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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1821.

*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, February 26, 1821.*

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that His Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room at Buckingham-Palace, on Thursday the 22d of March next, at two o'clock.

*Whitehall, February 24, 1821.*

**T**HE King has been pleased to command that, in the present and in all future years, His Majesty's Birth-day shall be, in all respects, observed and kept on the 23d day of April; excepting when that day shall fall on Sunday, in which case the same is to be observed and kept on the following day.

**A**T the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 23d of February 1821,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this day read at the Board, a Memorial from the Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea, in the words following, viz.

“ WHEREAS by an Act of the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “ An Act for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, and encouraging attempts to find a Northern Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole;” and by another Act of the present session of Parlia-

ment, to amend the said Act, it is provided, that for the encouragement of persons who may attempt the said Passage, or approach to the Northern Pole, but not wholly accomplish the same; we, the Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea, may by our Memorial propose to your Majesty in Council, to direct and establish proportionate rewards to be paid to such person as aforesaid, who shall first have accomplished certain proportions of the said Passage or Approach :

And whereas it appears that the progress of discovery has already advanced on the Northern Coast of North America, and within the Arctic Circle, as far as 113 degrees of West Longitude, or thereabouts, from Greenwich; but has not arrived Northward, according to any well authenticated accounts, so far as 81 degrees of North Latitude :

We, your Memorialists, beg leave most humbly to represent these particulars for your Majesty's consideration, and to submit, with all humility, whether your Majesty may not be graciously pleased to establish the following scale of rewards, to be allotted according to the intentions of the said Acts :

- 1.—To the first ship belonging to any of your Majesty's subjects, or to your Majesty, that shall reach the Longitude of 130° West from Greenwich, by sailing within the Arctic Circle - - - £5,000
- To the first ship as aforesaid, that shall reach the Longitude of 150° West from Greenwich, by