

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.