

casting up several Works for its greater Security. The French Troops move towards the Frontiers, and are preparing to Encamp. Last Sunday in the Evening happened here a very violent Storm, accompanied with Thunder and Lightning; the latter set the Steeple of the Great Church on Fire, and did other mischief.

Hague, April 26. N. S. The Imperial Ministers having removed the Difficulties about the Preliminaries, it's believed the Conferences will be begun in few days. The Spanish Plenipotentiaries have desired of the French a List of the Reunions they offer to restore in the Spanish Netherlands, and in all probability this will be soon adjusted. A Squadron of Dutch Men of War sailed last Tuesday out of the Texell to cruise to the Northward; and at the same time Lieutenant-General Allmond sailed with 6 Men of War for England. The Elector of Bavaria, according to the last Letters from Flanders, continued with the Army under his Command at Dejnse, and is Fortifying that Camp; Prince Vaudemont has divided his Army in 3 Bodies, which are Encamp'd near Louvain, Waterloo, and Brussels. The Letters come in this day from Stockholm say, the King of Sweden was very ill, and past all hopes of Recovery.

Falmouth, April 17. Yesterday arrived the Spanish Alliance from the Groyne; whence she came on the 7th Instant; and the same day was chased by 5 Ships under French Colours, two of them of about 70 Guns each. We have an account that a Swedish Ship of 500 Tuns, bound home from St. Ubes, was cast away lately near Scilly, and all the Men lost. A Dutch Privateer called the Cortine, is come in from cruising on the French Coasts, where she took 3 French Prizes laden with Salt, Wine and Brandy.

Portsmouth, April 20. The 18th Instant came to Spithead 6 great Dutch Men of War from the Texell; one of them a Vice Admiral. The Newfoundland Convoy sailed the 17th from St. Helens.

Whitchall, April 19. The Right Honourable the Earl of Dorset and Middlesex having resigned into His Majesty's Hands the Office of Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, His Majesty has conferred the same upon the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, to whom His Majesty was pleased to deliver the White Staff this morning.

Kersington, April 21. Dom Luis de Cuneo, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Portugal, had this day his Publick Audience of his Majesty, to which he was Conducted in His Majesty's Coach, in the usual Manner, by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do hereby give Notice, That on Friday next at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, the Subscribers for Circulating the Bills authorized to be issued at the Exchequer, are desired to meet at the Guildhall in London, to chuse Trustees for managing the Monies that are or shall be subscribed for the said Bills, which (after the Issuing of His Majesty's Royal Proclamation pursuant to the Act of Parliament in that behalf) are according to the same Act, to be received in all Payments to His Majesty, as well those for Customs and Excise, as all other Taxes, Aids, and Revenues whatsoever.

Whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, certain Duties are laid upon Leather; and whereas it is thereby Enacted, That all Tanners, Leather-Dressers, Carriers, Leather-Sellers, Shoe-makers, Coach-makers, Coller-makers, Bridle-Cutters, Saddlers, and all other Makers, Dressers, or Workers in Leather, having on the 20th of April 1697, in his or their Custody, or in the Custody of any other Person in Trust for them any Stock or quantity of Leather not made into Wares being for Sale, shall pay after the Rate of 12l. 10s. per Cent. of the true Value of such Leather, and shall deliver to the proper Officer a particular in Writing of the whole Quantity, Kinds and Values of their Stocks of such Leather on or before the first of May 1697. under the Penalty of 20l. And the said Officers are empowered to enter the Shops, Warehouses, or other Places, to view and take an account of the said Stocks. And whereas the Lords Commissioners of His

Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to the Power of the said Act, have Authorized the present Commissioners of Excise to put the said Act in Execution; These are to give notice, That the said Commissioners of Excise have appointed the Officers of Excise to execute the same under them, that is all Tanners and other Persons aforesaid, delivering to the Officer of Excise of their respective Divisions, or as they respectively do dwell, true Particulars and Valuations of their Stock of Leather, may avoid the said Penalty, and all other Penalties relating thereunto.

And whereas by an Act of the said Session, granting to His Majesty a Duty of 6d. per Bushel on Malt, it is therein Enacted, that all Maltsters, or makers of Malt for Sale, Sellers and Retailers of Malt, Brewers, Distillers, Innkeepers, Victualers and Vinegar-makers, and all other Persons in trust for them, who shall be possessed of any Malt on the 20th of April, 1697. shall make a true and particular Entry thereof, at the Office of Excise, within the Limits of which they shall respectively inhabit, within six days thereafter, on pain to forfeit the Sum of 50l. and the Malt of which no such Entry shall be made: The Commissioners of Excise, who are empowered to put the said Act in Execution, do hereby give notice to all Persons concerned accordingly.

The Commissioners appointed by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of England, for taking Subscriptions to enlarge the Capital Stock of the Bank of England, do hereby give notice, That on Monday the 26th day of this Instant April, at 8 of the Clock in the Morning, at Mercer's Hall in Cheapside, the Books for taking the said Subscriptions will be Opened, and will so continue every day after (Sundays excepted) from the hours of 8 to 12 in the Morning, and from 3 to 7 in the Afternoon, to the 24th of day of June next. And that all Persons who intend to make any such Subscriptions, are to take care that the Talleys and Orders which they shall subscribe be first duly Registered in the Exchequer; and that every Person who shall make any such Subscription, is to pay one Fifth Part thereof in Bank Bills or Bank Notes, according to the Direction of the Act of Parliament.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give notice, That the Bank will give Specie Notes without Interest for the Talles on the Annuities transferred to the Land Tax for the present Year 1697, as far as 300000 l. The Notes for the first and second 100000 l. to be payable at the end of two Months, commencing from the time the Talles are brought into the Bank. And the Notes for the third 100000 l. to be payable at the end of Three Months commencing as aforesaid.

Advertisements.

Thomas Tramel, Citizen of London, hereby gives notice. That he being Instructed in the way of making the Salt of Epsom Waters, in its greatest Perfection, by Dr. Nehemiah Grew, the Inventer thereof, and Author of a late Treatise of the Nature and Virtues of the said Salt, It is truly Prepared and Sold by him the said Thomas Tramel, at the Sign of the Cabinet in St. Paul's Church Yard.

These are to give notice, That the Blank Warrants, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament, for Granting an Additional Land Tax to His Majesty, will be speedily Printed for Rnb. Vincent in Clifford's Inn Lane, Chr. Coningsby against St. Dunstan's Church, and J. Brixey at Clements Inn Gate.

Samuel Gyles, late of London, Vintner, the Commissioner do hereby give notice, that they intend to meet at the African Coffee House in Leaden-Hall Street, on Monday the 26th Instant, at 3 o'clock, to the end all Creditors concerned may then and there come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contributions Money.

Taken or found out of St. James Park, on the 11th Instant in the Night, a light grey Nag, 14 hands high, bob Tail, with a Hot Charge on the near Foot before on the back Sinews, his Mane all down on the off side, the Hair lying over it, thorough Faced, about 4 Years old; a very good goer. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. Crosby, Keeper of the said Park, or to Mr. John Calfold, Grocer in St. Paul's Church-yard, London, shall receive full Satisfaction for their Trouble and Charge.

Anthony Gregory, a very Jutty well built Man; swarthy Complexion, down Look, aged about 27 or 28, in a light grey Coat, yellowish pointed Leather breeches, grey Stockings, black Hat, and brown Wig, and took away a bright bay Gelding, about 14 hands and half, full aged, a white Star in his Forehead cut Tail, with a Velvet Saddle. Whoever secures the said Anthe Gregory, and brings him to Mr. James Cornwell in Oxford City, or to Mr. Samp. Eyre, in Brompton, near Billingsgate, London, shall have a Guinea Reward for each.

Taken the 18th Instant out of the Stable of John Knowles, at St. Mary's, in Islington Parish, a brown Cow Gelding, 15 hands, a broad Star and Snip, the hind Feet white, lately had the Poll Evil, Trace galled on the side, and all his Paces, full aged. Whoever secures him, and brings him to John Knowles aforesaid, shall have a Guinea Reward, and Reasonable Charges.