

We want Words to declare the grateful Sense we have of your Majesty's most mild and auspicious Government. Permit us, Sir, to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our constant Prayer, that your Majesty's Reign may be long over us, a free, grateful and obedient People, and that the Sceptre of these Kingdoms may not depart from your illustrious House, but always be swayed by your Royal Descendants, and that they may inherit the numberless Virtues which adorn your sacred Majesty.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of this Corporation to be hereunto affixed this Seventh Day of December 1752.

*Lisbon, Dec. 6.* Their Majesties came last Saturday from Belem to the Palace in this City, and were soon after followed by the whole Court. The Fleet bound for the Brasils, consisting of 18 Merchantmen, and six Men of War, on board of which are a great Number of Families, with Provisions, Ammunition, and a Train of Artillery for our new Settlement in that Country, which was to put to Sea on the 2d Instant, is still detained in this Port by the tempestuous Weather we have had here ever since the End of last Month. The King has lately made several new Regulations to shorten the Proceedings at Law.

*Stutgard, Dec. 9.* The Duke of Wirtemberg, our Sovereign, having lately ordered two new Regiments of Foot to be raised; and his Serene Highness having given the Command thereof to the Baron de Spitznas, and to M. de Bock, Captain in his Guards, they are now actually enlisting Men to compleat the said two Regiments.

*Leghorn, Dec. 10.* We are informed by the Masters of a Ship lately arrived here from the Coast of Barbary, that a Tripolitan Corsair having taken a Swedish Ship in the Sea of Alexandria, and conducted her home; the Bey, after examining into the Affair, had not only ordered the said Swedish Ship and Crew to be immediately released, but had likewise ordered Restitution to be made to the Master for all the Goods that had been taken out of her.

*Petersbourg, Dec. 15.* The Empress's Departure for Moscow is fixed for the 26th Instant. A few Days ago her Imperial Majesty appointed M. de Nepluef, Governor of Orenbourg, to be one of her Privy Council; and at the same Time the Chamberlains Sievers, Lalin and Schonlkoff, were each presented with a considerable Fief in Livonia. M. Henniger is appointed Vice President of the College of Manufactures at Moscow, a Place of great Honour and Profit.

*Genoa, Dec. 19.* An Express arrived here on the 12th Instant from Bastia with Advice, that the Marquess de Cursay, Commander of the French Troops in Corsica, was arrested, by Order of the King his Master, and conducted

to the Castle of Antibes; and that M. de Courcy, Colonel of the Regiment of Tournaisis, is appointed Commander of the French Troops in his Room; which News is the more pleasing to this Government, as there is a good Understanding between this new Commander, and the Marquess de Grimaldi, our Commissary General in that Island.

*Hambourg, Dec. 29.* We learn by our last Letters from Poland, that a contagious Distemper is lately broke out in Walachia and Moldavia; and that Count Branicky, General of the Crown Army, was no sooner informed thereof, than he immediately gave Orders for a considerable Body of Troops to march and form a Line on the Frontiers of those Provinces.

*Brussels, Jan. 1.* The Baron de Reischach, Envoy Extraordinary from their Imperial Majesties to the States General of the United Provinces, who was lately appointed to the important Post of Prime Minister at this Court, in the Room of the Marquess de Botta d'Adorno, arrived here Yesterday Morning from the Hague, and soon after waited on his Serene Highness Prince Charles of Lorraine, and met with a gracious Reception. M. Dupuis, who went some Time ago to Namur, to take an Account of the Revenues of the Clergy, is arrived here from thence. The Conferences for settling the Barrier and Tariff, which have laid dormant for some Time, are going to be renewed.

*Berlin, Jan. 2.* The King, in order to encourage the setting up and carrying on all Sorts of Manufactures at Bernau, about three Miles from hence, has caused publick Notice to be given to his Subjects, and others, that in Case they will go and settle in that Town, they shall have their Freedoms thereof, besides other considerable Advantages.

*Hague, Jan. 9.* The States of Holland and Westfrizeland will re-assemble on Wednesday next; the Points upon which they are to deliberate, being already sent to the respective Towns. We have received Advice from Maestricht, that M. de Slype, one of the Burgomasters of that Town, died there on Friday last: And by Letters received here this Day from Haerlem we are informed of the Death of M. Crommelin, Lieutenant General of Foot in the Service of this Republick, and Commandant of Gertrudembourg.

*A General Meeting of the Trustees for Making, Widening, and Keeping in Repair, several Roads in the several Parishes of Lambeth, Newington, St. George's Southwark, and Bermondsey, in the County of Surry, will be held at the Royal Oak at Vauxhall, on Saturday the 27th Day of January 1753, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon. At which Time they will be ready to treat with such Persons who shall be willing to lend a further Sum on the Security of the Tolls and Duties of the New Roads; and to consider of a proper Place or Places for the Erecting one or more Weighing Engine or Engines on the said Roads.* Richard Summerfell, Clerk.