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THE Congregation of Cardinals, to whom the Pope referred the Consideration of the Manner of opening the Jubilee, having had several Meetings and warm Disputes, some being of opinion that it should be deferred till the *Epiphany*, in hopes the Pope might be then well enough to perform the Ceremony himself, and others thinking there was so little likelihood of his Recovery in so short a time, that this Ceremony ought not to be delayed beyond *Christmas Eve*, they resolved at last, That the Jubilee should be opened on *Christmas Eve*, the usual time, and because Cardinal *Cibo* Dean of the College of Cardinals, by reason of his great Age and Infirmities could not officiate on this occasion, they agreed, that the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, Sub-Dean, should be appointed to open *St. Peter's Gate*, and have the Character of *Legate à Latere*; And the Cardinals *Panciatichi*, *Pamphilio*, and *Merigia*, were made Choice of to open the Gates of the other three Churches which are called Patriarchal, *viz.* *St. Paul's*, *St. John's*, and *St. Mary Major*, and that these three Cardinals should according to Custom have the Title of Legates. Matters being thus settled by the Congregation, and the Pope having approved thereof, the Legates received the necessary Powers, and had Audience of the Pope on Saturday last, who expressed to them how much he was concerned that he could not personally assist at this Solemnity. On Sunday the 20th Instant the College of Cardinals repaired to the Pope's Chapel, where a Solemn Mass was performed; After which the Sieurs *Lanzetta* and *Jacometti*, Auditors of the *Rota*, proclaimed the Pope's Bull for the Jubilee, reading it aloud at the Palace Gate in *Latin* and *Italian*, while the like was done at the Gates of the other Patriarchal Churches, which was followed by a treble Discharge of the Cannon and Salvo's of the Guards and Soldiers in Garrison here. The three following days the Bells were rung, and the Cannon discharged for an hour together every evening. On Thursday the 24th, being *Christmas Eve*, the College of Cardinals went to hear a Solemn Mass in the Chapel of *Pope Sixtus* in the Vatican, and from thence the Cardinal *de Bouillon* came to *St. Peter's*, attended by the College, and by the several Orders of Monks in their Habits, while the other Legates in like manner proceeded to the other Churches afore-mentioned. Over-against *St. Peter's Church* several Balconies were built for the Persons of Quality that came to see this Ceremony. The Imperial, French, and Venetian Ambassadors were likewise there, (the Spanish Ambassador, with the Count *de Lemos* General of the Gallies of *Naples*, being at the

Church of *St. Mary Major*;) who observing that their Seat was placed much lower than that of the *Queen-Dowager of Poland*, they complained thereof to the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, who gave Orders for their being placed to their Satisfaction. Then the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, assisted by three Canons of *St. Peter's Church*, having received from the hands of Signior *Caprara*, Dean of the *Rota*, a Silver-Gilt Hammer consecrated by the Pope for that purpose, he thrice struck with it *St. Peter's Gate*, which thereupon fell, what supported it having before been privately pulled down and carried away, and then the Superstitious Crowd was let in to obtain the promised Indulgences; a Discharge being made at the same time of the Cannon, and several Salvo's given by the Guards and Soldiers of our Garrison, who were ranged in the Streets between the Vatican and *St. Peter's Church*. Yesterday being *Christmas day*, the College of Cardinals were very splendidly entertained by the Pope's Order, and at his Charge. The Concourse of Strangers that are come hither upon account of the Jubilee is very great, and Provisions begin to grow excessive dear. The Duke *d'Uzeda*, Ambassador from *Spain*, is on his departure from hence for *Gaeta*, where he is to confer with the Vice-Roy of *Naples*; he desired a private Audience of the Pope, but could not obtain it by reason of the ill state of the Pope's Health.

Cologne, Jan. 12. On Tuesday the 5th Instant the Elector of *Cologne* came hither from *Bon* to assist at the Celebrating of the Feast of the *Epiphany*, which is always done with great Solemnity, because of the Opinion they have here, that the Eastern Kings lie buried in this City. His Electoral Highness was received by the Magistrates who attended him to his Palace, and he was saluted by several Discharges of the Cannon. On Wednesday his Electoral Highness gave a very splendid Entertainment to the Pope's Nuncio, the Count *de Schallart* Envoy from the Emperor, and other Foreign Ministers, the Chapter and Magistrates of this City, and on Thursday his Electoral Highness returned to *Bon*. Monsieur *Philippeaux*, Envoy from *France*, has had Audience of Leave of the Elector, and is returned to *France*. They write from *Dusseldorp*, that great Preparations are making there against the Carnival, the Elector Palatine intending to keep it in that City, and afterwards to go to *Heydelberg*, which he intends to make the Place of his constant Residence. 'Twas discoursed at the Court of the Elector Palatine, that Prince *Charles* of *Nieuburgh* his Brother, who is at present in *Silesia*, is going to Marry the Princess Dowager of *Radstville*, and that the Elector offers on this account to settle upon him a Pension of 20000 Crowns a Year.

Hamburg, Jan. 14. The Affairs of *Holstein* continue in the same posture; The Danes make all the necessary Preparations to attack the Duke of *Holstein's* new Forts as soon as the

...gives them an opportunity, and the Holsteiners are resolved to defend them till the last extremity, and expect Assistance from the King of Sweden, and the Princes of the House of Lunenburg. The Ministers of the Princes Mediators do however continue their Conferences in this City, in hopes of finding an Expedient to accommodate Matters, though hitherto they have made but little Progress therein, the Danes continuing to insist upon the Demolishing of the Forts before they enter upon any Treaty, which the Duke will not agree to. The Duke of Wirtemberg continues in the mean time to take a Review of the Danish Forces in their several Quarters. And our Letters from the Dutchy of Bremen say, a Regiment of Dragoons is raising there for the King of Sweden, and that the greatest part of the Troops of that Dutchy have Orders to be in a readiness to march upon the first Orders to reinforce the Swedish Troops that are already in the Duke of Holstein's Service. Our last Letters from Poland say, the Saxon Forces that were employed in fortifying Polangen are sent into Winter Quarters, and are to continue that Work in the Spring. They write from Warsaw, that the Cardinal Primate continued at Lowitz, expecting the King of Poland's Ratifications of the Treaty for accommodating the Affair of Elbing, in order to exchange them with those of the Elector of Brandenburg; The Elector's Ministers were still at Warsaw, but the Baron of Overbeck intended, as soon as this Exchange should be over, to return to Berlin. Preparations are making in Poland for a General Diet, who are to meet immediately after the King of Poland's return thither from Dresden. There are Letters from Moscow of the 11th inst, which say, the Czar was returned thither from Woronowitz, and had concluded a Treaty of Alliance with Sweden, after which the Swedish Ambassador who resided at Moscow had taken his Audience of Leave, and left that place in order to return to Stockholm.

Plymouth, Jan. 9. His Majesty's Ship the Worcester failed from hence yesterday to Portsmouth. The same day came into this Port the Bonaventure of London, Francis Purchase Master, bound to St. Sebastian; and the Cock of this place, Lazarus Warr's Commander, arrived from Oporto.

Kensington, Jan. 9. This day His Majesty was graciously pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood upon Roger Jenyns, of Ely in the County of Cambridge, Esq;

Kensington, January 10. His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Sheriff for Nottinghamshire, Robert Hacker Esq;

Kensington, Jan. 11. This day the Count de Prela, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Duke of Savoy, had his Public Audience of His Majesty, being conducted by the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Anglesey, and Sir Charles Costrell Master of the Ceremonies, and Six Gentlemen of the Privy-Chamber, in the King's Coach, followed by the Coaches of her Royal Highness the Princess of Denmark, his Royal Highness the Prince of Denmark, and his Highness the Duke of Gloucester, by the Ambassadors own Coaches, and divers other with 6 Horses each. His Majesty's Foot-Guards then upon Duty were drawn up on the Parade, and the Officers saluted his Excellency with their Hats as he passed by, and all other Ceremonies were performed that are usual at the Audiences of Ambassadors from Crowned Heads; And the Audience being over, his Excellency was conducted back in the same manner.

Whitehall, Jan. 12. The Count de Prela, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Duke of Savoy, had this day his Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princess and Prince of Denmark, and of his Highness the Duke of Gloucester, being introduced in the usual manner by Sir Charles Costrell Master of the Ceremonies.

The Letters from Holland of Tuesday last, and those of Paris of Wednesday, are not yet come in; We want Letters from Flanders.

Accounting-Office. The Passing of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Navy being carried on at this Office with the Expedition that may be; It is Recommended to such Persons who had any Bills drawn on or before the last day of May, 1697, to have not taken out their Tickets which remain in the Office, hands for satisfying the said Debtors.

And all Persons that have any Imprests standing out against them, and no Bills or Accounts in this Office to clear the same, are advised to bring in the said Accounts, that so they may have their Bills made out to discharge the said Imprests, otherwise they may be returned into the Exchequer.

The Undertakers of the Greenwich-Hospital Act allowed by Act of Parliament to the 24th of June last give this Public Notice That the said Undertakers do hereby give notice that they have been suspected in some manner of Fraud, (as hath been suspected in other parts) meets with such Encouragement, that they do not draw up one of the Tables in a very short time; therefore such who design to be Adventurers, are advised to speed in taking out their Tickets, (as the Office of Bank, or at the Receivers mentioned in the Proclamation) that the same may be effected accordingly.

Advertisements.

A Continuation of the Complete History of England: Containing the Lives and Reigns of Edward the Second, and Richard the Second. By Robert Bayly, Doctor in Physic. Printed for Sam. Lowndes over-against Exeter-Exchange in the Strand, and A. and J. Churchill at a Black-Swan in Water-Doyle-Row.

Reflections upon Learning: Wherein is shown the Insufficiency thereof in its several Particulars, in order to evince the Usefulness and Necessity of Revelation. The Third Edition, Corrected. Printed for A. Botvile at the Dial-plate in St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street.

An Introduction to the Singing of the Psalms: In Two Parts, Treble and Bass: With a Collection of the best Tunes now in use. By Wm. Webb, Philo-Mus. Printed in small Characters to bind with Bibles and Common-Prayer-books, and with Mr. Tate's Psalms; and sold by Ebin Traynor at the Bible on London-Bridge, and N. Bodington at the Golden-Bull in Duck-Lane.

On Thursday next the 18th Instant, at 3 afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Trish of Candle at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, a Parcel of French White-wine lying on against the Church in Mark-lane, 3 Hogsheads of Bourdeaux a Lot, and 5 Hogsheads of High Country for one Tun half Catalogues may be had at Lloyd's Coffee-house aforesaid; and are to be seen from Tuesday morning till the time of Sale.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupts against Sampson Chaplin, late of London, Grocer, intend to sit on Wednesday the 31st Instant, at nine in the forenoon in the Irish-Chamber in Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; and all Creditors concerned are then to come prepared to prove their Debts, and their Contribution-money, otherwise they will be excluded from the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupts against Richard Croker, late of the City of Exon, Ironmonger, intend to meet the first of March next, at 10 in the forenoon at the Vintage Tavern in Exon, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; and all Creditors that are concerned are then to come prepared to prove their Debts, and to repay such Money to the Assignees, or they will be excluded from the same.

Samuel Knipe, a lusty broad-set man, aged about 36 years with a brown Bob-Wig, a brown Cloth Cape-Coat, and a Callamance Waistcoat striped with black, with old Silver Lace on before, and dark buff-colour Plush Breeches; and James Wall alias Still, middle-sized, aged about 36 years, with short curly bushy Hair inclining to red, a red Face, a large Cur on his Throat, having a Cloth-coloured wide Cape-Coat, a red Waistcoat striped with Green, and light-brown Plush Breeches striped with black, broke out of Chester Castle the 13th of Nov. 1697. Whoever secures them, and gives notice to Laur. Booth, Gentleman Constable of the said Castle, shall have 40s. for each, and necessary Charges.

Taken out of Mrs. Benskin's House in Oxindon-street the 22nd or 23rd inst, a black and yellow Tabby Mantua and Trench-coat, the Gown lined with a black spotted Silk, a piece of black coloured Silk pur in behind the Petticoat, with a deep black Tufted Fringe; a Gold-coloured Silk-shag Man's Waistcoat striped with black; a Coat and Breeches of Napped Cloth or Frize with a Hair-Cambler Coat with Silver-thread Buttons, a narrow Ring round the Holes, and lined with yellow Silk. Whoever stops the Goods and Party, and gives speedy notice to the said Mrs. Benskins, shall have a Guinea Reward, or proportionally for any part; and if already sold or pawn'd, your Money again with Content.

ALL Persons that have any Goods Pawned to Mrs. Benskin in Oxindon-street, are desired to fetch them away within 3 Months, or they will be sold, the going to live in the Country.

Taken or strayed out of Mr. Ja. Benn's Ground at Waltham near Newington in Surrey, a brown Nag above 13 hands with one Wall Eye, a white Spot under each Ear, and a black white Slip cross his Nose. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. Ja. Benn in St. Mary Overy's Church-yard in South-walk, shall have 10s. Reward, and reasonable Charges.