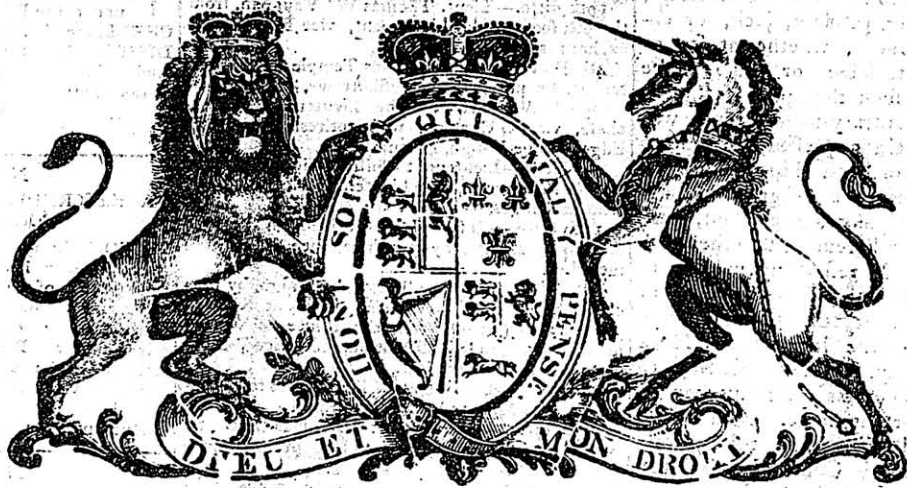


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**BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION,**

Declaring what Ensign or Colours shall be borne at Sea, in merchant ships or vessels belonging to any of his Majesty's subjects of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging.

GEORGE R.

Whereas, by the first article of the articles of Union of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, as the same have been ratified and confirmed by two acts of Parliament, the one made in our Parliament of Great Britain, and the other in our Parliament of Ireland, it was provided that the ensigns armorial, flags, and banners of our united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland should be such as we should appoint by our royal proclamation under the great seal of our said united kingdom: And whereas we have, by our royal proclamation dated this day, appointed and declared that the arms, or ensigns armorial of the said united kingdom, should be as therein expressed: And whereas, according to ancient usage, the ensigns, flags, jacks, and pendants worn by our ships, and appointed as a distinction for the same, ought not to be worn on board any ship or vessel belonging to any of our subjects, so that our ships, and those of our subjects, may be easily distinguished and known, we have, therefore, thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to order and appoint the ensign described on the side or margin hereof to be worn on board all ships or vessels belonging to any of our subjects whatsoever, and to issue this our royal proclamation to notify the same to all our loving subjects, hereby strictly charging and commanding the matters of all merchant

ships and vessels belonging to any of our subjects, whether employed in our service or otherwise, and all other persons whom it may concern, to wear the said ensign on board their ships or vessels: And to the end that none of our subjects may presume, on board their ships, to wear our flags, jacks, and pendants, which, according to ancient usage, have been appointed as a distinction to our ships, or any flags, jacks, or pendants in shape and mixture of colours so far resembling ours as not to be easily distinguished therefrom, we do, with the advice of our Privy Council hereby strictly charge and command all our subjects whatsoever, that they do not presume to wear in any of their ships or vessels, our jack, called the Union Jack, nor any pendants, nor any such colours as are usually borne by our ships, without particular warrant for their so doing from us, or our High Admiral of Great Britain, or the Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral for the time being: And we do hereby also further command all our loving subjects, that without such warrant as aforesaid, they presume not to wear on board their ships or vessels any flags, jacks, pendants, or colours, made in imitation of, or resembling ours, or any kind of pendant whatsoever, or any other ensign than the ensign described on the side or margin hereof, which shall be worn instead of the ensign before this time usually worn in merchant ships; saving that for the better distinction of such ships as shall have commissions of letters of mart or reprisals against the enemy, and any other ships or vessels which may be employed by the principal officers and commissioners of our navy, the principal officers of our

ordnance, the commissioners for victualling our navy, the commissioners for our customs and excise, and the commissioners for transportation for our service relating particularly to those offices, our royal will and pleasure is, that all such ships as have commissions of letters of mart or reprisals shall, besides the colours or ensign hereby appointed to be worn by merchant ships, wear a red jack with a union jack described in a canton at the upper corner thereof, next the staff; and that such ships and vessels as shall be employed for our service by the principal officers and commissioners of our navy, the principal officers of our ordnance, the commissioners for victualling our navy, the commissioners for our customs and excise, and the commissioners for transportation for our service relating particularly to those offices, shall wear a red jack with a union jack in a canton at the upper corner thereof, next the staff as aforesaid, and in the other part of the said jack shall be described the seal used in such of the respective offices aforesaid, by which the said ships and vessels shall be employed: And we do strictly charge and command, that none of our loving subjects do presume to wear any of the said distinction-jacks, unless they shall have commissions of letters of mart or reprisals, or be employed in our service by any of the before-mentioned officers: And we hereby require our High Admiral and Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral, the Governors of our forts and castles, the officers of our Customs, and the commanders or officers of any of our ships, for the time being, upon their meeting with or otherwise observing any ships or vessels belonging to any of our

subjects, neglecting to wear the ensign hereby appointed to be borne as aforeaid, or wearing any flag, pendant, jack, or ensign contrary hereunto, whether at sea or in port, not only to seize, or cause to be forthwith seized, such flag, pendant, jack, or ensign, worn contrary to our royal will and pleasure herein expressed, but also to return the names of such ships and vessels neglecting to wear the ensign hereby appointed, or wearing any flag, pendant, jack, or ensign, contrary hereunto, together with the names of their respecting masters or commanders unto our High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral, or the Judge of our High Court of Admiralty, for the time being, to the end that all persons offending may be duly punished for the same. And we do hereby command and enjoin the Judge and Judges of our High Court of Admiralty for the time being, that they make strict inquiry concerning all such offenders, and cause them to be duly punished; and all Vice-Admirals and Judges of the Vice-Admiralties, are hereby also required to proceed in the like manner, within the several ports and places belonging to their respective precincts. And our further pleasure is, that this proclamation shall take place according to the times hereafter mentioned, videlicet, for all ships in the Channel or British seas, and in the North Seas, after twelve days from the date of these presents; and from the mouth of the Channel unto Cape St Vincent, after six weeks from the date of these presents; and beyond the Cape, and on this side the Equinoctial Line, as well in the ocean and Mediterranean as elsewhere, after ten weeks from the date of these presents, and beyond the Line after the space of eight months from the date of these presents.

Given at our Court at St James's, the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and one, in the forty-first year of our reign.  
GOD save the KING.

DUBLIN CASTLE, DEC. 20.

Letters Patent have been passed under the Great Seal of this kingdom, constituting and appointing the Right Honourable John Toler his Majesty's Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in this kingdom, in the room of the Right Hon. Lord Viscount Carleton, who retires.

DECEMBER 23.

Letters Patent have been passed under the Great Seal of this his Majesty's kingdom of Ireland, for constituting and appointing the Right Hon. John Stewart to be his Majesty's Attorney General in this kingdom, in the room of the Right Hon. John Toler, appointed Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas.

And for constituting and appointing William Smith, Esq. to be his Majesty's Solicitor General in this kingdom, in the room of John Stewart, Esq.

His Majesty, by his Royal letters, having appointed the Hon. John Loftus Loftus, commonly called Lord Viscount Loftus, John Stewart, Esq. his Majesty's Attorney General, and Henry Charles Coote, Esq. to be of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council of this kingdom, they the said day, in Council, took the usual oaths and their places at the Board accordingly.

WAR OFFICE, JAN. 6.

4th Bn. Grenadier Guards.—Ensign William Drought, from the 6th Bn. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Norton promoted.

17th Light Dragoons.—Hospital Mate Samuel Tilt, to be Assistant Surgeon.

19th ditto.—Lieut. Thomas W. Vaughan, from the 9th foot; to be Lieutenant, vice Bailey, who exchanges.

4th Foot.—Ensign Octavius Temple to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Skottowe, who retires. Ensign J. W. Fletcher to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice O'Gorman, who retires. James C. Edgell, to be Ensign, by purchase.

9th ditto.—Lieutenant Philip Bailey, from the 19th light dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice Vaughan, who exchanges.

13th ditto.—Ensign John Custice from the 60th foot, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Blake, promoted.

37th ditto.—Andrew Tilt, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Hole, promoted. Assistant Surgeon John V. Thompson, from the Prince of Wales's own fencibles, to be Assistant Surgeon, vice Weales, promoted in the 18th foot.

52d ditto.—Lieutenant William Jones to be Adjutant, vice M'Combe, who resigns.

54th ditto.—Lieut. J. T. Parnel Betteworth, from the 2d dragoon guards, to be Captain, by purchase, vice Broomwich, who retires.

59th ditto.—Joseph Crighton, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Watts, promoted.

60th.—Bryan Leigh, Esq. to be Paymaster of the 3d battalion.

64th.—Major Robert Donald to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by purchase, vice Major-General Richardson, who retires. Hospital-Mate Robert Donwarth to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Jobbe, deceased.

81st.—Robert Paul to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Hamilton, promoted.

93d.—Ensign Cæsar Colclouch, from the 60th foot, to be Lieutenant, by purchase.

4th West India Regiment.—Ensign Richard Stannard, from the 5th West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Popplewell, promoted.

#### STAFF CORPS.

Ensign John William Groombridge to be Lieutenant. Ensign William Read to be Lieutenant. Simon Hehl to be Ensign, vice Groombridge. Haviland Le Mesurier to be Ensign, vice Read.

#### A Corps of Rifemen.

John Robb to be Surgeon. George Rowe to be Assistant-Surgeon. Henry Messiter to be Assistant-Surgeon.

#### INVALIDS.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel James Fahy to be Commandant of the independent companies of invalids at Alderney, vice Gordon.

#### BREVET.

Colonel James Erskine, of the 15th light dragoons, to be Aid-de-Camp to the King, vice Manningham, appointed to the command of the rifle corps.

#### Royal Aberdeen Volunteers.

First Lieutenant William Gibbon to be Captain, vice A. Gibbon, deceased. Hugh Cochran to be Second Lieutenant.

#### 2d Bat. Royal Edinburgh Volunteers.

Lieutenant Alexander Blair to be Captain, vice Hamilton, who resigns. Ensign John Dillon to be Lieutenant, vice Blair.

#### Falkland Volunteers.

Second Lieutenant John Duncan to be First Lieutenant, vice Gulland, who resigns. George Coll to be Second Lieutenant, vice Duncan.

#### 1st Battalion Montrose Volunteers.

Robert Walker to be Second Lieutenant.

#### MEMORANDUM.

The supersession of Lieutenant M'Carthy, of Colonel M'Neil's regiment of fencible infantry, as stated in the Gazette of the 2d ult. has not taken place.

#### BANKRUPTS.

Humphrey Winchester, of Here, Derbyshire, smelter of lead ore. John Radcliffe, Errington, Yorkshire, miller. Samuel Townsend, Brutol, ironmonger. Archibald Campbell, Gosport, Southampton, brandy merchant.

#### THE AVERAGE PRICE OF SUGAR,

Computed from the Returns made for the Week ending the 31st day of December, 1800,

at Seventy-nine Shillings and Eleven Pence Farthing per Hundred Weight,

Inclusive of the Duty of Customs paid or payable thereon on the Importation thereof into Great Britain.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY NETTLESHIP,  
Clerk of the Crocers Company.

Gracers' Hall,  
January 3, 1801.

#### DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERY.

THE COPARTNERY carried on in Dundee, under the Firm of THORNTON & MITCHELL, merchants there, was, by mutual consent, DISSOLVED, upon the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred years; of which all are desired to take notice.

ROBERT THORNTON.  
JAMES MITCHELL, junr.

#### NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of DAVID MEFFAN, Merchant in Dundee.

UPON the application of WILLIAM SMALL, writer in Dundee, trustee upon the sequestrated estate of the said David Meffan, the Sheriff of Forfar, has appointed the 21st January current, and the 4th of February next, for the public examination of the Bankrupt, within the Sheriff Court Room at Forfar, at 12 o'clock noon of each of these days; of which this intimation is given to all concerned.

DUNDEE, Jan. 6. 1800.

#### NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN M'CUCCLOCH, Merchant in Dornoch.

THAT on the application of the said John M'Cuulloch, with concurrence of Creditors to the extent required by law, Lord Balmuto, Ordinary on the bills, on the 6th day of January current, sequestrated the estate heritable and moveable, real and personal, of the said John M'Cuulloch, situated within the jurisdiction of the Court, and appointed his Creditors to meet in the house of Hugh Leslie, vintner in Dornoch, on Tuesday the 27th day of January current, at one o'clock afternoon, to name an interim factor, &c. and granted commission to any of the resident Magistrates of the burgh of Dornoch, &c. to attend the said Meeting of Creditors, to receive their grounds of debt, &c.; and further appointed said Creditors to meet a second time, at the place and house before mentioned, on Tuesday the 10th day of February next, for the purpose of choosing a trustee or trustees, as directed by the statute;—of all which intimation is hereby made.

#### NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOSEPH PARKIN, Merchant in London, and MELDRUM JAMES WALKER, Merchant in Glasgow, as Copartners.

WILLIAM SCOTT MONCRIEFF, accountant in Edinburgh, trustee on their sequestrated estate, hereby give notice, That he has made up a state of their affairs, which may be seen at his house till the 12th day of February next, when the funds expected then to be recovered will be paid over to the Creditors.

#### NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of the deceased WILLIAM GORDON, sometime Teacher of Mathematics in Glasgow, afterwards Teacher of an Academy in Edinburgh.

IN the process of sale and ranking depending before the Lords of Council and Session, at the instance of William Tod, Esquire, factor for the Duke of Gordon, against Major Gabriel Gordon, eldest son and apparent heir of the said William Gordon, and his Creditors, the Lord Armadale, Ordinary, by an act dated the 13th December last, assigned the 31st day of January current to the whole Creditors to produce their claims, rights, and interests, in the clerk's hands, against the said Wm. Gordon, or his estate, and that for the First Term, with certification as in a reduction and improbation;—of which this intimation is made to all concerned in terms of law.

C. G. PRINGLE, Clerk.

#### NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of THOMAS and JOHN WEBSTER, Merchants in Leith.

THAT upon the application of the said Thomas and John Webster, with consent of a creditor to the extent required by law, Lord Balmuto, Ordinary, officiating on the Bills, on the eighth day of January current, sequestrated the whole estate, real and personal, of the said Thomas and John Webster, both as a Company and as individuals; and appointed their creditors to meet within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 14th day of January current, at one o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of choosing an interim factor or manager on the estate; and to meet again at the same place and hour, on Wednesday the 11th day of February next, for the purpose of choosing a trustee on said estate;—of all which, in terms of the statute, the present notice is given.

AVERAGE PRICES OF CORN.

By the Quarter of Eight WINCHESTER Bushels, and of OATMEAL per Boll of 140lb. AVOIRDUPOIS, from the Returns received in the week ending the 27th of December 1800.

INLAND COUNTIES.

	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.		Pease.		Oatmeal.		Beer or Big.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Middlesex, - - -	146	11	95	10	72	2	47	11	72	2	81	8				
Surry, - - -	144	8	72	0	75	4	46	8	71	6	74	6				
Hertford, - - -	131	8			77	4	41	10	65	1	66	8				
Bedford, - - -	140	9	89	7	77	9	41	0	67	11	64	9				
Huntingdon, - - -	141	6			86	8	35	0	57	5						
Northampton, - - -	125	4	88	0	75	4	36	0	75	0	62	0				
Rutland, - - -	126	0			82	0	40	0	80	0			73	2		
Leicester, - - -	132	0			88	2	45	2	81	9			76	4		
Nottingham, - - -	137	7			87	4	53	4	92	0	77	10				
Derby, - - -	136	8			79	6	47	4	91	0	87	0				
Stafford, - - -	156	5			102	0	58	3	91	3			70	0		
Salop, - - -	147	4	114	6	108	6	51	8			92	6	83	5		
Hereford, - - -	137	6	83	2	82	7	42	1	78	4	74	7	104	5		
Worcester, - - -	164	10	96	0	92	9	45	11	91	11	100	6	111	10		
Warwick, - - -	164	4			91	8	51	2	87	3	109	4	91	2		
Wilts, - - -	154	4			80	4	42	4	82	4	75	0				
Berks, - - -	157	2			79	0	44	8	76	8	80	6				
Oxford, - - -	148	6			78	1	43	11	70	10	67	8				
Bucks, - - -	141	0			74	2	40	0	64	0	64	6				
Montgomery, - - -	129	7			92	10	38	10			88	0	89	1		
Brecon, - - -	146	0	105	6	84	9	40	0			64	0	95	5		
Radnor, - - -	134	8			82	5	37	10			80	10	110	8		

MARITIME COUNTIES.

Districts.	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.		Pease.		Oatmeal.		Beer or Big.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
First, { Effex, - - -	144	0			68	6	42	0	64	6	76	0				
First, { Kent, - - -	139	0			71	4	43	6	66	9	90	0				
First, { Suffex, - - -	142	8			71	0	44	6	54	0	66	6				
Second, { Suffolk, - - -	135	10	91	0	66	7	43	8	66	1	78	3	86	5		
Second, { Cambridge, - - -	127	1			70	0	34	0	56	3	56	0				
Third, { Norfolk, - - -	121	2	92	0	66	10	45	8	69	2	73	6				
Fourth, { Lincoln, - - -	115	9	96	0	73	10	42	0	82	2	110	0				
Fourth, { York, - - -	122	4	99	8	70	3	45	2	87	11	96	0	85	1		
Fifth, { Durham, - - -	131	2	88	11	73	0	44	6								
Fifth, { Northumberland, - - -	119	7	84	0	61	4	44	0	84	0	86	0	38	8		
Sixth, { Cumberland, - - -	123	5	81	2	68	0	48	0					50	10		
Sixth, { Westmorland, - - -	140	0	98	2	74	8	54	2								
Seventh, { Lancaster, - - -	141	11			85	4	54	11	90	8	120	0	50	2		
Seventh, { Chester, - - -	142	3			108	10	64	2	84	0			50	2		
Seventh, { Flint, - - -	129	0			93	6										
Eighth, { Denbigh, - - -	135	9			87	2	47	11	96	0	80	0	101	9		
Eighth, { Anglesea, - - -					76	0										
Eighth, { Carnarvon, - - -	113	0			68	0	38	6					76	4		
Eighth, { Merioneth, - - -	121	9	90	0	88	0	36	4			80	0	69	11		
Ninth, { Cardigan, - - -	113	6			61	6	31	3								
Ninth, { Pembroke, - - -	110	3			68	0	34	2								
Ninth, { Carmarthen, - - -	127	11			69	5	31	11								
Ninth, { Glamorgan, - - -	140	7			84	7	37	10								
Tenth, { Gloucester, - - -	161	11			87	0	44	5	72	11	83	2				
Tenth, { Somerset, - - -	156	9			78	9	42	0	74	0	112	0				
Tenth, { Monmouth, - - -	150	7			89	10										
Eleventh, { Devon, - - -	131	3			70	0	40	7								
Eleventh, { Cornwall, - - -	106	2			61	9	32	8								
Twelfth, { Dorset, - - -	150	8			76	10	41	4	81	0	56	0				
Twelfth, { Hants, - - -	149	0			74	2	41	1	72	10	74	8				

AVERAGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.  
Per Quarter, | 137 5 | 92 1 | 79 1 | 43 3 | 76 5 | 80 10 | 79 8 |

AVERAGE PRICE, by which EXPORTATION and BOUNTY are to be regulated, pursuant to Acts of Parliament.

	Wheat, per Qr.	Rye, per Qr.	Barley, per Qr.	Oats, per Qr.	Beans, per Qr.	Pease, per Qr.	Oatmeal, per Boll.	Beer or Big, per Qr.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
First District, - - -	144 6	*92 1	72 8	47 7	79 4	101 0	*79 8	
Second, - - -	133 8	91 0	67 5	41 3	63 11	76 0	86 5	
Third, - - -	121 2	92 0	66 10	45 8	69 2	73 6	*79 8	
Fourth, - - -	115 10	96 0	71 4	43 4	82 2	110 0	89 1	
Fifth, - - -	125 5	85 7	65 8	44 3	84 0	86 0	38 3	
Sixth, - - -	128 11	86 10	69 8	50 0	*76 5	*80 10	50 10	
Seventh, - - -	142 1	*92 1	91 2	57 7	89 0	120 0	50 2	
Eighth, - - -	125 3	90 0	81 10	40 11	90 0	80 0	79 7	
Ninth, - - -	122 0	*92 1	68 0	33 5	*76 5	*80 10	*79 8	
Tenth, - - -	157 3	*92 1	85 4	43 2	73 3	90 4	*79 8	
Eleventh, - - -	119 11	*92 1	64 10	35 4	*76 5	*80 10	*79 8	
Twelfth, - - -	149 9	*92 1	75 5	41 2	78 3	70 0	*79 8	

N. B. The Figures against which Asterisks are placed, are the general Average Prices of England, except the

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JAMES BLAIR, Brewer in Stonehaven.

AT a Meeting of his Creditors held on the 5th day of January current, the said James Blair made offer of a Composition of 5s. in the pound, of the whole debts due by him at the date of the sequestration, payable six and nine months after the composition shall be agreed to, and offered sufficient caution for payment; and also to pay the expence of the sequestration, upon condition that it should be recalled, and he discharged of all debts due by him prior thereto.

The Creditors present unanimously agreed to the offer, and approved of the security proposed; and therefore the trustee hereby requests another Meeting of said Creditors, within the house of John Milne, at Milne of Stonehaven, on the 16th day of February next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, in order to decide upon the said offer of a composition.

STONEHAVEN, Jan. 9, 1801.

## NOTICE

The CREDITORS of JAMES ALEXANDER, Dealer in Horses and Farmer at Belfield,

HAVING failed to meet on the 7th current, and name an interim factor, in terms of the appointment of Lord Dunfinnan, formerly advertised, Lord Balmuto, Ordinary on the Bills, has of new appointed them to meet at Edinburgh, within John's Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 14th current, to chuse a factor; and again at the same place

and hour, on Wednesday the 11th day of February next, to chuse a trustee, and appointed the petitioning creditor to give this intimation thereof.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN MURDOCH, Bookseller and Stationer in Glasgow.

AT a Meeting of the CREDITORS, held in the Sheriff Court-house, Glasgow, on the 2d January curt. (being the meeting immediately after the public examination of the bankrupt) the said John Murdoch having made offer of a composition upon his debts, with security, to the satisfaction of nine-tenths of the Creditors present; the trustee hereby appoints another meeting of the Creditors of the said John Murdoch, to be held in the Black Bull Inn, Glasgow, on Monday the 26th day of January curt. at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of deciding finally upon the said offer.

GLASGOW, 3d January, 1801.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ROBERT BROWN, Blacksmith at Cateraig of Craigie.

AT a Meeting of his Creditors held on the 1st inst. the said Robert Brown made offer of a Composition at 16s. Sterling per pound of the whole debts due by him at the date of the sequestration, payable at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas next by equal portions, and offered sufficient caution for payment, and also to pay or find cau-

tion for payment of the expence of the sequestration, upon condition that it should be recalled and he discharged of all debts due by him prior thereto.

The Creditors present at said meeting were unanimously of opinion, that the said offer was just and reasonable, and ought to be accepted of; and therefore the Trustee on said sequestrated estate hereby requests another Meeting of said Creditors, at Kilmarnock, within the house of John Begbie, vintner there, on Friday the 13d day of January current, at 12 o'clock noon, in order to decide upon the said offer of composition.

KILMARNOCK, Jan. 2, 1801.

## NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN GRAHAM, Manufacturer in New Town of Paisley.

AT a Meeting of the Creditors of the said John Graham, held at Paisley upon the 1st day of January current, being the first lawful day after his second examination in terms of the statute, he made a proposal of Composition to the Creditors, and offered caution therefore; which offer and security the Meeting declared themselves satisfied with.

The Trustee on the said John Graham's sequestrated estate has therefore appointed another Meeting of the Creditors to be held within the house of John Orr, vintner in Paisley, upon Tuesday the 27th of January current, at one o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of deciding upon the forefaid offer; of which this intimation is given to all concerned.