

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

These Considerations must awaken in you all, such a Sense of our common and immediate Danger, as will, I do not, inspire you with a Zeal and Cheerfulness in raising the Supplies, necessary for the Defence of your Country, and for making good our Engagements with our Allies. I received too much Satisfaction from the Happiness of my People, in their full Enjoyment, and future Prospect of Peace, Ease and Prosperity, not to be sensibly affected with these new Convulsions, and the unavoidable Necessity, I am under, of asking larger Supplies of my People, and of desiring to be enabled to make such an Augmentation of my Forces, by Sea and Land, as the present Exigency of Affairs requires.

I will order the proper Estimates to be laid before you, and such Treaties as I have made with foreign Princes, for the hire of foreign Troops; and as the Experience I was last Year in a particular Manner intrusted to make, has amounted to no considerable Sum, and the publick Utility may again require the like Services to be performed, I hope you will again repose the same Trust and Confidence in me.

It is with great Pleasure, that I see the Time so near approaching, when such a considerable Addition will be made to the sinking Fund; Let all that wish well to the Peace and Quiet of my Government, have the Satisfaction to see, that our present Necessities shall make no Interruption in the Progress of that desirable Work of gradually discharging the National Debt. I hope therefore you will make a Provision for the immediate Application of the Produce of the sinking Fund, to the Uses for which it was so wisely contrived, and to which it now stands appropriated.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have had no Thoughts of making any Acquisitions to any Parts of My Dominions, My whole Care and Concern has been to preserve and maintain the undoubted Rights and Privileges of My People, and therefore all My Measures have been Preventive and Defensive; but such Endeavours being now render'd Impracticable, vigorous Resolutions, and a speedy Execution of them, can alone put an effectual End to the Dangers that surround us. However hazardous and desperate the Enterprizes formed against Us may appear to be, your being assured that they are resolved upon, will, I am perswaded, be sufficient to prevail upon you to put yourselves in a Condition to resist and defeat them. If preserving a due Balance of Power in Europe, if defending the Possessions of the Crown of Great Britain, of infinite Advantages and Security to our Trade and Commerce, if supporting that Trade and Commerce against dangerous and unlawful Encroachments, and if the present Establishment, the Religion, Liberties and Properties of a Protestant People, are any longer Considerations worthy of the Care and Attention of a British Parliament, I need say no more to incite My Loyal and Faithful Houses of Parliament, to exert themselves in the Defence of all that is dear and valuable to them.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th Day of January, 1726-7.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council. His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint Fouke Hulse, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Stafford.

Whitehall, Jan 14.

Whereas Information upon Oath hath been given, that in pursuance of a Design formed by Williams Conyngham, Esq; several Persons did on the 20th Day of November last, about Midnight, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, break the Dwelling-House of Thomas Benson, Esq; in Great James-street, in the Parish of St. George the Martyr, with an Intent to carry away the Wife and divers Goods of the said Thomas Benson: His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Accomplices (except the said Williams Conyngham) who shall discover the true and concerned Parties, some they may have professed and convicted thereof by due Course of Law.

T O W N S H E N D.

And whereas Thomas Benson doth hereby promise to give a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person who shall

who shall apprehend the said Williams Conyngham, so that he may be brought to Justice for the said Crime.

Tho. Benson.

South-Sea-House, London, Jan. 12, 1726-7.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That a General Court of Election will be held at the Company's House in Broad-street, London, on Wednesday the 1st of February next, from Nine in the Morning till Six in the Evening, for the Choice of Governour, Sub-Governour, and Deputy-Governour of the said Company; and the said Court will be continued by Adjournment, and held at the same Place, between the same Hours, on the Friday following, being the 3d of February next, for the Choice of Directors: Which Elections will be declared so soon as the respective Scrutinies shall be over. They likewise give Notice that printed Lists of the Members of the said Company, qualified to Vote at the said Elections, will be ready to be delivered out at the Company's said House, ten Days before the first of the said Elections.

Charitable Corporation-House in Spring Garden, Jan. 12, 1726-7.

The Court of Committee of the Charitable Corporation for Relief of Industrious Poor, &c. hereby give Notice, That pursuant to a Resolution of the General Court of the said Corporation held the 25th of October last, the Transfer Books will be shut from and after Saturday the 21st of January Instant; and to remain shut for Ten Days; and that each Person at the shutting the said Books intitled to any Share or Proportion in the Fund upon which the two first Payments of 1 l. 5 s. each are made, is, according to such respective Proportion, at Liberty to pay into the Fund of this Corporation the third Payment, being 1 l. 5 s. per Share on each 20 l. Share, as the Nominal Stock of this Corporation then stood divided; and that the said Payment is to be made to the Cashier, at the House in Fenchurch-street, within Six Days after the said Shutting; and that in Default of such Payment, the Committee within the next four Days are to appoint the Persons who shall pay in upon each respective Default.

The remaining fourth and last Payment is to be made thirty Days Distance from the said Third.

Advertisements.

Just Published,

* * An Enquiry into the Reasons of the Conduct of Great Britain, with Relation to the Present State of Affairs in Europe. Sold by J. Roberts in Warwick-Lane. Price One Shilling.

A Youth of about 18 Years of Age, about Five Foot Four Inches in Height, pretty thick set, round visaged, fair complexioned, has a broad Forehead, dark Eyebrows, a pretty large full Eye, staring, and of a light grey Colour, a short Bottle Nose, very full Cheeks, his Mouth of a middle Size, a short double Chin, a Mole on his left Cheek, speaks thick, and stammers much; run away from his Master on Monday the 1st of January Instant: He had on a light bob Wig, a new double-breasted Broad Cloth Suit of Cloaths of a dark brown Colour. Whoever will give Notice of him, so as he may be secured, to Mr. Methwold, at the Tennis-Court Coffee-house at the Cockpit, Whitehall, shall have Two Guineas Reward, and reasonable Charges. And all Persons are hereby warned not to entertain him at their Peril.

JA N. 12, 1726-7. Lost out of the House of Mr. Hugh Hooper, in Rochester, in the County of Kent, a very large Silver Watch, on which was engraven (Cockey, Warminster). Whoever gives any Information to Mr. George Pratten, Baker, in St. John-street, near Hick's-Hall, London, shall receive 10 s. Reward.

December 31, 1726.

STrayed or otherwise conveyed out of Squire Bathurst's Pasture, just by North-street Pottern in York, a Sorel Horse, about 14 Hands, four white Feet, a white Face, switch'd Tail, with a white Spot on his near Buttock, aged about seven; and one dappled grey Gelding, a switch'd Tail, and a Spinn on the far Fore-Leg, about 15 Hands high, eight Years old, pads well. Whoever can give Notice of them to Mr. Thomas Mell, or to Mr. Peter Cals, Grocer, both in York, shall have a Guinea Reward.