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Kensington, July 16.

HIS Majesty was pleased this day to declare in Council, That intending to go over to *Hisland* for a short time, He has appointed *Thomas* Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*; *Joku* Lord *Somers* Baron of *Evesham*, Lord Chancellor of *England*; *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, Lord Privy Seal; *William* Duke of *Devonshire*, Lord Seward of His Majesty's Household; *Charles* Earl of *Dorset* and *Middlesex*; *John* Earl of *Marlborough*, Governor to his Highness the Duke of *Glocester*; *Henry* Earl of *Romney*, Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports; *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, First Commissioner of the Admiralty; and *Charles* Mountague Esq; First Commissioner of the Treasury, to be Lords Justices of *England* for the Administration of the Government during His Majesty's Absence.

At the Court at Kensington, July 16. 1698.

P R E S E N T

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Information has been this day given to the Board, that notwithstanding His Majesty's Order in Council of the 13th Instant, the Mischievous Practice of Robbing the Mails is still continued, and that the Post with the Northern Mail, containing all the Letters from the North, was set upon near *Wades-mill*, two miles beyond *Warc*, about Four of the Clock in the morning, on the 15th day of this month, by Two Robbers or Highwaymen, who opened all the Bags, and broke open the Letters and Packets, and carried away what they thought fit of them. And whereas by such Evil Practices the General Correspondency by the Post may be much Discouraged, and the Trade of the Kingdom very much prejudiced thereby. His Majesty in consideration thereof, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hath thought fit strictly to Charge and Require all His Loving Subjects to Discover, by all the Ways and Means that may be, and upon such Discovery to Take and Apprehend the Persons concerned in the said Robbery, or any of them, whatsoever they may be found, and to carry them before the Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, who are hereby Commanded and Required to Commit them to the next Gaol, there to remain until they shall be thence delivered by the Course of Law, and thereof to give notice to the Privy Council, or to One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. And His Majesty is hereby pleased to Publish and Declare, that whatsoever shall be found to Conceal any of the said Persons shall be proceeded against, for such their Offence, with the utmost Severity according to Law; And that whoever shall Discover and Apprehend the Persons so concerned in the said Robbery, or any of them, and bring them before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or other Chief Magistrate as aforesaid, shall receive as a Reward the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, which said Sum of Two hundred Pounds His Majesty is pleased to Order to be paid to them accordingly by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. And His Majesty is further pleased to Declare, That if any Person concerned in the said Robbery shall Discover and Apprehend any the Persons concerned therein, and Carry them before such Justice of the Peace or other Chief Magistrate as aforesaid, such Person shall not only Have and Receive the said Reward of Two hundred Pounds, but shall have His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon for his said Offence.

JOHN POVEY.

Genova, June 29. N. S. The Duke of *Savoy* having been to visit the City of *Nice*, and given Directions for adding some new Works to the Fortifications of that place, returned the last week to *Piedmont*, taking his way through some of the Towns belonging to this Republick, where he was received with all Honour and Respect, and arrived last Thursday at *Turin*.

Leghorne, June 30. The *Ruth* and *John* Merchant Ships bound to *England*, are lately failed from this Port; as are likewise the *Lambert*, Capt. *Loatis* Commander, for *Venice*; the *Holder*, Capt. *Snaper*, for *Messina*; and the *Samuel*, Capt. *Hart*, for *Naples*. This week came in here the *Smyrna*-Merchant, Capt. *Jackson* Commander, laden with Lead and Bale Goods from *London*.

Venice, July 5. The *Sieur Geodofsky*, Envoy from *Poland*, who lately arrived here to Notify to this Republick the King his Master's Accession to the Crown, having performed this Commission took Leave of the Senate last Saturday, and is gone for *Mantua* to give the like Notification to that Duke. And the Republick have resolved to send an Ambassador Extraordinary to *Warsaw* to Congratulate that Prince on this Occasion, and have made choice of Signior *Giustinianni*, who accordingly is preparing for his Journey thither. General *Richards* went hence last week for *Otranto* to Embark there for the *Morca*. A great Convoy with Soldiers and Provisions failed hence some days ago for the *Levant*, under the Command of Signior *Moro*, who is appointed Governor of *Napoli di Malvasi*; and another Convoy is preparing, which will follow in a short time, with a further Supply of Men and Provisions. Our Letters from *Turkey* give an account, that the English and Dutch Ambassadors will go with the Grand Signior to *Hungary*, in order to assist at the Treaty of Peace, which it's believed will be set on foot this Summer between the Emperor and his Allies, and the Ottoman Port. Our last Advices from *Rome* say, the Ceremony of paying Homage to the Pope for the Kingdom of *Naples*, was performed on the 23th Instant by the Constable of *Colonna*, the Spanish Ambassador being indisposed; and that Cardinal *Alstieri* died the last week, by whose Death several considerable Benefices are become vacant. These Letters add, that the Popes Gallies are failed from *Civita-Vecchia*, and 5 Gallies from *Malta*, to join the Venetian Fleet; and two other of the Maltese Gallies are gone to Cruise on the Coast of *Barbary*.

Warsaw, July 7. Preparations are made on the Frontiers of this Kingdom for opening the Campaign; The necessary Magazines are provided; and the King of *Poland* intends in few days to go to the Army. The Crown Marshal *Lubomirsky* has lent the King 100000 Dollars, towards the Charges of the War, and it's said divers others will follow his Example.

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