

This leads me to mention to you the Case of Greenwich-Hospital, that Care may be taken by some Addition to that Fund, to render comfortable and effectual that charitable Provision for the Support and Maintenance of our Seamen, worn out and become decrepit by Age and Infirmities, in the Service of their Country.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have great Hopes, that a general Satisfaction will be now obtained, by a speedy Execution of the Preliminaries, I am satisfied that nothing will more effectually contribute to, and secure this desirable End, than such an Unanimity, Zeal and Dispatch of the publick Business in this Parliament, as may convince the World, that none among you are capable, out of any Views or Considerations whatsoever to wish the Distress of their Country, or to give an Occasion from the Prospect of Difficulties that may arise, and be fomented here at Home, to interrupt or disappoint our present promising Expectations: This it is in your Power to defeat, and this I depend upon from your known Zeal and Affection to my Person and Government, and your hearty Concern for the Interest and Welfare of my People.

South Sea House, Jan. 27, 1727.

Yesterday was held a General Court of the South Sea Company, when the Sub-Governour opened the same in Manner following, viz.

Gentlemen,

YOU are now in this General Court to consider of and resolve what Dividend shall be made on your Capital Stock for the half Year ending at Christmas last.

You all know that the Interest on the several Funds payable to this Company at the Exchequer, became reduced to Four per Cent. by Act of Parliament from Midsummer last, so that you cannot but have expected a proportional Abatement of One per Cent. per Annum on your future Dividends.

You also know, that under the Hopes of a good Issue to your Concerns in Trade, and other Dependencies, you have usually divided One per Cent. per Annum more than you have received from the Exchequer; but 'tis with Concern we are obliged to tell you, those Expectations which encouraged you to do so, have been in some Respects greatly, in others wholly frustrated.

Great Part of what was expected to come into Cash from your Indulgencies to the Loan Creditors of the Year 1720, has hitherto failed, and you are left to prosecute the obdurate for their Debts.

A considerable Part of your Estate seized in the Spanish West Indies on the Rupture with Spain Anno 1719, is yet unrestored, although by the Treaty of Peace Anno 1721, it was particularly stipulated to be forthwith delivered up again.

About the Time the Siege of Gibraltar was opened the last Year, Orders were privately sent from Madrid to New Spain to seize the Effects of this Company in all Parts, which by our latest Advices was accordingly put in Execution by Surprize in the Months of May, June, and July last, and nothing being saved that we yet know of, the whole of your Debts, Ships and Effects in those Parts are now under Seizure.

It is some Comfort under these Afflictions that we have the Assurance of His Majesty's Protection and powerful Interposition, and we may with Authority say, that by the last Accounts from Madrid, which give Reason to expect an Accommodation to all publick Disturbances, those Effects are to be suddenly restored, and the Assiento re established; but this must be the Work of Time, and cannot be carried into immediate Dependence.

These Losses and Disappointments are no longer Supportable, and therefore, as our Reputation and Prudence will very justly be called in Question should we advise a greater Dividend than we know you are able in your present Circumstance to pay; we propose it as our Opinion, that the Dividend on the Capital Stock of this Company, for the half Year ending at Christmas last, be Two per Cent. in Money, and that the Warrants bear Date the 29th Instant, and be payable the 16th of February next; which however we submit to your Determination.

Upon which, after some Debate, the Question was put for agreeing with the Court of Directors in their Opinion, that the Half-Year's Dividend for Christmas last, be Two per Cent. which being carried by the Hands, a Ballot was demanded for determining the said Question, which Ballot is to be taken on this Day and Monday next, between the Hours of Nine in the Morning and Five in the Afternoon of each Day.

The Court of Directors do therefore give this Notice for the Information of the Proprietors,

The Commissioners for Hackney Coaches hereby give Notice, That the Moieties of several Fines set on Coachmen, which could not be recovered till long after the respective Convictions, are now recovered and remaining in the Hands of their Officer, ready to be paid to the Persons that pursued the Complaints, if they will call for the same, any Monday or Thursday, between Ten and Two, at the Office in Sarrey-Street.

Advertisements.

This Day is published,

* * F. A Defence of the Dissertation on the Validity of the English Ordinations, against the several Answers made to it, with proper Vouchers for the Facts advanced in that Work. By the Reverend Father P. F. le Couvayer. In 2 Vol. 8vo.

II. E. Comayer's Dissertation, the 2d Edition, 8vo Printed for William and John Innys, at the West End of St Paul's.

ALL Persons having any Goods in the Hands of Stephen Jarvis, in Water-lane in Fleet street, that have laid 18 Months, are desired to fetch them away before the 25th Day of March 1728, or they will be sold.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Nicholas Little, of the Parish of St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, London, Salesman, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 6th, 9th and 26th of February 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 to give Notice thereof to Mr. Loak Jakeman, Attorney, in Bishopsgate-street, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Thomas Homan, of Hatton-Garden, in the County of Middlesex, Carpenter, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 6th, 12th and 26th of February next, at Three a-Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first 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. William Wreathock, Attorney, in Hatton-Garden aforesaid.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Richard Yardley, now or late of Abchurch-lane, London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 31st Instant and on the 7th and 24th of February 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 Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. Denham Hamond, Attorney, in Dove-Court, in Little Lombard-street, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Richard Howard, late of the Parish of St. Margaret Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Distiller, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 2d, 9th and 26th of February next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first 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. Randolph Gageway, Jun. Attorney, in Thavies-Inn, London.

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