of Ireland, void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Dr. Henry Maule, late Bishop thereof, to the Bishoprick of Meath.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Reverend Patrick Delany, Doctor in Divinity, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Down, in the Kingdom of Ireland, vacant by the Promotion of Dr. Thomas Fletcher, late Dean thereof, to the Bishoprick of Dromore.

Whitehall, May 15.

Yesterday Morning his Grace the Duke of Montagu went, by the King's Order, to see the Swiss Battalion assembled at the Riding House belonging to the Horse Grenadier Guards, near Cavendish Square, and thank'd them, in the King's Name, for the Zeal they had shewn for his Majesty's Person and Government, on Occasion of the late intended Invasion, and at the same Time released them from the military Oath they had taken to his Majesty, there being at present no Appearance of any Danger.

Admiralty Office, May 14.

His Majesty's Ship the Dreadnought and Grampus Sloop arrived the 12th Instant at Spithead, having taken and brought in thither a French Man of War called the Medea, of 26 Guns, and 240 Men, commanded by the Chevalier Hoquart. She sailed from Brest the 24th of April, and falling in with Sir Charles Hardy's Squadron on the 27th, about 60 Leagues South West of the Lizard, was taken the 29th, after a Chace of 50 Hours.

Whitehall, May 12, 1744.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, That James Phillips, a Boatman in the Service of his Majesty's Customs, in the Port of Cardigan, South Wales, with several others his Assistants, did, on the 4th of April last, board a Smugling Sloop, then lying in Cardigan Bay, of which Sloop William Owen (late of the Town of Cardigan, Mariner, but now an Inhabitant of the Isle of Man) was Commander, when the said William Owen fired off a Gun, or Musket, at the said James Phillips, and killed him on the Spot; and several Persons unknown, on board the said Sloop, discharged other Guns, whereby John Hughes, late of the Town of Cardigan, Sadler, and another of the Persons who went to the Assistance of the said James Phillips, were killed: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons who committed the said Murders, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any of them, who were on board the said Owen's Sloop, (except the Persons who actually committed the said Murders, or either of them) who shall discover his Accomplice, or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any Person or Persons, who shall discover and apprehend the said William Owen, or any other of the Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General and Cashier of his Majesty's Customs, upon Conviction.

Admiralty Office, April 30, 1744.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above mentioned, may apply by Letter to Thomas Corbett, Esq; at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st Day of May next: This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, by the 31st of next Month, the Affidavit required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

London, May 12, 1744.

Whereas it is the Intention and express Meaning of the Act now in Force, for the speedy and effectual recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, that those Regiments should be the sooner compleated with able bodied Men, and such, as from their Age, Size and Strength, were fit to serve his Majesty and the Country as Soldiers;

Nevertheless several Colonels, and commanding Officers of Regiments, having represented to the Field-Marshal Earl of Stair, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in South Britain, that the Commissioners, at some of their Meetings for putting that Act in Execution (mistaking the true Meaning and Intention of it) have insisted on Officers taking Men, that appeared, on Account of their Age, Size, and Infirmities, unfit for the Service, particularly at St. Alban's, where Colonel Cholmondeley, after a strict Inspection and Examination, in which he was attended and assisted by two Surgeons, discharged Six and thirty Men, turned over by the Commissioners, being absolutely unfit for the Service; the inlisting such Men being an Evil, that if not immediately stopt, must prove highly detrimental to his Majesty's Service, my Lord Stair finds it therefore absolutely necessary to order, and does hereby order the Officers employ'd in Recruiting, to refuse to accept of any Boy that is too weak to carry Arms, or Man turned of Forty Years, unless he is strong, active, and other Ways fit for his Majesty's Service. They are likewise to refuse any Prest Man for the Marines that does not measure full Five Foot four Inches high, or upwards.

And whereas the Regiments at Gibraltar, Minorca, the West Indies, and also those of Marines, are already near compleated, his Lordship orders, that in such Places where there are no Officers belonging to the Corps above-mentioned, attending the Meetings of the Commissioners, that the Officers of the other Corps employed in Recruiting, or inspecting Recruits, are not, for the future, to receive any Men, but what are Five Foot five Inches high, or upwards, and fit for the Regiments of Foot now in Great Britain.

Whatever extraordinary Expences may arise from subsisting the Men received, or other Incidents, the Field Officers, in their several Districts, are (notwithstanding any former Order) to grant Bills on the Agent of the Regiment of Foot or Marines to which they belong, who has Orders to pay the same.

His Lordship not doubting but every Commissioner for executing the Act now in Force for the speedy and effectual recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, acting with Zeal for the Publick Service, will co-operate with the Officers employed in Recruiting, in such a Manner, that the Corps may be not only speedily, but also effectually recruited, with Men fit for the Service, according to the true Meaning and Intention of the Act.

His Lordship also gives this publick Assurance to the Commissioners, that he has ordered all the Officers who were appointed to recruit, and who were as many as could be spared from other Services, to attend their Meetings, as regularly and constantly as the Nature and Circumstances of the Service will at present admit of.

By Command of the Field-Marshal Earl of STAIR,
C. Ellison, *Deb. Adj. Gen.*

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