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*Kensington, May 23.*

**T**HIS Day about Three in the Afternoon, His Majesty, his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, and their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia, Caroline, Mary, and Louisa, came from St. James's to reside here.

*Whitehall, May 26.*

On Wednesday last at Half an Hour past Seven in the Morning, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was safely delivered of a Prince, who was immediately christened by the Name of George, which was occasioned by some dangerous Symptoms that appeared at first, though they are now happily over; and the Princess likewise is in a very good Way.

*Kensington, May 26.*

This Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Majesty, to congratulate Him on the Birth of a Prince; being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household; and Mr. Baron Thomson, their Recorder, made their Compliments in the following Speech.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**T**HE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, most humbly in-treat your Majesty's Permission to congratulate your Majesty on the safe Delivery of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the Birth of a Prince.

These your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects have a great Satisfaction on every Opportunity of paying their personal Duty to your Majesty, and it gives them the highest Joy, when the Occasion proceeds from any Good attending your Royal Family.

They esteem this Addition to it as a very happy Event, and one of the many good Effects of an Alliance formed by your Majesty's Prudence for strengthening the Protestant Interest, and for the Welfare and Prosperity of this Nation.

Your Majesty's constant Vigilance in promoting these good Ends, claims the most du-

tiful Acknowledgments from all your Majesty's Subjects: And your late most Gracious Assurances of your Majesty's particular Care for the Protection of your Trading Subjects, and the Security of their Commerce, demand, in a more especial Manner, the most grateful Return from the Citizens of London. And I have the Honour to assure your Majesty, that you may always depend on their most affectionate Regard to your Royal Person; on their utmost Endeavours, in their Sphere, for the Support of your Majesty's Government upon all Occasions, and on their hearty Wishes to your Majesty, of a long, an easy, and a happy Reign.

To which His Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

*I Take very kindly your Congratulation on the Birth of a Prince, and look upon it as a fresh Instance of your Duty and Affection to me and my Family.*

*Partsmouth, May 22.*

This Evening sailed from St. Helen's the Squadron under the Command of Rear Admiral Haddock, consisting of the following Ships, viz. Somerset, Edinburgh, Lancaster, Berwick, Ipswich, Jersey, Plymouth, Dragon, Canterbury, Solebay; the Alborough is to follow them.

*Whitehall, May 20, 1738.*

*It having been represented to His Majesty, That a most notorious and wicked Practice has of late Years prevailed, and does now particularly prevail, to a very high Degree, in His Majesty's Forest, called New Forest, in the County of Southampton, for Persons unknown, not only to cut down Trees, and Part of Trees, fit for the Service of His Majesty's Navy, but likewise to steal and take away from the said Forest, Timber, after it has been squared into proper Lengths for that Service; and it being apprehended, that the Persons guilty of the said Theft are chiefly encouraged thereto by Persons in the Neighbourhood, who receive the same from them: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the said Offenders, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one or more of them, who shall discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof. And as a farther Encouragement thereto, His Majesty is pleased to promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons, who shall discover any Person or Persons, that have stolen, or may hereafter steal, any Timber from the said Forest, as aforesaid,*