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AT the Court at St. James's, the 7th Day of
January, 1724.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having constituted the Right Honourable Sir Joseph Jekyll, Kt. Master of the Rolls, Jefferay Gilbert, Esq; one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and Sir Robert Raymond, Kt. one of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of King's-Bench, Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, was this Day pleased in Council to deliver to them the Great Seal of Great Britain; and the said Lords Commissioners did thereupon take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and also the Oath as Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal. And His Majesty conferred the Honour of Knighthood on Jefferay Gilbert, Esq;

After which His Majesty was pleased to express himself to the said Lords Commissioners in the Words following, viz.

"I have had such Experience of your Integrity and Ability, that it is with Pleasure I now put the Great Seal into your Hands. You are fully informed of the State of the Accounts of the Masters in Chancery; I earnestly recommend to you the taking effectual Care that entire Satisfaction be made to the Suitors of the Court, and that they be not exposed to any Dangers for the future; and I have such Confidence in your faithful Discharge of the Trust I now repose in you, that I am persuaded you will look narrowly into the Behaviour of all the Officers under your Jurisdiction, and will see that they act with the strictest Regard to Justice, and to the Ease of my Subjects.

Vienna, Dec. 30, N. S. Letters from Constantinople of the 25th of last Month relate, that the Turkish Army commanded by the Governour of Van, having advanced to Tauris, made an Assault in hopes of carrying it without the Formalities of a Siege, but there was so numerous a Garrison in the Place, and the Persians defended themselves so obstinately, that they repulsed the Turks with great Loss, and have made them defer their De-

sign of besieging it till next Spring. The Pasha of Bagdat had sent an Account to the Port, that since the taking of the Province of Hemedan, he had made himself Master of another adjoining to it called Lorestan, wherein are two considerable Cities called Nechevend and Usdager. The Pasha of Bagdat had also sent Advice, that it was reported there that a splendid Embassy was coming from Mirveiz to the Grand Signior with very rich Presents.

Madrid, Dec. 25, N. S. On Sunday last the Fathers of the Order of Mercy for the Redemption of Captives, made a publick Procession here with those whom they lately brought from Algiers, and passed by the Palace where their Catholick Majesties and the Royal Family stood to see them. Cardinal Alberoni is to resign the Bishoprick of Malaga, to which his Catholick Majesty intends to promote Father Garcia late General of the Fryars of the Order of St. Francis. Their Catholick Majesties have declared, that on the 7th of the next Month they will go to the Pardo, where they will divert themselves with hunting for some short time: The Marquess de Grimaldo is to attend their Majesties thither, and all Affairs are to be directed to him by the other Ministers and Secretaries of State during their Majesties Stay there.

Whitehall, Jan. 8, 1724-5.

Whereas several Felons who were to have been transported, sometime ago, from Lincoln Goal to His Majesty's Plantations in America, made their Escape, and Informations have been given that the same happened through Connivance; and that ----- Marrat and Silvester Lill, two of the said Felons, who abscond, can give a further Account of this pernicious Practice: In order to the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of so heinous an Offence, His Majesty is graciously pleased to promise His Pardon to the said ----- Marrat and Silvester Lill, provided they will come in and testify their Knowledge of the said Practice, so that the Offender or Offenders may be brought to Justice and receive condign Punishment.

TOWNSHEND.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue of Excise design to expose to Sale in their Court-Room at the Excise-Office, London, on Wednesday the 20th of this Instant January, at Three a-Clock in the Afternoon, several Parcels