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Petersbourg, Nov. 11.

THIS Day at Noon arrived here Melchior Guy Dickens, Esq; his Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to this Court. It remains fixed that her Imperial Majesty will leave Moscow on her Return hither, as soon as the Sledging Way is open.

Florence, Nov. 28, N. S. On the 22d Instant the Regency caused an Edict to be published, notifying the Abolition of the Farm of Writing Paper from the Beginning of January next 1750; and the Introduction into Tuscany of the Use of Stamp Paper for all publick Acts, Memorials, Law Suits, Summons, &c. which every Body, for the Future, will be obliged to make Use of, under the Penalty of the Invalidity of the said Acts; for which Purpose an Office is to be erected, and the Prices of the respective Sheets of Stamp Paper are to be taxed and valued. This Scheme will produce a considerable Increase to the publick Revenues of Tuscany. We are informed by Letters from Parma, that their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Dutches, with the young Princess their Daughter, were arrived there with a numerous Retinue; that they had been received with great Respect by the Nobility and Gentry of that Republick, who had complimented them upon their Arrival; that there had been great Rejoycings on that Occasion; and that their Highnesses had fixed their Residence there for some Time.

Copenhagen, Nov. 29, N. S. Yesterday having been the Anniversary of the Queen Dowager's Birth-Day, the same was duly observed and celebrated at Court. Their Danish Majesties at Night had a Table of Thirty Covers, but there was no Ball nor Musick, nor do we yet hear of any Promotions having been made on that Occasion. Two Ships belonging to the West India Company, one from Santa Cruz, and the other from St. Thomas, arrived here a few Days ago with the usual Cargo.

Leicester House, December 6.

This Day Koied Mohammed Aga, Ambassador from Tripoly, had his first Audience of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

And afterwards of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

To both which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Master of the Ceremonies.

(Price Two-Pence.)

Whitehall, Dec. 8, 1749.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that on the 9th Day of November last, about Two of the Clock in the Night-time, a dreadful Fire broke out in the Store-house of Paul Rendall, in the Parish of Melksham in the County of Wilts, Tannr; which, in a short Time, consumed the said House, together with several other Buildings, and Goods, and Merchandizes, deposited therein, to the Value of One Hundred and Sixty six Pounds, and upwards, exclusive of the said Buildings; And whereas the said Paul Rendall having been very industrious in apprehending, and bringing to Justice, several notorious Thieves and Robbers, who lately infested the County of Wilts, as well as other Counties, there is good Reason to suspect, that some of their Confederates and Abettors wilfully and maliciously set Fire to the said Premises: In order to discover the Author of so wicked a Crime, his Majesty is most graciously pleased to promise his Pardon, to any Person or Persons, who shall make Discovery of his, her, or their Accomplices in the Fact, excepting the Person or Persons who actually set Fire to the said Buildings.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a further Encouragement, the Person making such Discovery, shall receive of Jacob Selse of Bradford in the County of Wilts, Esq; Fifteen Guineas, upon Conviction of the said Offender or Offenders.

Jacob Selse.

Tower, November 17, 1749.

The Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice to all Gunpowder-makers, who are willing to supply new, or repair old Gunpowder, for his Majesty's Service, that they may leave Proposals, in writing, sealed up, at their Office here, on or before the 11th of next Month; and that such will be treated with, and meet with all due Encouragement, who will serve them best, and at the cheapest Rate.

By Order of the Board,

Charles Bush.

By the Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

Whereas divers Persons have had Sums of Money Imprested to them by us, and others have drawn Bills of Exchange, which have been paid and charged as Imprests against them; These are to give Notice to all Persons who have had any Money imprested to them from this Office, or drawn Bills, and have not delivered in their Accounts and Vouchers to be examined and passed to clear the same, that they do forthwith deliver them into this Office, in order to pass their Accounts, and thereby clear the Imprests standing out against them, and prevent their being returned into the Exchequer, and prosecuted, as otherwise they will be: And such Persons as have passed their Accounts are exhorted to carry their perfect Bills to the Office of the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, and take up their Imprests. Dated at the Navy-Office the 21st of November 1749.

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