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An Act for the Speedy and Effectual Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and nine.

W Hereas for Recruiting Her Majesty's Land-Forces and Marines, in order to bring the present War to a speedy and happy Conclusion, it is necessary that a new Supply of Men be forthwith Raised within the Kingdom of Great Britain, by Common Consent and Grant in Parliament; Be it therefore Enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That within and throughout the several and respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Parishes, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, a Speedy and effectual Levy of Able-bodied Men to Serve Her Majesty as Soldiers, shall be forthwith Had, Made, Practised and Put in Execution, according to the Rules and Directions of this present Act.

And it is hereby Enacted, That all and every the Persons who were Named or otherwise Appointed to be Commissioners for Putting in Execution the Act of Parliament Made and Passed at Westminster, in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign (Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty, to be Raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and eight*) within the several and respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns and Places therein particularly Expressed, who are still Living, and have duly Qualified themselves according to that Act, or shall duly Qualifie themselves according to this present Act in that behalf, shall be Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within and for the same Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, for which they were so named or appointed respectively; and that all and every the other Persons who are Named or otherwise Appointed to be Commissioners for putting in Execution an Act made in the present Session of Parliament, Intituled, *An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty to be Raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and nine*, within or for the said Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places, or any of

them respectively, or such of the Persons last mentioned, as shall also duly Qualifie themselves according to this Act in that behalf, shall also be Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and the Powers therein contained, within and for the same respective Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns, and Places of Great Britain, for which they are so named or appointed respectively; and that all and every the Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of Corporations and Burghs in any part of Great Britain, who are or shall be in any Her Majesty's Commissions of the Peace, or in the Magistracy of such Corporation or Burgh, at any time during the Execution of this Act, who shall duly Qualifie themselves according to this present Act in that behalf (although not specially Named or Appointed Commissioners by the said former Acts, or either of them) shall be likewise Commissioners for putting in Execution this present Act, and all the Powers therein contained, within the Limits of their Commissions and Jurisdictions respectively; all which Commissioners by this Act Entrusted with the Execution of the same, are hereby strictly Enjoyed and Required to use their utmost Care and Diligence, that Her Majesty's Service in making such Levies, as aforesaid, be not Disappointed or Neglected.

And be it also Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Commissioners by this Act Appointed, shall meet together within each of the said Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, Towns and Places respectively, for which they are hereby Appointed Commissioners, as aforesaid, that is to say, On the South-side of the River Tay, on or before the Two and twentieth Day of February; and on the North-side of the River Tay, on or before the First Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, according to the Computation used in England, One thousand seven hundred and eight, at such Places as have been the most usual and common Places for the First General Meetings, of those who have Executed the several Acts for Raising the Taxes upon Land in the several Parts of Great Britain respectively.

And for the Encouragement of fit and able Persons voluntarily to come to the said first general Meeting, and then and there to Enter themselves into Her Majesty's Service, it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Person who shall voluntarily Enter himself in Her Majesty's Service at any of the said general Meetings, before the Commissioners then present, shall by Warrant of the same Commissioners, or any three or more of them, have and receive out of the Money of the Land-Tax arisen or to arise in the Years One thousand seven hundred and eight, and One thousand seven hundred and nine, or either of them, then being in the Hands of any Receiver-General thereof, within such County, Shire, Stewartry, Riding, City, Borough, Town or Place respectively, for which they are hereby appointed Commissioners, or of any Collector or Collectors of such Land-Tax Money for the Parish, Town, or Place where such Volunteers shall Enter themselves, or of any other City, Borough, Parish, Town or Place within such County, Shire, Stewartry or Riding respectively, for which they are hereby appointed Commis-

Commissioners, the Sum of Four Pounds of Lawful Money of Great Britain; and thereupon the said Commissioners, or the major part of them being then present, shall forthwith cause such Volunteers to be delivered over to such Officers or Persons as shall be appointed to receive them, and shall cause an Entry to be made in some Book to be kept by the said Commissioners, or such Clerk as they, or the major part of them then present, shall appoint, of the Names of such Volunteers, and of the Parishes or Places of their last Abode (if they can be known) and of the time and place when and where such Volunteers did so Enter themselves, and the Sums paid to them, and by whom such Payments were made, and of the Name of the Officers or Persons who received such Volunteers, and for what Regiment or Company they were so received, and shall cause true Copies or Duplicates of such Entries, attested by the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, within thirty Days after such first general Meeting, to be transmitted into the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary at War for the time being, to be compared with the Muster-Rolls; and it is hereby declared, that the Pay of every such Volunteer shall commence from the time that he shall first Enter himself into Her Majesty's Service as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or so many of them as shall be present at the first general Meeting, as aforesaid, or the major part of them then present, shall, if they see cause, subdivide and distribute themselves, and the other Commissioners not then present, into less Numbers, and set down in Writing the Names of those who act in each Hundred, Lathes, Wapentake, Rape, Ward, Town or other Division, so as three or more of the said Commissioners may be appointed for the Service of each Division, but not thereby to restrain any of the said Commissioners from acting in any other part of the County, Shire or Place to which they are appointed; and the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, who shall be present at the first general Meeting, as aforesaid, shall also agree upon and appoint such Place or Places for the further receiving of Volunteers, and Lifting of Soldiers, pursuant to this Act, as they shall think most convenient in each County, Shire, Riding, City, Borough, Town or Place for which they are appointed Commissioners, so as not above eight Places be appointed for any County, Riding or Stewartry for Receiving of Volunteers, and Lifting of Soldiers; and the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, shall forthwith transmit a Certificate thereof into the said Office of the Secretary at War, which second Meetings shall be on the first Day of March, according to the Computation used in England, One thousand seven hundred and eight, on the South-side the River Tay, and on the eighth Day of the same Month on the North-side the said River; and the Commissioners, or the major part of them, at the said first general Meeting, shall also appoint such of the said Commissioners as shall attend Her Majesty's Service respectively, at the subsequent Meetings for receiving Volunteers, and Lifting Soldiers pursuant to this Act, but not thereby to restrain any of the said Commissioners from acting in any other part, as aforesaid.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every such Volunteer, as aforesaid, who shall Enter himself in Her Majesty's Service at any of the said second Meetings, on the respective Days by this Act appointed for the same, before the Commissioners then present, shall also have and receive the like Sum of Four Pounds, to be paid out of such Land-Tax, Moories, as aforesaid, and his Pay shall commence as aforesaid, and he shall be forthwith delivered over to such Officers or Persons as shall be appointed to receive him; and such Entries shall be made for them in a Book to be kept by the said Commissioners or their Clerk, as aforesaid, and Copies or Duplicates of such Entries, within thirty Days after such second Meeting, shall be transmitted into the said Office of the Secretary at War, and the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, who shall be present at such second Meetings, as aforesaid, shall adjourn themselves to such further Day (not exceeding six Days from

the time of such second Meeting) for the Lifting at the same Places respectively such able-bodied Men, as after the said Meetings, hereby appointed for receiving of Volunteers, shall be found and taken up in the several Parishes and Townships as Persons to be Listed by Virtue of this Act; to which Places such able-bodied Men shall and may be brought by the Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and other Parish and Town-Officers to be there examined, and where the Officers or Persons who are to receive them (in case they be so adjudged by the Commissioners upon this Act) may resort for that purpose.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, in their respective Places or Stations, shall be and are hereby Authorized and Impowered to raise and levy, and to cause to be raised and levied, at any time or times after the second Meeting of the said Commissioners, and before the first Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, according to the Computation used in England, One thousand seven hundred and nine, within their several Limits and Jurisdictions, such able-bodied Men as do not Follow or Exercise any Lawful Calling or Employment, or have not some other lawful and sufficient Support and Maintenance, to serve Her Majesty as Soldiers; and to require and command all and every the High Constables, Church-wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs and Tythingmen, and other Parish and Town-Officers, or any of them, within their respective Limits and Jurisdictions, to be aiding and assisting to them the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, in the performance of this Her Majesty's Service; and for that purpose to Issue out their Warrants under the Hands and Seals of any three or more of them the said Commissioners, thereby requiring and commanding such Church-wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or any other Parish or Town-Officers, or else requiring or commanding the said High-Constables to Issue their Precepts to such Church-wardens, Overseers, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and other Parish and Town-Officers, as aforesaid; every or any of them, to make Search, or cause to be made Search, within their respective Parishes, Townships, Constablewicks or other places, for all such Persons as they can find, who are or shall appear to them to be within the Description of this Act, and to bring all such Persons before the Commissioners, who have Power to execute this Act, in and for such County, Shire, Stewartry, Riding, City, Borough, Cinque-Port or Town-Corporate, at such time and place as shall be prefixed in the said Warrants or Precepts respectively, which time and place shall always be named according to such appointments, as aforesaid; and the said Commissioners within their respective Limits and Divisions, are hereby directed and required to issue their first Warrants so timely, that the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Tythingmen, Headboroughs, and other Parish and Town-Officers, may make a general Search for all Persons within the Description before-mentioned, and bring them before the said Commissioners, or such of them as shall be present at the place or places to be appointed for that purpose, as aforesaid, on the eighth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord (according to the Computation used in England) One thousand seven hundred and eight, on the South-side of the River Tay; and on the Fifteenth Day of the same Month, on the North-side of the same River; and afterwards the said Commissioners, within their respective Limits and Divisions, shall Issue the like Warrants or Precepts for making general Searches from time to time for Persons within the said Description, and for bringing them before the Commissioners at the place or places to be appointed for that purpose, as aforesaid, at such time or times after the second Meeting of the said Commissioners, and before the said first Day of March, according to the Computation used in England, One thousand seven hundred and nine, as the Commissioners, or the major part of them, who shall be present at any Meeting for Lifting of Soldiers, as aforesaid, shall from time to time appoint.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Church-wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen and other Officers of any Parish or Township, or any of them, at any time after the second Meeting of the said Commissioners, without carrying for any such Warrant or Precept, as aforesaid, to Search for, Apprehend and Secure all or any such Persons, as they, or any of them, shall find, or shall appear to them, or any of them, to be within the Description of this Act, and to convey them before the Commissioners at their next Meeting for Listing all Soldiers; to be examined, and (if judged within the Description of this Act) to be Listed and delivered in to Her Majesty's Service, according to the true intent and meaning hereof.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners for executing this Act, who shall attend this Service at the place or places for Listing Soldiers, as aforesaid, shall examine the Persons which shall be brought before them by the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish or Town-Officers, as aforesaid; and in case the said Commissioners, or the major part of them then present, upon Examination of the Persons so brought before them, shall judge them to be such as are hereby intended to be entertained as Soldiers in Her Majesty's Service, they shall cause such Persons to be delivered over by the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, or other Parish or Town-Officers, to such Officers or Persons as shall be appointed to receive such Recruits, as aforesaid, such Officers or Persons giving a Receipt under their Hands, acknowledging what Mon are so delivered to him or them; and the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, shall then and there Issue a Warrant in Writing for paying out of Land-Tax Monies, as aforesaid, to the Officers of the Parish or Town so employed in the raising such Men, for their pains and good Service therein, twenty Shillings for every Man so raised, and the Sum of six Pence per diem for keeping every such new-raised Soldier, which shall be delivered, as aforesaid, according to the number of Days that the Officers of the said Parish or Town shall have kept him in Custody, pursuant to the power granted by this Act, until such delivery; the said Allowances, in cases of Dispute, to be ascertained and distributed to or amongst the said Church-wardens, Overseers, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and such other Parish or Town-Officers, or any of them, according to the Judgment and Discretion of the said Commissioners, or the major part of them then present.

And it is hereby Enacted and strictly Enjoyned by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inhabitants of every Parish and Township where any Persons described, as aforesaid, do abide, or are to be found, at the instance of any one or more of the Commissioners appointed for Execution of this Act, or of any Church-warden, Overseer of the Poor, or Constable of the same Parish, or Township, shall (not having a lawful and reasonable Excuse to the contrary) be aiding and assisting in the furtherance of Her Majesty's Service by this Act prescribed.

And for the better Encouragement of the Inhabitants of every Parish or Township, to Countenance, Aid and Assist this Service; and for the better enabling them to maintain their Poor, especially the poor Relations of such able-bodied Men so Raised (if any such be) as may become chargeable to such Parish or Township; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, shall also issue a Warrant in writing for paying out of such Land-Tax Monies, as aforesaid, to the Hands of the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of such Parish or Township, for the use of the same Parish or Township, the Sum of three Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, for every Man that shall be Raised there, and delivered, as aforesaid, to the said Officers or Persons appointed to receive such Recruits, as aforesaid; and all the Warrants by this Act directed to be issued by the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, for such Rewards or Encouragements as aforesaid, shall be

satisfied by such Receivers or Collectors, as aforesaid, upon whom such Warrants shall be directed, without any Abatement for Fees, Gratuities, Charges, Poundage, or any other pretence whatsoever, and shall be allowed upon their Accounts; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding. And the said Receivers-General, and their respective Deputies, and the said Collectors of the said Land-Tax Money, or any of them, upon the Summons of the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, shall give Attendance at the said Meetings, for receiving Volunteers or Listed Soldiers as aforesaid, and duly pay the said Rewards and Encouragements prescribed by this Act, as they will answer for their utmost Perils any Delay or Obstruction to Her Majesty's Service, that may happen by their, or any of their Defaults.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Lord Treasurer, or Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, for the time being, to cause so much Money as shall be supplied out of the Land-Tax Money of One thousand seven hundred and eight, and One thousand seven hundred and nine, or either of them, for payment of the Encouragements and Rewards aforesaid, to be repaid into the Exchequer of Great Britain, by the respective Paymasters of Her Majesty's Forces, out of such Money as they shall receive for the said Forces, to make good the respective Credits on the said Land-Taxes, and to be applied to the Satisfaction of such Principal and Interest (if any) as shall be remaining thereupon. And the said Commissioners, or such of them, as shall be present at such Meeting for Listing of Soldiers, as aforesaid, shall cause the Fourteenth and Three and twentieth Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be read to such new raised Men, in the presence of the said Commissioners then there, (*viz.*) Article the Fourteenth, *No Man shall presume so far as to raise, or cause the least Mutiny or Sedition in the Army, upon pain of Death; and if any Number of Soldiers shall presume to Assemble to take Counsel amongst themselves for the demanding of their Pay, or shall at any time demand their Pay in a mutinous Manner, any Inferior Officers accessory thereto shall suffer Death for it, as the Heads and Ringleaders of such mutinous and seditious Meetings, and the Soldiers shall be punished with Death. And if any Captain, being privy thereto, shall not suppress the same, or complain of it, he shall be likewise punished with Death.* And Article the Three and twentieth, *All Officers or Soldiers that shall Desert, either in the Field, upon a March, in Quarters, or in Garrison, shall Die for it. And all Soldiers shall be reputed and suffer as Deserters, who shall be found a Mile from their Garrison or Camp, without Leave from the Officer commanding in Chief.* And the said Commissioners, or the major part of them present, shall forthwith cause an Entry or Memorial to be made in a Book or Books, to be kept by them or their Clerk for that purpose, of the Names of such New-raised Men, and of the Parishes or Places of their last Abode, (if they can be known) and of the Time and Place when and where such Men were delivered to the said Officers or Persons appointed to receive them, and the Names of the Officers or Persons who received them, and for what Regiment or Company they were so received, and the Sums for which Warrants shall be issued, as aforesaid, and the Receivers and Collectors upon whom such Warrants shall be directed, and shall cause true Copies or Duplicates of such Entries, attested by the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them then present, within thirty Days after the delivering such Men, as aforesaid, to be transmitted into the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary at War, for the time being, to be compared with the Muster Rolls.

And it is hereby declared, That the Pay of every such new-raised Man, so delivered to the Officers or Persons appointed to receive them, as aforesaid, shall Commence from the time of his being taken and secured, as aforesaid: And from and after such delivery, as aforesaid, and reading the said Articles of War, every Person so Raised shall be deemed a Listed Soldier to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be subject to the Discipline of War; and in case of Desertions, shall be proceeded against as a Deserter by any Law now in force, or by any Law to be

be made for Punishment of Deserters; and no Person so Listed, or Entering himself as a Volunteer upon this Act, shall be liable to be taken out of Her Majesty's Service by any Process, other than for some Criminal Matter.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Plaintiff, upon notice first given in writing of the Cause of Action, to such Person or Persons so voluntarily Listed, or left at his or their last place of Residence before such Listing, to file a common Appearance in any Action to be brought for or upon the Account of any Debt whatsoever, so as to entitle such Plaintiff to proceed therein to Judgment and Outlawry, and to have an Execution thereupon, other than against the Body or Bodies of him or them so voluntarily Listed, as aforesaid; this Act, or any thing herein, or any former Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, to impose upon any High-Constable, Church-warden, Overseer, Petty-Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, or other Parish or Town-Officer, for every wilful neglect or default in the Execution of any Warrant, Order or Precept, to them or any of them directed in pursuance of this Act, a Fine not exceeding ten Pounds, and to cause every such Fine to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, rendering the Overplus to the Owner; and to distribute one moiety of the said Fine to reward the Informer or Informers, and the other moiety to the Church-wardens or Overseers, to the use of the Poor of the Parish where the Offence shall be committed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons whatsoever, shall wilfully do any Act or Thing, whereby the Execution of this Act in the Searching for, Taking and Securing such able-bodied Men, as aforesaid, shall be hindered or frustrated, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding ten Pounds, to the use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed: And all and every such Offences may be enquired of, heard, and finally determined by any two or more of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, dwelling in or near the place where such Offence shall be committed, who have hereby Power to cause the said Penalty to be Levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, rendering the Overplus (if any be) and if the Offenders have no Goods and Chattels sufficient to answer the said Penalty, then to commit him or her to the County Goal, or House of Correction, there to remain by the space of three Months without Bail or Mainprize.

Provided always, and it is hereby Declared, That this Act shall not extend to the Taking or Levying any Person to serve as a Soldier, who shall make it appear that he hath any Vote in the Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament, in any County, City, Borough, Town, Port, or Place within the Kingdom of Great Britain.

And it is also hereby Enacted, That no Person who, at the time of the Execution of this Act, shall have any Military Office or Employment in Great Britain (other than in the Militia) shall Execute any Power or Authority by this Act given to Commissioners, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information shall be commenced or prosecuted, against any Person or Persons for what he or they shall do in pursuance or Execution of this Act, such Person or Persons so Sued in any Court whatsoever, shall and may plead the general Issue, not guilty, and upon any Issue joyned, may give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence: And if the Plaintiff or Prosecutor shall become Non-suit, or forbear further Prosecution, or suffer a Discontinuance, or if a Verdict pass against him, the Defendant shall recover treble Costs, for which they shall have the like Remedy, as in any Case where Costs by the Law are given to Defendants.

And for the better Obviating such Frauds and Abuses as may be practised in the Discharging of Soldiers, It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the tenth Day of February next ensuing, no private Soldier who hath been, or shall be duly Entred or Listed into Her Majesty's Service (during the time such Soldier shall remain in Great Britain) shall be Discharged from Her Majesty's Service, without the Consent of the Colonel, or in his Absence, the Field-Officer commanding in Chief the Regiment, first had and obtained, in Writing under their Hands and Seals for that purpose, in which Writing the Cause of his Discharge shall be expressed, and a Duplicate or Copy of every such Discharge forthwith Transmitted to the Secretary at War, to be by him Kept and Entred in a Book; and any Officer that shall presume to Discharge any Soldier in any other manner contrary to this Act, shall for such Offence be Censured, and every Soldier duly Entred or Listed, or to be duly Entred or Listed in Her Majesty's Service, who under Colour or Pretence of any Discharge from any Officer or Officers (other than such as aforesaid) shall quit Her Majesty's Service, shall be reputed and punished as a Deserter.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted, That every Person who shall Enter himself as a Volunteer, or be Listed upon this Act, after he shall have continued in the Military Service of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors during the Space of Three Years, shall be at Liberty (if he think fit) to Demand his Discharge from the Colonel of the Regiment to which he shall belong; And such Discharge shall be Granted to him gratis in Writing under the Hand of such Colonel, who is hereby Impowered and Required to give the same accordingly; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And in regard it may be necessary for the said Commissioners at their first General Meeting for the several Counties, Shires, Stewartries, Ridings, Cities, Boroughs, Cinque-Ports, and other Places for which they are appointed Commissioners, or the major Part of them then present, to appoint Clerks to attend them, then and at the subsequent Meetings wherein Volunteers are to be Entertained, and Soldiers Listed, as aforesaid, It is hereby further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said several Clerks (provided the said Copies or Duplicates be duly Transmitted into the Office of the Secretary at War, as aforesaid) shall have and receive, by the Hands of the Paymasters of Her Majesty's Forces, or one of them; such Rewards as the Lord High-Treasurer, or Commissioners of the Treasury for the time being, upon Consideration of the Numbers of Men Listed in the several Counties, Cities, Boroughs, or other Places, and the Pains and Charges of the several Clerks in this Service, shall judge the said Clerks severally and respectively to deserve.

Provided always, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, That the said several Rewards and Encouragements of Four Pounds a Man, to each Volunteer, Six Pence per diem, and Twenty Shillings, and Three Pound for each Listed Soldier, to be brought in, as aforesaid (which Rewards and Encouragements are by this Act appointed to be paid out of the Land-Tax Monies, as aforesaid) shall by virtue of this Act be Charged to the Accounts of the respective Regiments, to which the said Volunteers and Listed Men shall belong; and that the respective Paymasters-General of Her Majesty's Forces, and the Auditors to whom it shall appertain to take care that the same be charged accordingly.

Provided always, That Her Majesty when She shall be satisfied by the said Returns of the Commissioners, or otherwise, that a sufficient Number of Recruits in the whole, shall be Raised for Her present Service, may be graciously pleased to Issue Her Royal Proclamation to Suspend or Stop the further Execution of this Act; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And the said Commissioners by this Act intrusted with the Execution thereof, are hereby directed, in the performance of this Her Majesty's Service, to use their best Judgment and Endeavours that the Soldiers to be Re-

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ceived as Volunteers, or otherwise Listed upon this Act for Her Majesty's Land Forces or the Marines, be such Able-bodied Men as are fit to Serve Her Majesty, and that such Soldiers, in case they be for Her Majesty's Land-Service, be not under the Stature of Five Foot and Five Inches.

And whereas divers Soldiers who have Deserted Her Majesty's Service, have been Harboured in a certain Place called *Tbreakwood*, lying within or near the Counties of *Chester* and *Flint*, or one of them, and adjoining to the Town of *Cudington*, in the said County of *Chester*; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners hereby appointed for the County of *Chester*, and the Officers of the said Town of *Cudington*, shall Execute this Act in the said Place called *Tbreakwood*, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Commissioner, Churchwarden, Overseer, Constable, Headborough, Tythingman or other Parish or Town-Officer who shall be employed in the Execution of this Act, shall be liable for or by reason of such Execution to any of the Penalties mentioned in an Act made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, For preventing Dangers which may happen from *Ropish Recusants*; Or in one other Act made in the First Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act for Abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and appointing other Oaths*; Or in one other Act made in the Parliament holden in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of the late King *William* the Third, Intituled, *An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for the Extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their Open and Secret Abettors*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That no Person or Persons hereby Appointed to be a Commissioner or Commissioners for any County, Riding, City, Borough, Cinque-Port or Place of *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick upon Tweed* (except such as duly Qualified themselves to be Commissioners for Executing the said Act for the Land-Tax made and passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign) shall be capable in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick upon Tweed*, of Acting as a Commissioner or Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, or Executing any the Powers of the Commissioners therein mentioned (unless it be the Power hereby given of Administring Oaths) until such time as he or they respectively shall have taken the Oaths appointed by an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths*; And also in the said Act, Intituled, *An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person, and the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and for Extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales, and all other Pretenders, and their Open and Secret Abettors*: Which Oaths it shall and may be Lawful for any two or more of the said Commissioners to Administer, and they are hereby required to Administer the same to any other of the said Commissioners. And that no Person or Persons hereby Appointed to be a Commissioner or Commissioners for any part of *Scotland* (except such as duly Qualified themselves according to the Laws of *Scotland*, to be Commissioners there for Executing the said Act for the Land-Tax, made and passed in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign) shall be capable of Acting as a Commissioner or Commissioners in this present Act, in any part of *Scotland*, until such time as he or they respectively shall have duly Qualified themselves according to the Laws of *Scotland* for that purpose.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That if any Person hereby appointed a Commissioner for any County, City, Town or Place in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick upon Tweed*, (except before excepted) shall presume to act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, before he shall have taken the said Oaths, which by this Act he is required to take, and in the Manner hereby prescribed,

he shall Forfeit to Her Majesty the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, or of the Case, Bill, Suit, or Information, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Effiagn, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Impar lance shall be allowed. And that if any Person hereby Appointed a Commissioner for any Shire, Stewartry, Burgh or Place in *Scotland*, (except before excepted) shall presume to Act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, before that he shall have Qualified himself according to the Laws in *Scotland*, he shall Forfeit to Her Majesty the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be Recovered in the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, in the same manner as any other Penalties are there recoverable.

Provided also, That in case there shall not be a sufficient Number of Commissioners for any City, Borough, Town, Port, or Place of *Great Britain*, (for which by this Act Commissioners are specially Appointed) capable of Acting according to the respective Qualifications required by this Act, then and in every such case any the Commissioners appointed for the County, Shire or Stewartry at large, within which such City, Borough, Town, Port or Place doth stand, or which is next adjoining thereto, may act as Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, within such City, Borough, Town, Port or Place; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of Acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, or of any the Powers therein contained, in or for any County at large within *England*, the Dominion of *Wales*, (the Counties of *Anglesea*, *Merioneth*, *Cardigan*, *Carmarthen*, *Glamorgan*, *Montgomery*, *Pembroke*, *Carnarvon*, *Denbigh*, and *Meerioneth* excepted) or in or for any of the Ridings in the County of *York*, unless such Person, by himself or his Tenants or Trustees, was Taxed, or did pay in the same County or Riding, for the value of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, or more, of his own Estate, by virtue of the said Act for the Land-Tax, made and passed in *England*, in the Sixth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, or unless such Person so appointed to be a Commissioner, shall at the time of the Execution of this Act, by himself, his Tenants or Trustees, enjoy an Estate of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of the said value of One hundred Pounds *per Annum*, or more, within the said County or Riding respectively; Any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That if any Person intended by this Act to be disabled for any the Causes last mentioned, shall nevertheless presume to act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, or any the Powers therein contained, every such Person for such Offence shall Forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who will inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in the Exchequer of *Scotland*, as aforesaid.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby Enacted, That no Person who is appointed to be a Commissioner for Executing this Act in any part of *Great Britain*, shall be disabled from acting as a Commissioner within and for any City, Borough, Cinque-Port or Corporate-Town only, whereof he shall be an Inhabitant at the time of the Execution of this Act; nor from Acting as a Commissioner within any of the Inns of Courts or Inns of Chancery.

And whereas some Doubts may arise whether Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Chief Magistrates of Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate, and Cinque-Ports, for which Commissioners are specially appointed by Virtue of this Act, can act as Commissioners for Executing this Act in the said Cities, Boroughs, Towns-Corporate and Cinque-Ports; Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Mayors, Bailiffs, and other Chief Magistrates, who are appointed Commissioners for Executing this Act, shall be and have power to act as Commissioners for Executing this Act, within and for any City, Borough, Town-Corporate, or Cinque-Port, wherein they inhabit

inhabit at the time of executing this Act, as well where Commissioners are specially appointed by this Act, as where they are not.

And it is hereby provided and enacted, That no Bailiffs Follower or Assistant, employ'd or belonging to any Sheriff, Bailiff of Liberties, Marshalsea-Court, or any other Person or Persons that shall be so employ'd by any one that shall have the power of Executing any Warrant or Process whatsoever, shall be deem'd thereby to Follow or Exercise any Calling or Employment, or to have a sufficient Support or Maintenance within the intent and meaning of this Act.

And forasmuch as great Inconveniencies have happen'd by Impressing Men during the time of Harvest. Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the first Day of *June*, One thousand seven hundred and nine, until the Fifteenth Day of *October* following, all Harvest-Labourers, and all Persons working at Hay-Harvest and Corn-Harvest work within the time aforesaid, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, shall not be Impressed by Virtue of this Act, but shall be free and exempted from the same, during the time aforesaid; provided they have a Certificate under the Hands of the Minister and Church-wardens or Elders of the Parish where they live, allowed under the Hands and Seals of two Justices of the Peace of the same County, Shire, Stewartry, Riding, City or Place.

At the Court at St. James's, February 3. 1708.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty is pleased this Day to declare in Council, That the Publick Business encreasing, Her Majesty has thought fit to appoint a third Secretary of State of *Great Britain*; but that Her Majesty intends nevertheless to continue the Foreign Affairs, for the present, in the Course of Dispatch they are now in.

And thereupon his Grace *James Duke of Queensberry*, and *Dover*, was, by Her Majesty's Command, Sworn one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State of *Great Britain*, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day, also, his Grace *John Duke of Argyle* was by Her Majesty's Command Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

S H E R I F F S appointed for
Northumberland, *William Carr of Assed, Esq;*
Suffolk, *James Barker, Esq;*
Suffex, *John Young of Launing, Esq;*

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lord-Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons and Citizens of the City of *Dublin*, at their general Assembly held at the *Tholsell* of the said City on the 21st of *January*, 1708; presented to Her Majesty by his Excellency the Earl of *Wharson*, Lord-Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

MAY it please your Majesty to permit us to pay, that Tribute of Grief which is due to the Memory of his late Royal Highness Prince *George of Denmark*, and so

Condole with your Majesty on the Mournful Occasion of his Death.

We are sensibly afflicted for the Death of a Person who was deservedly possessed of the tenderest of your Royal Affections; and we cannot but lament the Misfortune of your Subjects, in being deprived of so bright an Example of Conjugal Love and Fidelity, and the many other Virtues which adorned his Princely Mind.

But since Providence, to alleviate our Grief, has afforded so many joyful Occasions of Rejoicing, we thankfully accept the same, and Congratulate your Majesty for the glorious Success of your Arms, under the unparalleled Conduct of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, during the whole course of the last long and prosperous Campaign.

May the same good Providence still continue to Crown your Arms, and those of your Allies, with new Victories, 'till your Enemies be subdued, 'till the Protestant Religion be Established on a lasting Foot, and Peace and Liberty be restored to Europe. Given under our Common Seal of the said City the Day and Year aforesaid.

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

LENT Preachers appointed to Preach before Her Majesty for the Year 1708.

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| Mar. 9. Ash-wednesday | { | Dean of the Chapel, Lord Bishop of London. |
| 11. Friday, | | Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Willis. |
| 13. Sunday, | | Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. |
| 16. Wednesday, | | Dr. Mof. |
| 18. Friday, | | D. of Windsor, Dr. Manningham. |
| 20. Sunday, | | Lord Bishop of Norwich. |
| 23. Wednesday, | | Dr. Mandeville. |
| 25. Friday, | | D. of Peterborough, Dr. Kennet. |
| 27. Sunday, | | Lord Bishop of Chester. |
| 30. Wednesday, | | Dr. Resbury. |
| Apr. 1. Friday, | | Dean of Carlisle, Dr. Astorbury. |
| 3. Sunday, | | Lord Bishop of Ely. |
| 6. Wednesday, | | Dr. Bentley. |
| 8. Friday, | | Dean of Exeter, Dr. Blackburn. |
| 10. Sunday, | | Lord Bishop of Oxford. |
| 13. Wednesday, | | Dr. Adams. |
| 15. Friday, | | Dean of Winchester, Dr. Wickart. |
| 17. Palm-Sunday, | { | Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, or Lord Archbishop of York. |
| 20. Wednesday, | | Dr. Pelling. |
| 22. Good-Friday, | { | Dean of Westminster, Lord Bishop of Rochester. |
| 24. Easter-day, | | Lord Almoner. |

K E N T.

Turin, Jan. 8. N. S. On the 1st Instant his Royal Highness and the whole Court went to the Cathedral Church of this City, where *Te Deum* was sung for the Reduction of *Lisle*, and the other great Successes of the last Campaign. In the Evening of the same Day the Garrison was under Arms, and three Rounds of all the Cannon and small Shot were fired, which was also performed in all the Garrisons within his Royal Highness's Dominions at the same time. Most of the Fiefs in the *Langhes* have acknowledged the Sovereignty of the House of *Savoy*, and have accordingly paid Contribution, and it is expected that the other Places which have not yet paid Homage, will follow their Example. The Officers of his Royal Highness's Troops having had their Levy-Mony paid in some time since, have received Notice from

from Court, respective Troops appear on the new Cloathing they are preparing time of their Highness. The severe Penalties Persons, 'till 2 Service of the Pignerol. Care that ready to the Farmers Great numbers employed in prov Stores and Am Snow has fallen Journey which make into the convenient Sea that the Enemy the greatest Exhensions that the Siege of that Province is in for want of Ha the younger M Service, or obl Arms in the M Frontiers. At Cattle are presse Artillery, to th as well as that th by the Commiss Troops. These Town of Greno Commerce, and Place, who were deration, are alm *Lisbon, Febru* Gibraltar of the Byng passed thro fresh Westerly Night coming on safe to stand int Sailed up towards *Falmouth, Jan* the Resolution fr *Ossand* Master. to cruize, Captai as did the Young manded by Captai *Whitehaven, Jan* Morning arrived t lin. Several of o failed for the Plant ready. The Frost in these Parts) beg since which we ha *Plymouth, Janu* her Majesty's Ship field to cruize. O jesty's Ship the S

from Coust, that it will be expected the respective Troops and Companies shall be compleat on the 25th of the next Month. The new Cloathing and Accoutrements of the Army are preparing with all Expedition against the time of their passing in Review before his Royal Highness. The Peasants are ordered, upon very severe Penalties, to forbear selling Oats to private Persons, 'till 25000 Sacks are brought in for the Service of the Garrisons of this Place, Sufa and Pignerol. Commissaries are appointed to take care that ready Mony shall be immediately paid to the Farmers upon the Delivery of their Corn. Great numbers of Labourers are continually employed in providing and bringing in military Stores and Ammunition into the Arsenal. The Snow has fallen in so great abundance, that the Journey which his Royal Highness designed to make into the Montserrat, is deferred to a more convenient Season. We hear from Dauphiné, that the Enemy are fortifying Embrun with the greatest Expedition, and are under Apprehensions that the Campaign will open with the Siege of that Place. They add, that the whole Province is in the most deplorable condition for want of Hands to manure the Ground; all the younger Men being forced into the King's Service, or obliged to be continually under Arms in the Militia for the defence of their Frontiers. At the same time, their Horses and Cattle are pressed for drawing the Baggage and Artillery, to the utter Ruin of the Peasants, as well as that their Wines and Fruits are seized by the Commissaries for the Subsistence of the Troops. These Advices further say, that the Town of Grenoble is destitute of all manner of Commerce, and that the Merchants of that Place, who were lately of the greatest Consideration, are almost reduced to Poverty.

Lisbon, February 3. N. S. Letters from Gibraltar of the 2d Instant say, that Admiral Byng passed through the Streights with a very fresh Westerly Wind on the 1st; and that the Night coming on, Sir George did not think it safe to stand into the Bay of that Place, but sailed up towards Alicant.

Falmouth, January 29. This Day came in the Resolution from Swanz with Coals, James Olland Master. Sailed the Hercules Privateer to cruize, Captain Solomon Render Commander; as did the Young Abraham of Flushing, commanded by Captain Daniel Mochelson.

Whitehaven, January 30. Yesterday and this Morning arrived six light Colliers from Dublin. Several of our Virginia Men are already failed for the Plantations, and others are making ready. The Frost (which has been very hard in these Parts) began to break on Thursday last, since which we have had a gentle Thaw.

Plimouth, January 30. On the 27th failed her Majesty's Ships the Dartmouth and Litchfield to cruize. On the 28th came in her Majesty's Ship the Sweepstakes from cruising.

Yesterday came in her Majesty's Ship the Bristol from Milford, with the Frankland Packet-Boat and seven Merchant-Ships.

Bristol, February 2. On the 31st past came in the Beecher Galley of this Place, John Jones Commander, from the Streights, but last from Gibraltar. Yesterday came in the Severn Galley of this Place, John Malcomb Master, from the same Voyage; the Flying-Horse of this Place, from the same Place; the Elizabeth and Mary, John Drisdale, from the same Place; and the Mary Galley of Lyme-rick, John Murchell Master, from Cadiz. This Day came in the Leopard Galley of this Place, Richard Child Master, in 30 Days from Barbadoes.

Portsmouth, February 3. There are at Spit-head Her Majesty's Ships the Royal-Oak and Crown, with 13 Dutch Men of War.

Yarmouth, February 4. Several Ships are failed hence for Rotterdam. Her Majesty's Ships the Folkestone and Advice Prize continue in our Road.

Deale, February 5. Here are Her Majesty's Ships the Norfolk, Bedford, Revenge, Drednought, Guernsey, Dragon, Newcastle, Garland, Gosport, Saphir, Diamond, Newport, Queenborough, and the Mary Galley; with several Outward-bound and Coasters.

There are three Mails due from Holland.

Notice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captains, that the Officers and Seamen belonging to Her Majesty's Ship the *Hasting*, Captain Paul Commander, may, on Thursday the 10th of this Instant February, on Board the said Ship at Bristol, receive their several Shares of the Prize Ship *St. Stephen*, according to Her Majesty's most gracious Proclamation of the 20th of May, 1708.

Advertisements.

Feb. 7. A New Edition of *Virgill's Works*, Translated into English Verse by Mr. *Dryden*, is now printing in *Octavo* on a very neat New Letter, and so near Finished as to be Published in a Month's time, by Jacob Tonson; who is also Printing a Sixth Part of *Miscellany Poems*, containing variety of Original Pieces and New Translations by several eminent Hands, never before Published. Whoever has any Verses they are willing to have inserted in the said Volume, are desired to send them to Jacob Tonson at Gray's-Inn-Gate. This Sixth *Miscellany* will certainly be Published before the end of next Month.

*** The Common-Prayer, in the Ancient British or Welch Language, complete; 39 Articles, with Singing-Psalms, &c. in 12s. (Published with the License and Approbation of the Right Reverend the Bishops, as the Act of Uniformity directs, and purged from some hundreds of Erratas of the former Editions) Being lately Published; and several Gentlemen who were pleased to subscribe nor having received their Books, if they please may have them at the Subscription Price, (which is 7l. 10s. per 100) sending Directions how to send them, to the Undertakers, R. Whitedge at the Bible in Ave-Mary-Lane; C. Browne in Newgate-Street; or Ed. Powel in Black-Friars, Printer.

FOR Sale by the Candle, On Friday next the 11th of February at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-Street, 70 Hogheads of new (French Prize) excellent O'Brien Claret upon the Lee neat, an entire parcel of the present Vintage, and just bought up by Land Carriage: To be seen in a Vault in Cross-lane (between St. Dunstan's Hill and Harp-Lane in Tower-Street) from next Thursday Morning the 10th Instant all Day, 'till the Hour of Sale. Catalogues shall be timely dispersed by Thomas Tomkins, Broker in Crutched Fryars.

Thomas Brooks of Cheshire, and Charles Booth of London, Trustees for such Creditors of John Halton of Bradley in Cheshire (as in a Schedule for that purpose named) Brooks having received Mony to pay the Country Creditors, and Booth Mony to pay

By Charges and Creditors in and about London; the said Booth being desirous to discharge his Trust, and to see the whole perfected, the Creditors are desired to write to him at his House at Hackney, near London, with Directions how to send to them, that they may have Satisfaction.

LOST or Misaid three Bonds of the United East-India Company, two payable to John Farmer, Esq; for 500 l. No. 3031, 3032, one to William Stewart for 100 l. No. 1845. Also three African Bonds, one No. 75, payable to John Ward for 340 l. whereof paid 211 l. 5 s. No. 142, payable to William Gardner for 18 l. 15 s. No. 244 payable to Robert Barker for 50 l. Whoever shall bring them to Mr. Lewis, Goldsmith, at the Angel and Crown in the Strand, shall have 5 l. reward, and no further Enquiry made; Payment being stoppt, and they being of no use but to the Owner.

TO be sold a very good Sugar-House, with Utensils and other Conveniences, Warehouses, Crane, &c. and a good Dwelling-house, with pleasant Gardens, at Battersea in Surry, by the Thames, Copyhold. Inquire of Mr. Halfey, Brewer, in Deadman's-Place, Southwark; or of Mr. Maryn, Merchant, in Love-lane, London; or of Mr. Daniel Danvers at Battersea aforesaid.

THE capital Mansion-Houses of Parke and Indeo, and the Demesne Lands thereunto respectively belonging, with other Lands in Demesne, and the several Manors of Bovey-Tracy, Knighton Heathfield and Hennock, lying contiguous, and pleasantly situated, about 10 Miles distant from the City of Exon, and well wooded, timber'd and water'd, with the Market and Fairs of Bovey-Tracy aforesaid, and the customary Mills there. The Mansion-Houses being in very good Repair, and accommodated with all convenient Out-Houses, large Orchards, good Gardens, fine Walks, and other Accommodations; late the Lands and Estate of William Stawell, Esq; deceased, and the Seat of him and Sir John Stawell, deceased, his Ancestors, are to be sold. Enquire of John Belfield, Esq; and Tristram Bowdage, Gent. in Exon; Francis Pengeley, Esq; in Plymouth; Charles Taylor, Gent. in Tormes; Henry Leggick, Gent. in Modbury; Mr. Bird, in Taunton; Mr. Lewis Gregory, in Barnstaple; Robert Peryman, Esq; in Leicester-square, London; and William Symon, Gent. of Lyons-Inn; where Surveys of the said Estate may be seen.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Eden Hardy, of the Parish of St. Mary Magdalen Bermondsey, in the County of Surry, Woolstapler, and he being declar'd a Bankrupt, is hereby requir'd to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 10th and 18th Instant, and the 9th of March next, at 5 Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and chuse Assignees.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Frame, of the Parish of St. George the Martyr, in the Borough of Southwark, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt, and having surrender'd himself to the Commissioners; these are to give notice, that the Commissioners intend to meet on Thursday the 10th Instant, at 4 Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London; where his Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay their Contribution-mony, and chuse an Assignee or Assignees.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Allen Banks of London, Stationer, intend to meet on the 3d of March next, at 3 in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; at which time and place the Creditors that have not already paid their Con-

tribution-mony, and proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS Thomas Urwin of Winflow, in the County of Bucks, Chapman, has surrendered himself, and been twice examined; these are to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 15th of February Instant, at 3 in the Afternoon, at the Irish-chamber in Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; where the Creditors may attend 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 John Rowley, late of Drayton, in the County of Salop, Mercer, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself to the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts; this is to give notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 28th of this Instant February.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Samuel Comyn, late of Cloth-fair, in the Parish of St. Bartholomew the Great, London, Burton-Seller, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself to the late Acts of Parliament made against Bankrupts; this is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 28th of February Instant.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Francis Lawrence, late of Reading, in the County of Berks, Salefman, have certified to the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Francis Lawrence hath in all things conform'd himself according to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament concerning Bankrupts; this is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 28th of this Instant.

WHEREAS the Rt. Hon. the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain hath referred the Certificate of John Heighington of the City of Durham, Cordwainer, unto Mr. Justice Blencowe and Mr. Justice Tracey: These are to give Notice, that the said Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the Act directs, unless his Creditors shall, on the 24th Instant, at four in the Afternoon, at Serjeant's-Inn-Hall in Fleet-street, shew cause to the contrary.

THE whitish Powder that makes the blackest Writing Ink, called Holman's London Ink-Powder, is now of great Use for all Persons to make their writing Ink as black and as strong as they please, each six Penny Paper weighing two Ounces, makes a Pint or Pint and half of the best, or a Quart for Shopkeepers Common writing and marking Ink, only by shaking or stirring it often in Rain or River-Water; and it mends all weak and pale Ink, or Ink spoiled by the Frost, with Directions to each Paper to prevent Ink from freezing. 'Tis sold by most Stationers, Bookfellers and Haberdashers in and about London, and by Shopkeepers in the chiefest Cities and Towns in England, and best for Carriage by Sea or Land. Is made and sold by Charles Holman, in Red-Lyon-street in Southwark, he having a Patent granted him under the Great Seal of England for making the same; where is also to be had his best Ink ready made for all valuable Writings.