

Chapter, who commit divers Excesses there. The Spaniards in the Dutchy of Savoy, are entirely ruining the whole Country. They plunder the Boors of all their Seed and Forage, so that in a little Time they will be forced to kill their Beasts for Want of wherewithal to feed them. This affords a very bad Prospect for us as well as for the Savoyards. It is impossible that any Place can be in a more miserable Condition than Chambery now is; it is no longer a rich Town, for the Inhabitants are obliged to provide every Thing necessary towards furnishing the Hospitals for the Lodging of 4000 Men, and the whole Court of the Infant; and if the most trifling Thing be wanting, the Sindicks have immediately fifty Soldiers quartered upon them, who live at Discretion. All the other little Towns of Savoy are used in the same Manner. Don Blaize, Envoy Extraordinary from Spain to the Helvetic Body, has sent his Secretary to Zurich, to present his Credential Letters. In them the King of Spain stiles himself Duke of Milan. These Letters have been read in a Grand Council at Zurich, and they have been communicated to the other Cantons, whose Sentiments upon the Matter are expected, that a proper Answer may be given to Don Blaize. The Title of Duke of Milan will greatly embarrass some of the Cantons, upon Account of their Agreement with the House of Austria concerning the Milanese.

*Hague, Feb. 1. N. S.* We hear that the Corps of Marshal Belleisle, and the Detachment from that of Marshal Broglio that has joined it upon its March, are expected to reach Spire before the 10th Instant.

*Hague, Feb. 2.* The Question concerning the sending a Body of Troops to the Assistance of the Queen of Hungary, which has been so long depending before the States of Holland, was this Day resolved in the Affirmative.

*Dublin, January 20.* This being the Birthday of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Great Guns were fired at the Barracks, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out upon Oxmantown Green. At Noon the Lords Justices received the Compliments of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction, who appeared at the Castle upon this Occasion. In the Evening there was a Play given by their Excellencies, for the Entertainment of the Ladies. And at Night there were Bonfires, Illuminations and other Demonstrations of Joy.

*Whitehall, January 29.*

The King has been pleased to grant the Dignity of an Earl of the Kingdom of Ireland, unto the Right Hon. Ralph Viscount Fermanagh in that Kingdom, by the Name, Stile and Title of Earl of Verney in his Majesty's Province of Leinster.

*Whitehall, Jan. 28, 1742-3.*

Whereas in the Night, between the 10th and 11th Instant, The Lodge of Benjamin Annist, one of the Page Keepers in his Majesty's Forest of Whittlewood, in the County of Northampton, was consumed by Fire; and whereas there is great Reason to believe, that the said

Lodge was maliciously Jet on Fire by Persons unknown, Five Persons having been track'd from the Place, soon after the Burning of the said Lodge; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons, who committed the said Crime, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice, or Accomplices, so as he, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and also a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to such Person or Persons, making such Discovery as aforesaid, payable upon the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement for making such Discovery, his Grace the Duke of Grafton does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender, or Offenders.

GRAFTON.

*War Office, Jan. 22, 1742.*

Whereas the Regiment of Foot under the Command of the Honourable Brigadier General Charles Howard, is under Orders to embark forthwith for foreign Service. And whereas many Men have enlisted themselves in the said Regiment, and have since deserted the same; His Majesty is graciously pleased to promise his Pardon to all such Deserters as shall return to their Duty in the said Regiment before it embarks, provided they have not enlisted themselves since their said Desertion, and are not now doing Duty in other Corps. And whereas there may be many others at this present Time in the said Regiment, who have deserted from several other Regiments; His Majesty is likewise pleased to declare, That it is his Royal Intention, that all such Deserters shall continue in the said Regiment as belonging to the same, without being molested or claimed by the Officers of the respective Corps to which they did formerly belong.

By His Majesty's Command.

Will. Yonge.

*General Post-Office, London, Jan. 15, 1742.*  
POST CHAISES between London and Harwich.

This is to acquaint the Publick, that the several Post-masters on the Road between London and Harwich, are ready to furnish any Gentlemen, or others, with Post Chaises, safe, easy, and well secured from the Weather, with a Lamp to give sufficient Light in dark Nights, upon as short Warning as for Post Horses, at any Hour, either in the Day or Night. Gentlemen who have Occasion to go Post on the Essex Roads, are desired to apply to Mr. Roberts, Post-master, at the Black Bull in White-Chapel.

N. B. A Post Chaise may be had at any of the Stages on the Harwich Road, to go Part or all the Way, for one or more Stages, for those that do not chuse to travel in the Night.

By Command of the Post-Master-General,  
Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.

*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 Revenue, 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,  
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