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AT the Court at St. James's the 5th Day of February, 1750.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty,
Lord Chancellor, Lord Chamberlain,
Lord President, Duke of Bedford,
Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Newcastle.

WHEREAS upon Wednesday the 16th Day of January last, and at other Times, great Numbers of a false, malicious, scandalous and seditious printed Paper, intituled, *Constitutional Queries, earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of every true Briton,* were by the Penny-Post, and other Ways secretly sent and dispersed to and amongst his Majesty's Subjects in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, in which are contained many most false and injurious Reflections on his Majesty: And whereas both Houses of Parliament have taken into Consideration the dangerous Tendency of the said infamous Libel, and conceiving the most just Indignation against the Author, Printers and Publishers thereof, have by their unanimous Resolution declared, That the said printed Paper is a false, malicious, scandalous, infamous and seditious Libel, containing the most false, audacious and abominable Calumnies and Indignities upon his Majesty, and the most presumptuous and wicked Insinuations, that our Laws, Liberties and Properties, and the excellent Constitution of this Kingdom, are in Danger under his Majesty's legal, mild and gracious Government, with Intent to instill groundless Suspicions and Jealousies into the Minds of his Majesty's good Subjects, and to alienate their Affections from his Majesty and his Royal Family. And that in Abhorrence and Detestation of such abominable and seditious Practices, the said printed Paper be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, in the New Palace-Yard, Westminster, on Friday the 25th Day of January last, at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, and that the Sheriff of Middlesex do attend at the said Time and Place, and cause the same to be burnt there accordingly. And in order that the Author, Printers and Publishers of the said false, scandalous and seditious Libel, may not escape the Punishment due to their Crimes, both Houses of Parliament have, by their several Addresses, humbly desired his Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give immediate Orders, that the most effectual Means be taken for discovering the Author, Printers and Publishers of the said Libel, and for bringing the said Author, Printers and Publishers to condign Punishment. His Majesty having taken the same into his Royal Consideration, and in order to comply with the said Addresses, and that so great a Crime may not go unpunished, and to deter others from the like Practices, doth therefore, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, hereby order, direct and command all his

Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and all other Civil Magistrates whatsoever, to make diligent Search and Inquiry after the Author, Printers and Publishers of the said Infamous Libel; and that they do apprehend and seize the said Persons, and give proper Information thereof, that the said Offenders may be punished according to the utmost Rigour of the Law. And his Majesty doth hereby strictly charge and command all his loving Subjects, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover and apprehend the said Offender or Offenders. And for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and industrious in their Endeavour to make such Discovery; His Majesty doth hereby promise and declare, That any Person or Persons, who shall discover the Author, Printers or Publishers, or any of them, of the said Infamous Libel, so as such Offender or Offenders be convicted of the said Offences, or of any of them, shall have and receive, for every such Offender so discovered and convicted as aforesaid, the following Rewards, viz. For the Discovery of the Author thereof the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*; for the Discovery of each of the Printers thereof the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*; and for the Discovery of each of the Publishers thereof the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*. For the Payment of which said several Rewards, for every such respective Offender so discovered and convicted, his Majesty hath given the necessary Orders to the Lords Commissioners of his Treasury.

William Sharpe.

Prince's Council Chamber at Somerset House, the 8th Day of February 1750.

This Day his Royal Highness was pleased to appoint *John Enys*, of *Enys* in the County of *Cornwall*, Esq; to be Sheriff of the said County for the Year ensuing.

Wm. Ockenden, Cl. Con.

Petersbourg, Jan. 23. The Empress has given Orders for raising 16 or 20000 Recruits, in order to compleat her Regiments, which have suffered very much by Sickness during the Winter.

Genoa, Jan. 29. The Pope has granted his Permission that a Tax of One and a Half per Cent. be laid upon all the Revenues of the Clergy throughout the Territories of this Republick, to be applied towards the Re-establishment of the Bank of St. George.

Copenhagen, Feb. 6. The King has given Orders for the equipping of two Frigats of War of Thirty Guns each, which are to be sent into the Mediterranean, in order to cruize on the Corfairs of Barbary, who have lately began to interrupt the Commerce of the Subjects of this Kingdom.

Vienna, Feb. 7. Publick Prayers are ordered to be put up in all the Churches of this City, for the happy Delivery of her Imperial Majesty. 'Tis said the Differences with the Republick of Venice, concerning the Patriarchate of Aquilja, are at length amicably adjusted.