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Westminster, April 25.

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking Fund, and for applying other Sums therein mentioned for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty one; and for allowing a Drawback of the Duties upon Coals used in Fire Engines for draining Tin and Copper Mines in the County of Cornwall; and for appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery Tickets, and Orders, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed; and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices.*

*An Act for the Encouragement and Increase of Seamen, and for the better and speedier manning of his Majesty's Fleet.*

*An Act for opening a Trade to and from Persia through Russia.*

*An Act for Preservation of the publick Roads within that Part of Great Britain called England.*

*An Act for surveying the chief Ports and Headlands on the Coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Islands and Plantations thereto belonging, in order to the more exact Determination of the Longitude and Latitude thereof.*

*An Act for restraining and preventing several unwarrantable Schemes and Undertakings in his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.*

*An Act to enable the Commissioners for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from the City of Westminster to the opposite Shore in the County of Surrey, to raise a further Sum of Money towards finishing the said Bridge, and to perform the other Trusts reposed in them, and for exchanging of Tickets unclaimed in the Westminster Bridge Lottery*

*of the Twelfth Year of his present Majesty's Reign; and for making Provision for Tickets in the said Lottery lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed.*

*An Act to enable Thomas Smith, Esq; Lord of the Manor of Farlington in the County of Southampton, to supply the Town of Portsmouth and Parts adjacent with good and wholesome Water, at his own proper Cost and Charges.*

And to two private Bills.

After which his Majesty was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

**T**HE Zeal and Dispatch with which you have gone through the Publick Business, during the Course of this Session, are undeniable Proofs of your steady Regard to the Welfare of your Country, and consequently the most acceptable Testimonies of your Duty and Affection to me. The powerful Assistance which you have given me for carrying on the just and necessary War in which I am engaged, is the best Means of reducing our Enemies to Reason; and the Vigour and Earnestness which you have so seasonably shewn for the Defence of the House of Austria, and the Maintenance of the Balance and Liberties of Europe, must give the greatest Encouragement to our Friends.

These are the Methods to secure to this Nation that Weight and Influence Abroad, which its natural Strength and Situation entitle it to.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

It is with particular Satisfaction I acknowledge your Readiness and Application in raising the Supplies for the Service of the current Year; which you have done with so just a Regard to the present Exigencies of the Publick, as shew you to be the true Representatives of my faithful Commons.

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

I cannot part with this Parliament, without publickly returning you my Thanks for the many eminent Instances you have given

gives me of your Fidelity and Affection to my Person and Government, your fixed Resolution to maintain the Protestant Succession in my Family, and your unshaken Adherence to the true Interest of your Country. You have, with the most becoming Spirit and Firmness, exerted yourselves in vindicating and defending the Honour of my Crown, and the undoubted Rights of Navigation and Commerce belonging to my Subjects, and enabled me to revenge those Wrongs and Insults, which, contrary to the Faith of Treaties, had been committed against both. In so critical a Conjecture, you have supported the national Credit, and strengthened the Hands of my Government to a Degree exceeding the Expectations of those who wished well to us, and to the manifest Disappointment of such as envied our Prosperity. At the same Time, you have demonstrated to all the World, that Great Britain is in a Condition, not only to defend herself, but also to afford a due Support to her Allies, and the common Cause of Europe. As such a Conduct must give a lasting Reputation to this Parliament, so it will be the Subject of Emulation to those which shall come after it. I will immediately give the necessary Orders for calling a new Parliament. There is not any Thing I set so high a Value upon, as the Love and Affection of my People; in which I have so entire a Confidence, that it is with great Satisfaction, I see this Opportunity put into their Hands of giving me fresh Troops of it in the Choice of their Representatives.

On the present Establishment depends the Continuance of our excellent Constitution in Church and State; and in this Constitution consists the Security of the present Establishment: Nothing can hurt the one, that will not, in Proportion, undermine and weaken the other. For my Part, the uniform Preservation of both, and the Maintenance of the Religious and Civil Rights of all my Subjects, have been and ever shall be my constant Care. Those who distinguish themselves by persevering in these Principles, shall always find my Countenance and Favour; and by invariably pursuing these wise and honest Measures, we may entertain the best grounded Hopes that, under the Protection of the Divine Providence, the Happiness of Great Britain will be perpetuated to Posterity.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Majesty's Command, said,

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

IT is his Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twelfth Day of May next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the Twelfth Day of May next.

#### Wine Licence Office, April 24, 1741.

All Persons owing or engaged for Arrears of Rent for Wine Licences, or whose Licences are expired, are hereby required to take Notice, that if they do not pay their said Arrears, and renew their said Licences with all Speed, they will be forthwith prosecuted for the same. And whereas his Majesty's Commissioners for granting Wine Licences have received certain Information of divers Persons presuming to retail Wine without Licence, and to whom Letters have been sent advizing them of the Penalties incurred thereby; these are also to give Notice, that unless such Persons do speedily apply themselves to the said Commissioners, the Laws in such Cases made and provided will be forthwith put in Execution.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London, give Notice, that they intend to sit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 13th Day of May next, at Four in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals from such Persons as are willing to contract with the said Committee for serving the several Offices at Guildhall with Stationary Wares until Michaelmas next; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid. Where Specimens of the several Sorts in the mean Time are to be left.

#### Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office.

The Directors give Notice, That a General Meeting of the Members of the said Society will be held at their Office in Angel Court on Snow Hill, on Thursday the 14th of May next, by Three in the Afternoon; where all who have insured are desired to be present.

A General Meeting of the Company of Proprietors of the Undertaking for recovering and preserving the Navigation of the River Dee, will be held at Pontack's in Abchurch Lane, on Wednesday the 13th of May next; of which all Persons concerned are hereby desired to take Notice.

#### Advertisements.

PURSUANT to an Order made by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for enlarging the Time of Edward Stephens, of the City of Bristol, Merchant, a Bankrupt, to make a Disclosure and Discovery of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination, for 49 Days, from the 21st of April instant: This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, will meet on the 9th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same; and the said Bankrupt is required to attend the said Commissioners, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination.

THE Creditors of Aaron Richardson, of St. Michael's-lane, Cannon-street, London, and Edward Stephens, of the City of Bristol, Merchants and Copartners, are desired to meet the Assignees on Wednesday the 29th of April instant, at the Amsterdam Coffee-house behind the Royal Exchange, at Four o'clock in the Afternoon, to consent to the Assignees commencing any Suit or Suits in Equity, and submitting to Arbitration any Differences or Disputes relating to the said Bankrupts Estate or Effects, and to the compounding and agreeing with any Person or Persons Debtors to the said Bankrupts Estate, and on other special Affairs.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Edward Sheward, late of Clent in the County of Stafford, Clerk, deceased, are peremptorily to come in and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London, on or before the 30th Day of May next, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

**T**O be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, A Freehold Estate consisting of 53 Acres of Land, and also a Copyhold Messuage or Tenement, and about seven Acres of Land lying in the Parish of Claverdon in the County of Warwick, of the yearly Value of 40 l. late the Estate of Edward Sheward, Clerk, deceased. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, London.

**T**O be peremptorily sold, together or in Parcels, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Edmund Sawyer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on Monday the 11th Day of May next, between the Hours of Five and Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, Divers Freehold Messuages and Lands late of Edward Halliday a Bankrupt, in or near Froom School in the County of Somerset; and all the Estate and Interest late of the said Edward Halliday in Marston Forest, otherwise the Forest of Marston Bigod, in the County aforesaid, containing about 400 Acres, being partly Freehold, and other Part is held by Lease for three Lives under the Earl of Ortery, by the yearly Rent of 5 l. and are together of considerable yearly Value: And also divers Leasehold Lands in or near Froom aforesaid, which the said Edward Halliday held by Lease for three Lives, (now living) and are worth about 35 l. a Year; out of which is payable yearly, by virtue of the said Lease, about 2 l. 17 s. 8 d. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

**I**N Pursuance of a Decree and a subsequent Order of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Thomas Fitchett, late of Aldermanbury, London, Cooper, deceased, are to come in and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn.

**P**ursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of David Greenhill, late of Well-Close-square, in the County of Middlesex, Esq; deceased, are forthwith to come in and prove their respective Demands before Edmund Sawyer, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn; otherwise they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

**W**HEREAS John Metherell the Younger, of Totnes in the County of Devon, Mill-wright, for upwards of seven Years last, went from his Father Mr. John Metherell the Elder, of Totnes aforesaid; Mill-wright, and hath not been heard from for upwards of four Years last past: This is to assure the said John Metherell the Younger, That if he will soon return to his said Father (who is now a Widower) he will be very kindly received by him, and be informed of some Things which may tend very much to his Advantage.

**T**HE Creditors of John Ewer, late of Pall-mall, Goldsmith and Banker, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet the Assignee of the said Bankrupt's Estate, at the Ship Tavern without Temp'e Bar, on Wednesday next, at Six of the Clock in the Evening, to consent to the said Assignee making a Composition for a Debt due to the said Bankrupt's Estate, and upon other special Affairs.

**W**HEREAS the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Cowne, late of the City of Exeter, in the County of Devon, Fuller, did in the Gazette of the 14th Day of May last, advertise a Meeting to be on the 8th Day of April then next, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Effects, and for the Creditors to come prepared to prove their Debts, or they would be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend; which Dividend is not yet made: This is therefore to give Notice, that the said Commissioners intend to meet at Guildhall, London aforesaid, on Monday the 18th Day of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where

the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

**B**Y Order of the Assignee, all Persons indebted to the Estates of Francis William Massey, late of Warwick-Lane, London, Apothecary, a Bankrupt, and William Winch, late of Be l Yard, Grace-church-street, London, Merchant, deceased, to whom the said Francis William Massey was Executor, are hereby required forthwith to pay their respective Debts into the Hands of Mr. Gilbert Jodrell, in Chancery-Lane, otherwise they will be sued for the same without farther Notice.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Bennett of St. Olave Southwark, in the County of Surry, Woolstapler, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 2d and 12th of May next, and on the 6th of June following, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Worthington, Attorney, in Love-lane, Aldermanbury, London.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Billingsl v, late of Hanptsad, in the County of Middlesex, Dealer in Hops, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 30th of April Instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, on the 5th of May, and 6th of June next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint.

**T**HE Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Bradley, late of Gedney, in the County of Lincoln, Chapman and Dealer in Wooll, intend to meet on the 25th of May next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Stephen Bell, known by the Name of the Old White Hart in Spalding, in the County of Lincoln, in order to make a further Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

**W**HEREAS the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Strudwick, of the City of Chichester, in the County of Suffex, Maltster, have certified to the Right Honourable Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said John Strudwick hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 15th of May next.