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Stockholm, December 7.

ON the 3d Instant a Motion was made in the Assembly of the Nobles, that whereas the Time of the Sitting of the Dyet, which was limited by an Ordinance of the former Dyet, was near expiring, and due Measures for the Good and Welfare of the Kingdom not yet brought near to Maturity, therefore the Dyet should apply to the King to consent to a Prolongation of the Time, and that the four Speakers of the respective Orders should wait on his Majesty to lay before him such the Desire of the Dyet. Which Motion was approved by a vast Majority, and 12 of the Nobles deputed to the other Orders to communicate the said Proposition to them. There was only one Member of the House of Nobles, Colonel Stobé, who offered to speak against this Motion, and proposed the chusing a new Dyet in January next; but this was rejected with the utmost Warmth and Dislike, and he having dropt some Reflection on Count Horn the Land Marshal, the House shewed such Indignation and Resentment, as nothing could appease but his asking Pardon immediately of the Land-Marshal. The same Morning the other three States signified by their respective Deputies to the Nobles, that they concurred with them: So that this grand Question for prolonging the Dyet was carried unanimously that Morning by all the Four States. M. Reichel Minister from the Duke of Holstein, finding no Hopes of a new Dyet, has presented to Count Horn the Duke his Master's Letter to the States dated in August last: Which being transmitted to the Secret Committee, they sent it back to M. Reichel unopened, declaring they will not receive one Application from Foreign Princes, which is not made to the King of Sweden directly. It is said the Secret Committee have made a further Discovery of Matters of great Importance against Count Welling.

Madrid, Dec. 16, N. S. This last Week the late Duke of Ormond has had several Audiences of their Catholick Majesties, and there is a Rumour among the Jacobites here of some Enterprize being upon the Anvil in favour of the Pretender. On the 13th Instant Count Vander Nat who arrived here about two Months ago with the Character of Minister from the Duke of Holstein, had his first Audience of their Catholick Majesties, since which he has sent his Compliments to all the Foreign Ministers here with the Advice of his Arrival. On the 12th his Catholick Majesty appointed the Duke of Liria to be his Ambassadour to the Court of Muscovy; it is said that he is to have an Allowance of Twelve Thousand Pistoles for the Performance of his Journey, and One thousand Pistoles per Month for his Appointments, and that he will set out for Petersbourg in two Months. The Troops intended for the forming of an Army of 25000 Men in the Neighbourhood of Gibraltar proceed in their Marches to be at their General Rendezvous near that Place by the Beginning of

January next; the Count de las Torres who is to command them in chief, is set out this Day for Malaga, and the rest of the General Officers who have been named for that Purpose will follow him in a few Days. The late Lord Marishal, Major-General in the Spanish Service, being named to go to the said Army, has had an Audience of their Catholick Majesties, and will set out for Malaga in a few Days. Letters from Malaga of the 10th Instant relate, that the Spanish Troops continue to arrive in that Province, and that about 3000 Barrels of Powder are speedily expected from Alicant, designed for Cadiz. Letters from Cadiz of the 10th Instant advise, that the Commerce there had not yet advanced 8000 Pieces of Eight which had been newly demanded of them to pay for a Man of War lately bought at Genoa, but that it was assured, that they had represented the Impossibility of raising the said Sum, by the Delay of the Flota and Galleons, and the entire Suspension of Trade, and upon that Account intreated his Catholick Majesty to protect them against their Creditors by suspending all Prosecutions upon Bonds and Contracts they might have entered into.

War-Office, Dec. 22, 1726.

Whereas the General Officers of the Army to whom the Examination of the Reduced Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines upon Half Pay in Great-Britain was referred by His Majesty, have in their Report to Him, among other Things, proposed the following Rules, viz.

That every Reduced Officer on Half-Pay in Great Britain, shall for the future write to the Secretary at War for the Time being, twice every Year, viz. in the Months of January and July, declaring he is the same Officer who was approved of in the last Examination, and no otherwise provided than by His Majesty's Half-Pay; which Letter must be signed by the said Officer, mentioning therein the Regiment to which he did belong.

And also, that no Reduced Officer out of the British Establishment of Half-Pay shall presume for the future to go out of any of His Majesty's Dominions into foreign Countries without a particular Leave of Absence.

These are therefore by His Majesty's special Command, to direct and require all Persons concerned herein, to conform themselves to the said Rules, as they shall answer the same at their Peril.

H Pelham.

By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of Excise. The Commissioners appointed in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed the last Sessions, for granting an Aid to His Majesty, by laying a Duty upon all Victuallers and Retailers of Beer and Ale within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Weekly Bills of Mortality, do hereby give Notice to all Innkeepers, Victuallers, Keepers of Taverns, Keepers of Coffee-houses, and all other Retailers of Beer and Ale, That upon Monday the 2d Day of January next, Attendance will

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