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AT the Court at St. James's, the 10th Day of February, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day the most Reverend Father in God Mathew Lord Archbishop of York, was, by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Whereas in the Year 1744, there was great Reason to suspect, that the Republick of Genoa was entering into a private Treaty with France and Spain, with an Intention to join those Powers, and to assist them in their military Operations against his Majesty and his Allies; whereupon Vice Admiral Rowley, who at that Time commanded his Majesty's Fleet in the Mediterranean, did, on the 10th of November in the same Year, by a Declaration in Writing, made in pursuance of his Majesty's Commands, signify to the Doge and Senate, that if the said Republick did not observe an exact Neutrality, but should either join with, or aid or assist his Majesty's Enemies, he the said Vice Admiral should look upon it as a Declaration of War against his Majesty, and should be obliged to treat the Genoese as Enemies, and act against them in a hostile Manner with the whole Force under his Command. And whereas, notwithstanding such Declaration so made in his Majesty's Name, the said Republick did soon after commit Hostilities against his Majesty and his Subjects, and did openly join and assist his Majesty's declared Enemies, in Violation of that Neutrality which the said Republick had often and solemnly promised to observe; whereupon War ensued between his Majesty and the said Republick. And whereas in Consequence thereof, several Ships and Effects belonging to the Genoese have been taken by his Majesty's Ships of War, and no Proceedings have been hitherto had in order to the trying and condemning the same as lawful Prize — His Majesty is therefore pleased, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that his Advocate, Attorney, and Solicitor General, do prepare a Draught of a Commission to authorize the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. or the Commissioners for executing that Office for the Time being, to will and require the High Court of Admiralty of England, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the said Court and his Surrogate, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within

his Majesty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of, and judicially to proceed upon, all, and all Manner of Captures; Seizures, Prizes, and Reprizals, of all Ships and Goods already seized and taken, and which hereafter shall be seized and taken from the said Republick of Genoa, and to hear and determine the same, and according to the Course of Admiralty and Laws of Nations, to adjudge and condemn all such Ships, Vessels and Goods; as shall belong to the said Republick of Genoa, or the Vassals and Subjects belonging thereto, or to any other inhabiting within any of the Countries; Territories, and Dominions of the said Republick, and all such other Ships, Vessels and Goods as are, or shall be, liable to Confiscation, pursuant to the respective Treaties between his Majesty and other Princes, States and Potentates — And that they do present the said Draught of a Commission to his Majesty at this Board, for his Royal Approbation.

William Sharpe:

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

<i>Buckinghamshire,</i>	Thomas Turney of Surcott, Esq;
<i>Cheshire,</i>	Edward Green of Poulton, Esq;
<i>Derbyshire,</i>	John Harpur of Littleover, Esq;
<i>Essex,</i>	Bailey Heath of Stansted, Esq;
<i>Norfolk,</i>	William Jerney of Baisfeld, Esq;
<i>Suffex,</i>	George Luxford of Windmill Hill, Esq;
<i>Yorkshire,</i>	William Thompson of Humbleton, Esq;

SOUTH-WALES.

<i>Glamorgan,</i>	John Mathew of Brinwhith, Esq;
<i>Brecon,</i>	David Davies of Maescar, Esq;
<i>Radnor,</i>	John Warter of Gladestry, Esq;

NORTH-WALES.

<i>Carnarvon,</i>	Christopher Butler of Llyssaen, Esq;
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Prince's Council Chamber, Somerset House,
February 12, 1747.

His Royal Highness hath been pleased to appoint *Edmund Cheney*, of *Launceston*, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of *Cornwall* for the Year ensuing.