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Dublin, August 26.

ON the 18th, Heads of a Bill to prevent Charge and Expence in Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and for Regulating Elections, and preventing Irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs and other Officers in Electing and Returning such Members, were again read and agreed to by the House with some Amendments; and 'twas ordered that the said Heads of a Bill be carried to the Lords-Justices, and their Lordships desired, that the same may be put into form and transmitted into England. Report was made to the House, that the Lords-Justices had appointed 5 a Clock this afternoon to be attended with their Address. Heads of a Bill for the more Easie and Speedy Seizing and Recovery of small Debts, were presented to the House and Received. A Bill for limiting the Remainders and Reversions Dependant on Estates Tails forfeited to His Majesty, was presented to the House, received and read the first time, and ordered a second Reading on Tuesday. Heads of a Bill for Erecting and Continuing Lights in the City of Dublin, and the several Liberties adjoining, were presented to the House and received.

The 19th Mr. Speaker reported, that he had with the House attended the Lords-Justices, and presented their Address to their Lordships, which follows.

The Humble Address of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeesses in Parliament Assembled.

May it please your Excellencies,

WE have passed a Bill transmitted out of England, Intituled, An Act for Continuing several Outlawries and Attainders, and for Vesting in His Majesty the Estates of those that are dead in Rebellion here or in Foreign parts. We therefore beseech your Excellencies to transmit the same to the Lords-Justices, in Form of a Bill, which we have prepared, and herewith present to your Excellencies, for saving the Estates, Rights, Titles and Possessions of Protestants from being prejudiced by the said Bill.

And we do unanimously, earnestly, and humbly intreat your Excellencies to recommend the same so effectually to His Majesty, that it may be returned to us this Session in order to be passed into a Law.

And that their Excellencies were thereupon pleased to say to the effect following.

WE do believe the whole Kingdom is satisfied, that the King designs nothing more than the good of His Protestant Subjects, the Orders He has been pleased to give us are express to that effect; and we have reason to hope, it is observed how exactly we have endeavoured to follow these Orders: we shall always continue so to do, and in this case particularly we shall be very careful to represent to His Majesty the preservation of the Interest of His Protestant Subjects, to the end that no one of them may suffer by that Law which we did believe so advantageous to the Protestant Interest in General.

Heads of Bills were presented to the House for reducing the Interest of Money from 10 to 8 per Cent. and for Relief of Creditors by making Composition with their Debtors in case two thirds in Number and Value do agree; which were received. Heads of a Bill lying on the Table to prohibit Butchers from being Graziers, and to Redress several Abuses in the Buying and Selling of Cattle, were Read, and ordered a second Reading. Leave was given to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent Brewers being Maltsters. The House went into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply, and made a considerable progress therein; The said Committee is to sit again on Monday next. 'Twas ordered that the Heads of a Bill for the better Security of His Majesties Royal Person and Government, which were read the 16th Instant for the first time, be read again on Saturday next. The Bill for Confirming the Outlawries and Attainders, &c. was read this day a second time in the House of Lords, and Committed for to morrow.

Falmouth, Aug. 23. Yesterday arrived in this Port 4 Privateers, the King-William, the Seven-Provinces, the Summer, and the Sermente, all belonging to Zealand; They came in 7 days from St. Antonio, and brought in with them two Prizes, one laden with Sugar from the West-Indies; and the other a French Privateer of 14 Guns; The latter was taken two days ago near the Lizard, having been but two days out of St. Male.

Falmouth;

Tarimouth, Aug. 27. On the 24th passed through our Road a Fleet of above 100 Sail of Laden Colliers, under Convoy of the *Smirna-Merchant*; and this afternoon came up 150 Sail more, bound for the River, under Convoy of the *Bedford, Winchelsea, Garland, and Mermayd.*

From on Board His Majesty's Ship the Expedition, Capt. James Stewart Commander, Aug. 26. On Sunday the 22d two Ships appeared to Windward, bearing down upon us with all the Sail they could make; Towards Evening they came fair up with us, and when a random Shot could reach them, we fired a-thwart the headmost, spreading our Colours; They both braced to, and shewed English Colours; Capt. Stewart ordered his third Lieutenant in a Boat, to discover what they were, being then fair Weather and little Wind; He hailed the least, who answered, the *Weymouth*, and that the other Ship was the *Lenox*; We had then no further doubt of their being French; we stood our Course all night with our Topails; and they kept us Company.

About Six a Clock on Monday morning they both bore down upon our Larbord side, the biggest a little a-head of the other, and by their working we could easily judge their intention was to lay us on board; The biggest, a Ship of 60 or 64 Guns, came along our side, firing great and small Shot, but we gave her such a warm Entertainment, that she found it more convenient to sheer out a-head of us; as she passed, there being very little Wind, we had time enough to give her 4 entire Broadside with Round and Partridge from aloft, and double from our lower Teer, few of which we believe missed her, being not above half a Cables length from us; By the time she was shot out a little a-head, the other, a Ship of 50 or 54 Guns, was up with our Quarter, whom we treated in the same manner, and obliged, by the heat of our side, to sheer out a-head of us after her Companion; Immediately after they both wore round, and attack'd us on the Starboard side, where they found the like Reception, and then they both sheered out a-stern of us, between us and the *Society Hospital Ship* in our Company, endeavouring to cut her off from us, upon which we wore round after them, and the Hospital Ship prudently springing her Boof quickly came near us, but each of them had passed a Broadside upon her, and killed Capt. Chapman the Commander, and wounded 7 of his Men; Then they both kept their Wind, and a little after braced to; We stood on our way with our Topails, and fitted our Rigging, believing they would be with us again in a little time, considering the advantage of Force was so much on their side; but they left us. The whole Dispute lasted not above an hour, but was pretty sharp; All our Officers and Ships Company behaved themselves very well; we had 13 Men killed outright, and 39 wounded; Lieutenant *Coker* is shot through the Thigh, but it's hoped will recover. We were when we fought 24 Leagues S. S. W. from *Silly*; and this day we Anchored at *Spithead*.

There are Two Mails due from Holland, besides that of Friday last.

The Persons Authorized under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual for receiving in all Wrought Plate pursuant to the late Act of Parliament, do hereby give Notice, That from henceforth until the 4th day of November next due Attendance will be given in the Dutchy-Court in the Receipt of Exchequer as formerly, and at the several Mints in Brittol, Chester, Exeter, Norwich, and York, daily for the Receiving in the said Plate, at the Rate of 5s. 4d. per Ounce, at which Rate present Money will be paid for the same.

Advertisements.

LOST or mislaid about the 15th or 16th Instant 4 Malt Tickets, N^o 5M771, 5M772, 5M773, 14M115. Whoever brings them to Mr. Robert Jeffs at the Vine in Tower Street, or to Mr. William Jeffs at the Bargehouse Brewhouse in Southwark, shall have 4 Guineas's Reward, or in proportion to what shall be recovered. All Persons are desired to stop them, and give notice as above, the payment of them being already stop in the Exchequer, consequently of no value to any but the right Owner.

F Francis Willington of Lycomb Regis in Berkshire, is desired forthwith to repair to his Family there, his Uncle and Brother being lately dead.

LOST 4 Malt Tickets, N^o 17M628, 6M411, 6M412, and 6M413, and 4 Exchequer Notes of 5 l. a piece. Whoever stops them and gives notice to Mr. Edward Phipps at the Blue Boar's Head in Kirkgate, Westminster, shall have a Guinea Reward.

LOST the 28th Instant between Southwark and Bishopsgate Street, a Pocket Book with an Exchequer Note for 5 l. N^o 84565, another Note for 10 l. and several other little Notes. Whoever gives notice of them to John Foxwell at the Weaver Arms in Castle Street in Southwark, shall have 10 l. Reward.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against George Shawe of Witley in Oxfordshire, Chapman, joined to meet at the 11th Chamber in Guildhall, on Thursday the 16th of September next, by 3 after Noon, in order to make a Distribution of the Estate of the said Shawe; and all his Creditors are then to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution Money, or they will be excluded the said Distribution.

WHEREAS Richard Kennell of London, Greaser, hath according to the late Act of Parliament, Compounded with two thirds in Number and Value of his Creditors; There are to give notice to all his Creditors, that he doth design to deliver up all his Estate unto his Creditors, or such as they shall assign, upon the 12th day of September next, at Frank's Coffee house in Threadneedle Street, where all the said Creditors are desired to be present, or send some other in their stead.

WHEREAS John Trend, Clerk to Mr. Francis Oliver within the Cloffe in Exeter, about 5 weeks since, went away from his said Masters House; Whoever gives notice of him, so as he may return to his said Master, shall have 5 l. Reward: He is aged between 17 and 18, wears his own Hair, being white, and has an Imperfection in his Sight, and a little Imperfection in his Speech, slender grown, and not tall.

A Fair Estate at Severham in Kent, called Cooks Ditch, worth about 200 l. per Annum, is to be sold, together with all convenient Dwelling-Houses, Stables, Barns, Orchards and Gardens. Any Person disposed to purchase, by enquiring of Mr. Henry Dick, Linen Draper, in Gracious-Street, London, may know further.

STRAYED out of the Grounds of Mr. Thomas Spicer of Peckham in Camberwell Parish in Surrey, on Sunday the 15th Instant, a light-coloured She-Aff, having each Ear bored through with two Holes, with her Foal of the same colour, and about 3 months old. Whoever brings them to Mr. George Backbys at the Talbot Inn in Southwark, shall have a Guinea.

LOST or Strayed the 5th Instant, from Isaac Wetherell of Chipmear Hackney in Middlesex, 3 Horses, one a black Gelding with a Star in his Forehead, near 16 hands high, 7 years old, all his Paces, one brown Gelding dapple, with a white Tail, 16 hands high or better; another small Gelding about 13 hands high, all his Paces, 12 years old, marked with J. W. Whoever gives notice of these Horses to the said Wetherell, shall have a Guinea.

STRAYED or stolen 3 Horses from William Castle of Linds-Ten Oxfordshire, one is a luscious light chestnut Draught Gelding, 15 hands high or better, with a Blaze down his Face, his Legs a little whitish, but not white, 7 or 8 years old, and a long Tail; another a Bay Nag with the near flank a little scarified with some former hurt, and white Saddle spots, and on one of his hinder Necks a little spot of white, about 7 years old, above 14 hands high, Paces much; The other a black Nag, with a small Star, and a bob Tail, white Saddle spots, about 6 years old, above 14 hands high, on his near Leg before some white spots between his Footlock joints and his Knee, done by some hurt, Paces much, worth about 1 l. each. Whoever brings them to the Three Chis in Fenchurch-Street, London, or to the Talbot in Finkstone, Oxfordshire, shall have a Guinea Reward for each.