertained at Dinner so much to their satisfaction, that the King was pleased to write the Vice-Chancellor, who waited on him at the Table, that he could find but one fault, and that was the over-great plenty. There were severall other Tables for the Lords, Ladies, Gentlemen, Guards and others that belonged to the Court. The King was served by Masters of Arts in their white Hoods, and the other Tables by Scholars of that Colledge; His Majesty was pleased to discourse with the Vice-Chancellors Attendance any further than to the Gates of his own Colledge; At which time he Declared at large, how high he was satisfied with this Reception, and the regard he would always have for the University; adding besides, Expressions of Royal Favour, and Gracious Intentions to the Vice-Chancellor himself; His Majesty was likewise pleased to express to him in most Gracious Words, her Thanks for her Entertainment. Then their Majesties took Coach, and in their way going out of Town, went to Queens Colledge, as they did to Cajus-Colledge, in their passage to Trinity, and were received in both with Speeches besides a Banquet at Queens. The Foot Company consisting of 150 Men, upon the beat of Drum were ready at six of the clock in the Morning, under the Command of Capt. Robert Muriell, and attended their Majesties coming out of Christs Colledge Green continuing in Arms during their aboad in the Town, making severall Volies of Shot, as Expressions of their joy in that Service, and Attendance; The whole day from four a clock in the Morning till night, was spent in Ringing of Bells in every Church of the Town; the Gondvins running with Wine, and all other expressions of a true joy for their Honor and Happiness in that Visit, and Presence of their Majesties. In short, their Majesties never appeared better satisfied with an Entertainment, then with this hearty, Loyal, and Generous one from the University; and newer Society were more overjoyed with the Gracious and Favourable acceptance of their Majesties.

Falmouth, Sept. 26. The 24th Instant arrived here the Sloop-makker of Plymouth, and the day following six Merchant Ships more from New England. The same day put into this Port the *one Respect* and the *Abbeville of Lunenburg*, they came from the North west passage about seven Months ago, and are very richly laden with Furrs, &c.

Plymouth, Sept. 27 Sunday in the Evening His Majesties Ship the *1*, Comanded by the Lord Bertley, put to Sea with the Merchant-Ships under his Convoay, being about 60 Sail, bound for the *Streights*.

London, Sept. 29. This day the Common-Hall met to choose a Lord Mayor for the year ensuing; and according to Custom, Sir John Moore, who was next the Chair, and severall other Aldermen were put in Nomination; Sir John Moore, Sir John Smeaton, and Sir Thomas Gild had the most Hands, and a Pole was demanded; which lasted till six in the Evening, when the Roll being reported, it appeared that Sir John Moore had 1831. Votes, Sir John Smeaton 1560, and Sir Thomas Gild 1523. So Sir John Moore, and Sir John Smeaton were Returned to the Court of Aldermen, who by Scrutiny chose Sir John Moore to be Lord Mayor for the year ensuing, and accordingly Declared the Election, to the great Satisfaction of all good and Loyal Citizens, as well for that the Election fell upon a Person of so great worth, and known affection to the established Government in Church and State; as for that the ancient Order and Custom of the City were preserved, to the disappointment of those that so strongly endeavoured to break in upon them.

Whereas divers Persons who have been made Obligations to seize Uncustomed or Prohibited Goods, are by reason of the alteration of their Abode, not now to be found. The Commissioners of His Majesties Customs do here give notice to all Persons, having such extraordinary Commissions, That they do before the First day of November next, personally appear before the said Commissioners with their Commissions or Deputations, to render an Account of their Proceedings, and in default thereof, the said Commissioners will Recall and Vacate their Commissions, and take such further course against them and their Security, as by Law they may.

And whereas the said Commissioners are inform'd that Alexander Younger, John Smith, Antho. Watts, and Robert Williamson, who have or lately had Deputations to Search for, and Seize Uncustomed and Prohibited Goods, do still under pretence of that Authority, break open and enter Houses, to the great disturbance and disquiet of His Majesties Subjects, by threatening and affrighting them thereby; also extorting from them certain sums of Money. These are therefore to give notice to all persons whom it may concern, That the said persons are discharged from the Service of the Customs for Misdemeanors, and their Authority recalled; And if any of the said Persons shall be found Searching or Seizing any Goods under colour of such Authority; His Majesties Justices of the Peace and other Magistrates, are desired to Apprehend them.

Advertisements.

Stolen on Thursday Septemb. 22 out of the Churchyard, in Clifton, in the County of Bedjord, about a mile from Bristol; a Sorrel Mare, about 13 hands high, a Star in her forehead, a black Tail, Truss all, and Gallows well, a little low Back'd, broken Winded, and with Foal, suppos'd to be stoln by one in a white Camblet Coat, in a long Peewiggy Pockholes in his face, ruffie Sleeves, and one who pretends to buy Live Hair to make Peewiggs. Whosoever shall give notice of this Mare, either to Mrs. Brown at the Marlborough House in Clifton, or to Mr. Henry C. She at the *Feulston* Tavern on Clifton-Gate, or to Mr. C. at the *Post Office* in Bristol, shall have 25 s. reward.

Stolen the 16th Instant out a Ground at Clifton near Bristol, a Black Mare, 14 hands high, all her Peaces eight years old, a Star in her Forehead, grizzled Tail with many grey Hairs above her Buttock, a Gall about four Inches below her Shoulder, under the Saddle; Whosoever shall give notice of this Mare, so as she may be secured, to *John* Butcher in the *Stables* in Bristol, or to Mr. C. at the *Post Office* in Bristol, shall have a Guinea reward.