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Whitehall, August 16.

This day His Majesties Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, &c. met in the Council Chamber, and made the following Order.

By His Majesties Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, &c.

Whereas we thought fit by our Order, bearing Date the 12th Day of Jun. last, to Command and Require all Chancellors, Archdeacons, Commissaries and Officials, to Inquire strictly within their respective Jurisdictions, in what Churches and Chapels His Majesties late Gracious Declaration, bearing Date the 27th of April last, was Read upon the 20th and 27th of May last, within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten Miles thereabouts; and upon the 3d and 10th of June following in all other Churches and Chapels of this Kingdom, and in what Churches and Chapels the same was omitted, and to transmit an Account thereof, together with the Names of the Rectors, Vicars, Parsons and Curates of the said Churches and Chapels, to us upon this Day: And whereas it has been represented unto us, That within the time allotted by our said Order, full Inquiries could not be well made, we have thought fit to allow further time for the same, and accordingly do hereby Require and Command all Chancellors, Archdeacons, Commissaries, Officials, and others, having Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, strictly to Inquire of the Church-wardens, Chapel-wardens, and Stewards, as one of their Articles of Inquiry at their respective Visitations, (which Visitations they are hereby required to hold and keep before the 15th Day of November next,) in what Churches and Chapels His Majesties said Declaration was Read, on the Days aforementioned, and in what Churches and Chapels the same was omitted; and to transmit an Account thereof, together with the Names of the Parsons, Rectors, Vicars and Curates of the said Churches and Chapels, to us upon the 6th Day of December next, at Four in the Afternoon, in the Council Chambers at Whitehall. Given under our Seal the 16th Day of August, 1688.

Constantinople, June 19. The last week a Council was held here, where a Resolution was taken to send Letters to the Emperor; in which the Grand Signior, after the Notice of his coming to the Throne, declares, That whereas the ancient Amity and Friendship between the two Empires, had been broken during the Reign of his Predecessor; He did by no means approve of the Measures that were then taken, and God had punished the Authors of that War: That he for his part was of other Dispositions; That he considered the Emperor as his Neighbour, and was desirous to renew the former Friendship, and to establish a firm and lasting Peace with him, &c.

The Persons chosen to carry them, are Zulficar Effendi, (who was lately Chiaus Bachi, but turn'd out by the *Giurba's* when they Govern'd,) and *Masro Cordato*, who is joined with the other as being a Man of Rulines. They will carry about 60 Persons in their Train, one half in the Turkish, and the other in the Grecian Habit, and will set out about 12 or 15 days hence, and may arrive in 25 or 30 days more at Belgrade, where it is supposed they will stay till an Answer comes from Vienna.

The Grand Signior, who at first for several Months abain'd, has lately taken 5 or 6 Women; and does often divert himself on the Water; leaving the Conduct of the publick Affairs to the *Vizier*, while he continues chiefly to entertain himself with the Reading and Study of the *Alcoran*.

Yeghen Bassa is certainly made *Serascuer* of Hungary; *Hassan* Bassa, with whom he had the Contest, being privately fled away. And now the Robbers of *Narolia* are coming over in great numbers to join with him: One *Tormao Balucovachi* (a chief Man of these Bandits,) is already come hither with 400 Men; And *Yedic* their Commander is not only pardoned, but made a Bassa, and is following with his Party. We shall see towards Winter what Revolutions will happen hereupon, the said *Yeghen* and his Followers favouring the Interests of the deposed Grand Signior and his Son. In the mean time all sorts of People talk here of nothing but Changes; And the Astrologers and Fortune-Tellers began to be very busy, till the following Story gave a check to them. On the 8th instant one of their *Sheicks*, preaching before the *Vizier*, inveighed very earnestly against such as took upon them to spread abroad Prophecies, to the great Prejudice of the Government; Whereupon the *Vizier* desiring to be further informed, and being told of a certain *Ragusean* Jew, who kept a Shop in *Strambol*, and there distributed his Prophecies to all Comers, and talk'd publicly, that both the Grand Signior and *Vizier* would in a short time be chang'd: He call'd this Man before him, and the matter being examined, and fully proved, that he had foretold they should not continue above 3 months longer, the *Vizier* ask'd him, Whether he thought he might not be mistaken in the time, and whether it might not be 3 years in stead of 3 months? He replied, That could not be; For in much less time than 3 years, the Christians should drive them out of all. The *Vizier* then demanded, If he could tell his own Fortune? To which the Jew answering, He had not yet considered of it: Then, said the *Vizier*, I can foretel yours, that you shall be hang'd presently; And accordingly gave his Orders, the Man being carried from the *Vizier's* House, and hang'd before his own News Shop.

Warsaw, July 30. The King has deferred his departure for *Russia* till to morrow; And it's believed it will be put off for some days longer: The Queen will accompany him in his Journey. We have received no News this week from our Army; Nor of the Turks and Tartars.

Vienna, August 15. Last Night arrived here an Express from the Imperial Army, commanded by the Elector of *Bavaria*, with the good News of their having passed the *Save* on the 9th instant within 4 Leagues of *Belgrade*; Of which we have the following Account:

The Army having encamped the 5th instant at *Tiska*, continued its march on the 6th towards the *Save*, and made a halt at *Baglutz*, distant about half a League from that River, where the Artillery, Baggage, and Boats which had been put upon Wheels, with the other Materials necessary for the making of a Bridge, joined it in the Evening, under the Convoy of a good Body of Horse and Foot. About the same time a Prisoner was brought into the Camp, who, upon Examination declared, That the Ottoman Army was compos'd, of 25000 Men, of which there were about 25 Companies of Janissaries; of between 4 and 500 each, who were employed in finishing the Intrenchments they had rais'd on the other side of the *Save*, to hinder the Christians from passing it, from *Belgrade* as far as the Island of the *Swallows*, in which they had plac'd 66 pieces of Cannon. Upon this report, and the other Advices his Electoral Highness had received, a Council of War was assembled, and, after long and great Debates, it was resolv'd to attempt the passage of the *Save*; And to send a good Body of Men to endeavour to burn the Bridge, which the Turks have over that River near *Belgrade*; Or, if they could not succeed therein, to post themselves as near as conveniently they could, to the head of the Bridge, as well to give the Enemy an Alarm on that side, as to secure our Convoys, that were to come from *Peter Waradin*. Accordingly, on the 7th, Major-General *Dunewald* was commanded thither with 4000 Men, while the main Army advanced towards the *Save*, directing its march to the Island of the *Swallows*, which the Turks, upon their approach, abandoned, and the Imperialists immediately

arely after possessed themselves of, the Horse Ford'ng over, and the Foot, passing in Boats; But the other Branch of the River was so deep, and so well defended with the Enemies Cannon and Small Shot, that there was no means of passing it; And besides, His Electoral Highness was informed, That *Teskeley* stood on the other side with a Body of Turks and Tartars, to dispute their passage. The 8th was employed in observing the Defences and places of most care accets of the River, above and below the said Island; And another Council being held, it was resolv'd to alarm the Enemy, the Night following, in several places at the same time, while the Count *de Serini*, General of the Bavarian Forces, assisted with the Generals *Stein* and *Aprumont*, and the Colonel Count of *Furstenberg*, should, with 6000 Men, attempt to pass the River in Boats, at a good distance from that where the chief Alarm was to be given: Which was executed with that Care and Conduct, that the Success was answerable to their Wishes; For the Count *de Serini* passed the River without being discovered, and, driving the Enemy from thence, (who were there but in a very small number,) posted his Men on the other side, and covered them with Chevaux de Frize, which were fastned together with Chains; They had hardly put themselves into a Posture of Defence, when, about break of Day, they were attack'd by 8000 Janiaries, who came on with great Fury, but were so warmly receiv'd by our Granadiers and Musquetiers, that, after several Repulses, they retired in much disorder, and with the loss of 600 of their Party: On our side about 120 were kill'd, of which number was the Major of the Count *de Furstenberg*, and some inferior Officers. During these Assaults, which lasted above two hours, a Bridge was laid over the River, with so great Diligence, that the whole Army passed the River the same day, except the Baggage and Cannon: His Electoral Highness generously recompenc'd those that had distinguished themselves in this Occasion; He gave 200 Ducats to the Captain of the Bridge, for having finished it in so short a time; And gave Gratuities to divers others, distributing in all above 2000 Ducats. At the departure of the Expres, the Imperial Army was preparing to decamp the next Morning, having but three small marches to make, to arrive before *Belgrade*; and though there be a good Garrison within the Town, and that the Turks have made several Inrenchments to cover their Troops that are encamped without; Yet, after this successful passage of the *Sarve*, which was by all esteem'd the most difficult Action of this Campagne, we may well hope to hear in a short time of the Conquest of that important place. By another Expres from Prince *Louis of Baden*, we are inform'd, That he had pass'd the *Sarve*, with the Troops under his Command, on the 4th instant at *Siseck*; where he was joined by the Militia of *Croatia*, about 9000 strong, commanded by the Count *d'Erdeudi* Viceroy of that Kingdom: That from thence he march'd to *Erava* in *Croatia*, intending, after he had for two or three days refresh'd his Troops there, and that the Reinforcement of 4000 Germans, under the Command of the Prince of *Savoy*, had join'd him, which he expected they would do the 8th, to advance towards the *Uma*, and having pass'd that River, to endeavour to possess himself of *Debitza* and *Ostnowitzza*, and afterwards to attack *Gradiska*. The Duke of *Lorrain* will, it's said, part from hence the next week for *Hungary*. The *Bassa of Bosnia* observes the Prince of *Baden* with 12000 Men.

Hague, August 24. The *Seur Lente*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, had the last week his First Audience of the States-General, to which he was conducted with the usual Ceremonies. The day for the Entcampment of the Troops of this State is not yet fixed, but it's generally believ'd 'twill be the 4th or 5th of the next month. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* is expected in a few days at *Minden*, from whence he will go to *Cleves*.

Brussels, August 27. The Cardinal of *Furstenberg* is returned to *Bonne*. The Prince and Princess of *Vaudemont* will part from hence to morrow for *Aix la Chapelle*, to take the Waters. We hear from *Lille*, that the *Marschal de Humieres* was expected there, as this day from *France*.

Marseilles, August 20. The Eight Gallies that were before *Argiers* arriv'd here this Week; And most of the Men of War, with the Gallions, are returned to *Thoulon*; The rest are sailing in the *Streights*.

Paris, August 28. The King has ordered a new Levy of 10000 Foot, and 6000 Horse, and divers Commissions are already given out: His Majesty has likewise made a great many new General Officers; as Lieutenant-Generals, *Marschals de Camp*, and *Brigadiers of Horse and Foot*. The *Genadams* and *Light-Horse*, that formed the Camp of *Acheres*, and were returning to their Quarters, are countermanded. Part of the *Guards du Corps* march'd yesterday, and the rest this day: And the *Marschal de Humiers* is gone for *Flanders*, where he will assemble a Body of 25000 Men near *Mabegea*. The *Dauphin*, attended with a great many Persons of the First Quality, went the 23th to *Chaulilly*, to be present at the great

Feast that's made there by the Prince of *Condé*; Which will last 8 days. The 23d the Duke of *Esfree* was married to the Daughter of the late *Marquis de Vaurban* Lieutenant-General of the King's Armies.

Windfor, August 21. The 16th instant the Count *de Granmont*, Envoy Extraordinary from *France*; And the Chevalier *de Lesouet*, Envoy from the Duke of *Orleans*, had their Audience of Leave of his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*; Being conducted by Sir *Charles Cottril* Master of the Ceremonies.

The same day the *Marquis de la Rouere*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of *Genoua*, had his First Audience of his Royal Highness; Being likewise conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The 18th the Prince *de Bergues*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Governor of *Flanders*, had also Audience of his Royal Highness; Conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The 19th the *Seur Lyonberg*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Sweden*, had Audience of the King, and of the Queen, to congratulate Their Majesties upon the happy Birth of the Prince; Conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The 20th the Count *de Reventlau*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *Denmark*, to make the same Complement of Congratulation, had his First Audience of Their Majesties; Conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Count *Hamilton*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector *Palatin*, had the 19th his First Audience of the Queen Dowager; And this day of the Prince of *Wales*; Being conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The Grand Jurrys of London and Middlesex have of late made several Presentments against Clippers and false Coiners, which have had good Effect in discovering those Offenders. All in other Cities and Counties, are desired to have a strict Eye upon every unknown and suspicious Person, that shall offer to change or utter any Clipp'd or Counterfeit Money, and to leave such before the next Justice of the Peace, to be examined touching the same; Notice whereof, (with Copies of any Informations or Examinations that shall be taken,) may be sent to Owen Wynne Esq; Warden of the Mint, that Care may be taken for the Prosecuting of such Offenders.

Whereas His Majesty by His Letters Patents hath Granted unto Randolph Alchenhurst Esquire, Stephen Hales, Michael Cope and Tho. Alhenhurst, Gentlemen, the sole Exercise of the Royal Oak, Raffleing, and all other Lotteries and Games resembling Lotteries; These are to Prohibit All Persons whatsoever to Erect or Use any of the said Lotteries or Games without the License of the said Patentees, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils, it being in Contempt of His Majesties Letters Patents and His Royal Proclamation, which requires all Magistrates to be aiding and assisting to suppress Offenders herein.

Advertisements.

One John Rodgers, about 20 years of Age, inclin'd to be fat, with short red hair curled, his face freckled, a short nose, in a Black Cloth Suit; went away from Captain Francis Ruffel, the 15th instant. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. Ridley in the Piazza in Covent-Garden, shall have 2 Guineas Reward.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Thomas Freeman of Ramsbury in Wilts. Tanner, the Commissioners do intend to sit upon the execution of the said Commission on Thursday the 30th instant, by 10 in the Forenoon, at Mr. Thomas Hunt's at the Angel in Marlborough, in the said County, whereof all Persons concern'd are to take Notice, and come prepared to prove their Debts, that have not already done it, or else be excluded the Benefit thereof: And then also the Real Estate of the said Bankrupt, being the Inheritance of about 45 l. per Annum, in Ramsbury aforesaid, will be expos'd to sale to the best Chapman.

These are to give notice, That the Plate to be run for near Basing-floke, will be run for as usually on the first Tuesday in October. The Subscribers who design to put in any horse to run for the said Plate, are desired to enter the horse, name and marks, with the Mayor of Basing-floke, a Month before they run, according to the Articles.

One John Spearinck, aged about 21, pretty tall, and well proportioned, Country-like, in a Cloth Suit not very dark coloured, having lately had the Small Pox, having sandy coloured Wig, his own Hair being light brown and curls a little; went away from his Master the 15th of July last. Whoever gives Notice of him to his Master Mr. John White at the Five Bells in Shandons-Street near Covent Garden White, so as he may be secur'd, shall have a Guinea Reward, and Charges.