

Whereas the Men serving in her Majesty's Fleet, have and do at this time take a most unjustifiable Liberty of leaving the Ships whereunto they belong, without Leave from their Captains, when they are sitting forth to Sea, and when they come into Port to be clean'd and refitted, inasmuch that the Works necessary to be done to the Ships before they go into the Docks, and after they come out of the same, are greatly delay'd; and that when the said Ships are ready in all other Respects, they cannot proceed to Sea for want of great Numbers of the Men belonging to them: And the Lord High-Admiral being sensible how necessary it is for the Good of her Majesty's Service, that all possible Means should be speedily taken for putting a Stop to this growing Evil, which is a direct Breach of that part of the Discipline of the Navy, his Lordship does therefore strictly charge and require, that all such Persons who are now absent from Ships which are fitting out, or that are cleaning or refitting, do immediately repair to their Duty on Board the respective Ships whereunto they belong. And his Lordship does further charge and require, that no Seamen, or Sea-faring Men, which now do, or shall hereafter belong to any of her Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, do presume to absent themselves therefrom, without Leave from their Captains, but that they keep constantly to their Duty, and employ themselves diligently in her Majesty's Service.

And this further Notice is given, That whoever does not comply with what is before directed, shall be deemed Deserters, and be taken up, prosecuted, and punished as such, with the utmost Severity.

The Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, &c. Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. is pleased to direct, That all the Men belonging to her Majesty's Ships the Gosport and Portsmouth at the North, and the Medway at Plymouth, which are in or about London, do forthwith repair to their Duty on Board, otherwise they shall be taken up and punished as Deserters.

Whereas a Letter dated the 28th of December, 1708. and signed L. W. was lately sent to the Right Honourable the Lord High-Admiral of Great Britain, offering to discover evil Practices; his Lordship is pleased to direct, that if the Person who writ the said Letter will attend him at the Admiralty-Office, and declare what he knows of the Matter of Fact herein contained, all due Protection and Encouragement shall be given him in the doing thereof.

Whereas there were brought from India, in the Ship *Albemarle* (which was driven ashore at Pielport near Plymouth, about the 9th of December last) Five Bulses of Diamonds, which are now pretended to be missing or lost; viz. One of the said Bulses, mark'd E. B. F. No. 1. One other of them mark'd E. No. 2. Another mark'd S. C. No. 3. Another mark'd S. E. And one other of them mark'd F. S. Amongst which said Diamonds was one very uncommon remarkable Diamond, viz. One cut Table Stone of the first Water, and in all Perfection, weighing about 26 Carrats and a Quarter; And one Pointed rough Stone, weighing about 18 Carrats and a Quarter; And one other rough Stone weighing about 21 Carrats, a Point something fallen, Christ-line, White and Clean. Her Majesty is graciously Pleas'd to declare, that she will grant her Pardon to any Person or Persons, who hath or have taken the above-mentioned Goods, provided such Person or Persons shall discover the same to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, on or before the 20th of February next; or otherwise that such Person or Persons, who hath or have taken, or concealed the said Goods, shall be prosecuted with the utmost Severity of the Law.

#### SUNDERLAND.

Whoever shall, on or before the 20th of February next, discover all the above-mentioned Diamonds, taken from on Board the *Albemarle*, to Sir Stephen Evance in Lombard-Street, so as the right Owners obtain them, shall receive for the same the Sum of One Thousand Guineas, to be paid by the said Sir Stephen Evance, or in Proportion for any of the said Diamonds accordingly. Or if the said Diamonds, or any of them, shall be offer'd to be Sold, Pawned, or Valued, whoever stops the Person that brings them, and secures the said Diamonds, so as the right Owners obtain them, shall receive the said Reward of One Thousand Guineas for all the said Diamonds, or in Proportion for any of the said Diamonds.

Notice is hereby given, That a General Court of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen A. N. N. E. for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, will

be held on Friday next at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the New Buildings adjoining the Burgessing-house in Whitehall.

Whereas (to prevent the Publishing of false and disadvantageous Prints of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough's House at Blenheim) Her Majesty has been pleased to grant to John Vanbrugh, Esq; Comptroller of her Works, the sole Power to direct the Printing of the Plans, Fronts, &c. of the said Building: Notice is hereby given of the same, as likewise, that the East Front being entirely finished, an exact Print of it is now Engraving, and will be shortly Published, with the Plans of the Three Stories in the main Body of the House. The other Parts of the Fabrick (as it shall be Completed) will be also Engraven from time to time to the same Scale, and Published by Jacob Tonson at Gray's Inn Gate.

A General Quarterly Court of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office will be held at Stationer's Hall, near Ludgate, on Tuesday the first of February next, at three a-Clock in the Afternoon.

The Governor and Company of the Mine-Adventurers of England give notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Angel-Court, on Snow-Hill, on Monday the tenth of January Instant, at 10 of the Clock in the Forenoon, in pursuance to their last Adjournment.

#### Advertisements.

Whereas a Letter was sent by the Penny-Post to a Gentleman at Hogsdon, signed G. D. if the Person who sent it will (as a Confirmation of what he has written) find any remarkable Circumstance mentioned in the Letter to her, by the Penny-Post or otherwise, he shall find what he desires inserted in the Gazette as soon as possible.

Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Thomas Beale, late of Chalford in the Parish of Bilsby in the County of Gloucester, Mercer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners, who will sit in Execution of the said Commission, at the Sign of the Crown in Minchinhampton in the said County, on the 11th, 15th and 21st of this Instant January; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are desired to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and chuse an Assignee or Assignees.

Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Thomas Coatsley, of the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields in the County of Middlesex, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners, who will sit at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, on the 7th and 14th Instant, and on the 2d of February next, at 3 in the Afternoon of each Day; at the first of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Assignments already made by the Commissioners.

Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against Joseph Ward of London, Goldsmith, and his Debts and Effects being assigned to Humphry Dell of Woodstreet, London, Jeweller, and Daniel Fox of Londonstreet in Ratcliff, Middlesex, Rope-maker: All Persons that owe him any Money, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their hands, are desired forthwith to pay and deliver the same to the said Mr. Dell or Mr. Fox, or they will be Sued.

John Glesell of London, Merchant, being chosen Assignee of the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Dowgall Mackerter of London, Hair-Merchant: All Persons that are Indebted to the said Mackerter, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their hands, are forthwith to pay and deliver the same to the said Mr. Glesell, at the Cross-keys-Inn in Gracious-street, London, or they will be Sued.

Whereas Robert Le Plasterier of London, Merchant, hath surrendered himself to the Commissioners, and been several times examined; these are to give Notice, that the Commissioners will sit on the 18th of January Instant, at 3 Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination: when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to pay Contribution-mony, prove Debts, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas Peter Garon of London, Watchmaker, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) these are to give Notice that the Commissioners intend to meet on the 7th and 26th Instant, at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London; at the first of which Meetings the Creditors are to come prepared to pay their Contribution-mony, prove their Debts, and chuse Assignees; and at the last of the said Meetings the said Garon will attend to finish his Examination, and the Creditors may then assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against William Murdock of Penrith in the County of Cumberland, Chapman, and he having surrendered himself according to Notice, and been twice examined, and finished his Examination; this is to give further Notice, that the Commissioners will sit again on Friday the 7th Day of January Instant, at 3 Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Powell, Inholder in Penrith aforesaid: where the Creditors may then come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Timothy Petham, late of London, Merchant, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in writing signified himself to the late A&S of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts, this is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said A&S direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 24th of this Instant January.