

... (for that Day only) went the 1st of August in the Afternoon, to the Quirinal, where he performed the Ceremony of paying Obedience in the Name of his Master, to the Pope, and of demanding the Confirmation of the Imperial Dignity in taking the usual Oaths; tho' this Act, by the two last Emperors Joseph and Charles VI. was only performed in the Presence of the three Cardinals of the Palace, the Pope was desirous, this Time, of having several Witnesses to it, and being seated on his Throne, accompanied by the Cardinals Ruffa, Belluga, Mosca Aquaviva, Alexander Albani Corini, Valenti Gonzaga, Aldrovandi and Passionei. His Eminency, afterwards, in the Name of his Master, made the usual Demands of what is call'd the Jus Primarum Precum, viz. that the Emperor might be permitted for one Year to dispose of all the Benefices of the Empire that are or shall become vacant in the Months which the Pope has a Right of collating to them, which being granted by the Pope, and the Cardinal's Function being accordingly at an End, he returned to his Palace and laid down the Character of Ambassador.

From the Camp before Prague, Aug. 20.

The 17th in the Evening we began a Parallel, by way of Communication betwixt our two Posts of the Schans and Shilhorn; the 18th three Batteries were begun, one at the Left of the Schans towards the Town, the other two beyond Shilhorn, which is the same with Angeli-que: All the three will be ready to play after To-morrow. About Nine at Night the Enemy began to fire from the Rampart upon our Workmen, which continued till the next Morning the 19th, half an Hour after Three, when they made a Sally with five Brigades of their Infantry, 16 Companies of Grenadiers, 300 Dragoons, and 300 Carabineers, in all 6000 Men, commanded by a Marechal de Camp, and two Brigadiers. They divided this Force in two Parts, the greatest of which attacked the Swedish Schantz, where most of the Guard had been detached to cover the different Workmen. When we first broke Ground here, the 11th Orders were given to the farthest advanced Posts not to fire upon any Account, but to retire as quick as possible, and acquaint the commanding Officer if any Part of the Enemy advanced. This Order was transmitted, it seems, from the advanced Posts to one another afterwards, unknown to the Officer who commanded, and therefore all that covered the new Battery, and were advanced before our Posts, came running back full Speed into the Schantz, with the Enemy at their Heels, whose Fire upon the few that remained in it was the first Thing that alarmed them, who were not 200 Men, so that the Enemy poured immediately into it, to the Number of 3500 Men, and nailed four Pieces of Cannon, and the Mortars; mean while most of the different Detachments that had given Way at the first Alarm, rallied about 400 Paces behind, where there was a Lieutenant Colonel with 160 Men, and just about Day-break marched towards the Enemy, who immediately gave way, and fled into the Fossé of the Town without doing any other Hurt; a Surprize that succeeded extremely well with them at first, and of which they might have made a much better Use. On the Left they had the same Success, but Prince Charles's Regiment being in Battallion behind the Trench, chased them immediately out again. The Loss at both Right and Left amounts to 61 killed and wounded. We have a Captain of Navarre Prisoner, and the Enemy one of ours: We look on it as a little Affront,

but it has not retarded the Works above four Hours; and it's a Lesson that will be very useful to us in, the Sequel of the Siege.

Dresden, Aug. 22, N. S. By the Accounts we have of the Route laid out for the French Troops under Marshal Maillebois, they reckon to be at Furthe near Nuremberg on the 11th of September N. S.

Hamburg, Aug. 24, N. S. The Report which has been current here that the Swedish Fleet was returned to Carlscroon, is since found to be without Foundation.

Whitehall, August 21.

His Majesty has been pleased to constitute and appoint Richard Shelley, William Blair, Matthew Kenrick, and John Plumptre, Esqrs. together with John Barnard, Esq; in the Room of John Bird, Esq; to be Commissioners for managing the Duties on Stamp Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, &c. And also to constitute and appoint Wadham Wyndham, Esq; to be Secretary or chief Clerk to the said Commissioners.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Rice Williams, Master of Arts, one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Dignity of a Prebendary or Canon of the Cathedral Church of Worcester, void by the Death of Dr. William Worth.

General Post Office, London, July 3, 1742.

Whereas divers Persons, thro' Ignorance or Carelessness, frequently put Letters into the General Post Offices, and the Receiving Houses both in Town and Country, directed on board of Ships, and to Foreign Parts, without paying at the same Time the Postage, as ought to be done; And whereas Letters and Packets are often put into the said Offices with Money and Rings inclosed, and in Fraud of his Majesty's Revenus, divers Persons presume to send Letters with false and counterfeit Franks;

This is to acquaint the Publick, that no Letters under any of the Circumstances aforesaid have any Right by Law to be forwarded.

Note, That Letters going out of Great Britain (except to France, Holland, and Flanders) have by the ancient Usage of this Office paid the Foreign Postage, and are required by the Act of Parliament so to do, at the Office in Great Britain where the same are first put in.

Note also, That if such Letters to Foreign Parts are put into any of the Country Offices, the Inland Postage of such Letters to London must also be paid on putting the same into such Office.

By Command of the Post Master General.

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

South Sea House, London, Aug. 20, 1742.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, that they will, on Friday the 24th Day of September next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, put up to publick Sale, at their House in Threadneedle-street, The Estate late of Francis Harwes, Esq; (one of the late Directors of the said Company) held by Lease from the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxon, for a Term of Twenty-one Years from Michaelmas 1735, lying in the Parish of South Noke, or Parishes adjacent, in the County of Oxford, called Abbots Woods, containing about Eighty Acres of Arable Land, and Two hundred and twenty Acres of Wood Land, subject to a Contract for Sale of the Wood growing thereon, which is to be cleared away on or before the last Day of August, 1745. Particulars of the said Estate will be delivered at the South Sea House, from the 6th of September to the Time of Sale.

Advertisements.

THE Creditors of William Watson, of the City of Durham, in the Bishoprick of Durham, Mercer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, at Milk-street Coffee House in Milk-street, near Cheap-side, London, on Tuesday the 7th Day of September next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to assent to or dissent from the Assignees selling and disposing of the outstanding Debts, and on other Affairs relating to the said Bankrupt's Estate.