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Paris, December 28.

**I**T is advised from Valenciennes, that Mr. Law passing through that Place was stopped by the Governour; but the Intendant of Maubeuge being acquainted with his Arrival, went thither, and having examined his Passport, and some particular Orders he produced from Court, gave him Leave to continue his Journey to Brussels. Letters from thence of the 23d give an Account of his being entertained at Dinner by the Marquess de Prié, and that he went there under the Name of the Chevalier de Marais, and his Son by that of the Chevalier du Jardin. The Directors of the India Company went some Days ago to M. Pelletier de la Houffaye, the new Comptroller General, to intreat him to obtain from the Regent the Liberty of M. Fromager, one of the Directors, who was carried to the Bastile on the 21st Instant, but were refused. It is said a new Council of Finances is about to be established, and that it is to consist of the Duke Regent, all the Princes of the Blood, the Chancellour, the Marshal de Villeroy, the Comptroller-General, and M. des Marets. The Term for bringing in 150 Livres for every Action of the India Company by way of a Loan, is to be prolonged for a Fortnight more, by reason of the Scarcity of Money. Letters from Marseilles of the 12th Instant give an Account, that they now looked upon that City to be free from the Plague; but it is said that Distemper has got into St. Remy, whither the Parliament of Aix retired some Time ago, and that Avignon is likewise suspected of the Infection. It is advised from Rennes in Britany, that a Fire having broke out some Days ago in that City, laid above 2000 Houses in Ashes.

Whitehall, December 24, 1720.

Whereas a Letter was wrote on Thursday last, in a Hand that did not appear to be counterfeited, and sent by the Penny-Post, directed thus, To the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; at the Secretary's Office at Whitehall, and beginning thus, Mr. Craggs, but had no Name subscribed to it. If the Person who wrote that Letter will let Mr. Secretary Craggs know when and where he may be spoke with, he shall have a convenient Opportunity given him of doing what he proposes, and may depend upon the utmost Secrecy.

Stamp-Office, July 16, 1720.

That no Person may pretend Ignorance of the following Law, the Commissioners of the Stamp-Duties do hereby give farther Notice, that by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, it is (int'al) enacted, that if any Person or Persons, at any time after the 1st of August 1720, shall cut, tear, or get off any Mark or Stamp, in respect whereof or whereby any Duties are payable, or are dema'd to be paid or payable to His Majesty, on Playing-Cards; or shall file, square, or new spot any Dice which have been sold or play'd with; or shall fraudulently in-

close any Parcel or Pack of Playing-Cards in any outside Paper so sealed and stamp'd, as aforesaid; or in case any Person or Persons shall hereafter sell, or expose to sale, any Playing-Cards, the same not being, at the time of such selling, or exposing to sale, actually stamp'd on the spotted or painted side, and also inclosed in Paper and Thread, sealed and stamp'd, as by the Act of the 10th of Queen Anne, which charges the said Duties, is directed; then so often, and in every such Case, any Person offending in any of the Particulars before mentioned, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of 10 l. with full Costs of Suit.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, that a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thursday the 29th Instant at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon Special Affairs.

East-India House, Dec. 22, 1720.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice, that their General Court holden this Day have adjourned themselves to Wednesday the 28th Instant, and have appointed them to meet at Ten in the Forenoon, about Special Affairs.

In the Advertisement from the African-House published in last Saturday's Gazette, instead of Tuesday the 23d of January next, read Tuesday the 24th of January next.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for raising the Thames Water in York Buildings, give Notice to the several Persons who have purchased Annuities from them, that they will make Payment of the half Years Annuities due the 25th Instant, upon their producing proper Certificates of Life; and that their Cashier will attend at their Office in Throgmorton-Street, to pay the same, on Thursday and Friday, the 29th and 30th Instant, from Ten in the Morning till One, and every Thursday Morning afterwards. N. B. Every Annuitant is to bring his Annuity Bond with him.

Advertisements.

**W**hereas by a Decree of the High Court of Chancery the Creditors of William Allen the elder, James Allen the elder, and William Allen the younger, late of Marden, in the County of Kent, were directed to prove their Debts before Henry Lovibond, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court; Notice is hereby given, that, pursuant to an Order of the said Court, dated the 6th Instant, such of the said Creditors as have not yet proved their Debts are to come before the said Master, and prove the same within two Months after this Notice, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

**T**he Trustees appointed by an Act of Parliament to discharge Sir Alexander Rigby from his Imprisonment, and vest his Estate in Trustees for his Creditors, intend to meet on Thursday the 10th of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where all the Creditors are desired to attend upon especial Affairs.

**W**hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against William Wickham, of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 30th Instant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice to Mr. Thomas Clendon, Attorney, in Shear Lane, London.

**W**hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Mathew Andrews, of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 30th Instant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. Thomas Clendon, Attorney, in Shear Lane, London.

**W**hereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against George Dare, of Lowlaton, in the County of Essex, Baker, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 30th Instant, and on the 6th and 23d of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice to Mr. John Slater, at his Chambers, N<sup>o</sup> 43 in Lincoln's-Inn-Square.

