

The Earl of *Murray*, and the Earl of *Meyort*, Principal Secretaries of State for that Kingdom, the Earl of *Seafort*, and the Earl of *Dunbarton*, who were receiv'd into that Order by His Majesty the Sovereign thereof; Dispensing in the mean time with the Ceremonies and Solemnity of their Installment, as well as that of all the rest of the Knights Brethren, during His Majesty's pleasure; or until there shall be a fit opportunity for their meeting Chapterly at His Majesty's Royal Chappel in His Palace of *Holyrood-House*, which is appointed to be the Chappel of that Order in time coming, in place of the great Church of *St. Andrew*, (ruined in time of the said Rebellion,) where formerly the Solemnities of that Order were performed, as being the place where the Reliques of the Apostle *St. Andrew* were kept; and whither the said King *Achais* went in Solemn Procession to give Thanks to Almighty God for his miraculous assistance in the Glorious Victory obtained by him against *Atbellstane* King of the *Saxons*. His Majesty having likewise Nominated and Appointed four other Noblemen of the said Kingdom (now there) to be Knights Brethren of the said Order; To wit, The Earl of *Perth*, Lord High Chancellor of the said Kingdom, the Lord Marquis of *Athole* Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, the Duke of *Gordon*, and the Earl of *Aran*, who are to be received therein by Commissioners appointed by His Majesty for that effect. The Nomination of four Knights more (to complete the full number of that Order, consisting of the Sovereign, and Twelve Knights Brethren in allusion to our Saviour and the Twelve Apostles) being delayed, until the Sovereign shall think fit to Declare the same. His Majesty was also Graciously pleas'd to give His Commission to Sir *Andrew Forrester* to be His Secretary of the said Order; thereof the Officers thereof being speedily to be named by the Sovereign.

*Gravesend, June 10.* His Majesty's Royal Charter was this day brought hither by the Honourable Sir *Joseph Williamson* (Hereditary High Steward of this Corporation in Right of the Lady *Catherine O'Brien*, Baroness *Clifton*, Sister and Heiress to the late Duke of *Richmond*) accompanied by Sir *John Heath*, under Steward, by water, being met by the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council in their Formalities, and divers Gentlemen of the Country in Boats, with a noise of Trumpets, Hoboys, and other Musick; Landing at the Town-Bridge, the High Steward delivered the Charter to the Mayor, who receiv'd it upon his Knees; then it was carried before the Mayor to the *Town-Hall*, and being read, the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council took their Oaths, and gave the Freedom of the Corporation to several Gentlemen of the Country; afterwards they went to the Market-place, where there were several Hogheads of Beer, and Wine, Bisket, &c. given by Sir *Joseph Williamson*, and having drank the King's Health, the Queens, and Royal Families, they went to the Mayor's House, where was a Noble Entertainment. The Streets were dress'd with Boughs, and strewd with Flowers and Herbs, and the Evening was spent in Ringing of Bells, and with all other expressions of Joy and Thankfulness for His Majesty's Gracious Charter.

The Market-days are now altered from Monday and Thursday, to Wednesday and Saturday weekly: And the Fair which was usually held on the 25th of *January*, is alter'd to the 23th of *April*, and four days after.

*London, June 13.* We have the following Account of an Engagement which the Ship *Cesar*, Capt. *Edmond Wright* Commander maintained on the last day of *October*, 1686. against Five East India Pyrats of several Nations. The said Ship being bound for the East Indies, on the account of the East-India Company, with a loading to the value of 100000*l.* Serl. and having on board a Company of 100 Soldiers of the Lord Viscount *Montgomery's* Regiment, (which His Majesty was pleas'd to give leave to go in the said Company's Service,) and 100 Seamen. On the 28th of *October* we arrived at *St. Jago*, where having refresh'd our Men, we sail'd again the Sunday following, but had scarce opened the

weathermost point of the Road, when we had sight of five Ships, which were Pyrats, and waited our coming out, as we found afterwards, for they no sooner espied us, but they crow'd all the Sail they could possible make after us; Whereupon, imagining the worst, we likewise made Sail for the gaining time to put our selves in the best posture we could for our defence; which having done, and perceiving the Pyrats gain'd upon us apace, our Captain ordered our small Sails to be handed, and our Main Sail and Mizzen to be furled, and put our Ship right before the Wind, concluding it absolutely the best way so to Engage; and then having encouraged our Men, every one repaired to his Post. About 10 in the Mornings, two of the nimblest of the Pyrats were come up with us, the headmost having fired three or four Shot at us, and finding we slighted him, stretched to windward, and there lay pecking at us, whilst his companion was doing the same a-stern, whom our chace Guns from the great Cabin soon brought upon the Carine, which we had scarce done, when the other three Ships had got our length, and fired on us a-main, these were Ships of burthen, and could not have less than between 20 and 30 Guns each, and full of Men; the Admiral and Vice-Admiral on our Larboard-side designed to lay us on board, which the other did on our Quarter, but we plyed him so warmly with our small Shot, which we shrowd on him from our Tops, Poop, and other Posts, that he was glad to get clear of us again, and fell a-stern, having lost his Boltsprit, and abundance of his Men; his Hull at the same time not being impenetrable to our great Shot, which we plac'd in, and through him; The Vice-Admiral on our Bow having had as hot an entertainment, and no better success, bore likewise away, and had the luck to receive our Broad side which carried away his Fore-yard and Mizzen-Mast, whilst our Stern-chace so gauled the rest a-stern, that after 5 hours sharp Engagement, they began to bear away to repair the damage they had received from us, which was unquestionably very considerable, and would have been yet greater, could we have plaid our whole Gun deck Fire, but being so deeply laden, we durst break open never a Port between Decks, save our Stern-chace. All our Men in general behaved themselves with great courage, and in particular the Soldiers and their Officers made use of their small Arms with so much skill and bravery, that a large share of the honour of this Action is due to them. The Pyrats having left us, we continued our course, having sustained some damage in our Sails and Rigging, and had one Man killed, and eight wounded.

#### Advertisements

*Vinculum Societatis*, Or the Tie of Good Company; being a choice Collection of the newest Songs now in Use with a Thorow-Bass to each Song, for the Harpsicord, Theorbo, or Bass-Viol, The First of Book of this Character. Sold by John Carr at the Middle Temple Gate, and Samuel Scott at the Miter near Temple-Bar.

UPON Monday the 20th Instant in the Morning, will begin the Sale of the Library of Edward Wray Esq; being a choice Collection of Books in all sorts of Learning, at the Pelican in Little Britain. Catalogues will be delivered to Gentlemen at the place aforesaid, by W. Cooper in the time of Sale; the Books may be seen any time this week.

LOST from Northumberland House in the Strand, on Monday last in the Evening; a small Italian Greyhound Dog, being White and Mouse colour, about 4 Months old. Whoever shall bring the said Dog to the Porter at Northumberland-House, shall have 40*s.* Reward.

LOST in a Hackney Coach on Friday between nine and ten a Clock at night, coming from Porter lane in Cheapside to Green-street near Leicester Fields, an old Letter-Case of red Leather, containing several Papers. Whoever brings the same to Mr. Young Watchmaker at Mr. Mans Coffee-house near Charing-cross shall have 10*s.* Reward.

WHEREAS John Moore, formerly an Apprentice to one Mr. Scout of London, hath abused himself for some years past; If the said John Moore will come to Mr. John Hyland near the Tabor Gate in Southwark, or to Mr. Edward Aulden of Burwash in Suffex, he may be inform'd of an Estate which is lately fallen to him.

LOST the 26th past, near Cambridge, a Brown bay Gelding, above 14 hands high, a small star in his Forehead, six years old next Grass, bob Tail'd. Whoever gives Notice of him, so that he may be had again, unto Mr. Nicholas Tabor of Cambridge, or to Mr. Edward Noyman at the Bull-In in Bishopsgate-street, London, shall have 40*s.* Reward.

LOST from Barrery in Yorkshire, a dapple grey Gelding, above 14 hands high, all his Paces, seven years old, Flea-bitten on his Head and Shoulders, short Dockt, and white Mane and Tail. Whoever gives Notice of him to Mr. Thomas Lister at the Three Wheat sheaves in Paternoster-row, or to Mr. Litter at Barrery aforesaid, shall have 40*s.* Reward.

STOLEN out of the Grounds of Thomas Saunders of Battersley the 14th Instant, a bay Mare about 13 hands high, a slit in the near Ear, and a cut Tail, Tails all. Whoever gives Notice of her to Evan Jones at the Sign of the Milkmaid in Monmouth-street, St. Giles's, shall have a Quire Reward.