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*Florence, April 17.*

**O**N Wednesday Evening Marshal Botta, accompanied by the other Members of the Regency, came to wish his Royal Highness a good Journey. The Duke, attended by Sir Horace Mann, set out next Morning for Sienna, where he arrived early in the Evening, and was received with the same Military Honours as at Leghorn: The Nobility of both Sexes came out of the Town in their Coaches to meet him; and as soon as he arrived at the Inn where he lodged, (Part of which, by Marshal Botta's Order, was furnished from the Emperor's Wardrobe there) the Governor, and the General who commands there at the Head of his Officers, came to pay their Respects to his Royal Highness, and attended him to see the principal Curiosities of the Place; after which he passed the Evening at a Lady's House, who, by an Order from Marshal Botta, had prepared a Ball and a Supper for him. The next Morning his Royal Highness set out for Rome, and was saluted by the Cannon as the Day before.

*Whitehall, April 28, 1764.*

*Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That, on Thursday Night the 19th Instant, a Hovel, and two Stacks of Hay, the Property of Mr. John Norman, of the Town of Taunton in the County of Somerset, were set on Fire, as supposed, by some malicious Persons: His Majesty, for the better discovering, and bringing to Justice, the Person or Persons concerned therein, is hereby pleased to promise His most Gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Hovel and Stacks of Hay) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*

*And as a farther Encouragement for making such Discovery, the principal Inhabitants of the Town of Taunton have subscribed a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid by Richard Hoare, Esq; Town-Clerk of the said Corporation, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.*

*R. Hoare, Town-Clerk.*

*Victualling Office, April 25, 1764.*

*The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Wednesday the 23d of May next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, sealed up, and treat with such Persons as may be willing to undertake to supply such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may touch at Georgia, with Sea Provisions, and Fresh Beef, on separate Contracts, and be in Want thereof.*

*The Conditions of the Contracts may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling-Office, London.*

*British Linen Office, Edinburgh,*

*April 27, 1764.*

*The Court of Directors of the British Linen Company give Notice, that a Quarterly General Court of Proprietors will be held at their Office on Monday the 4th Day of June next, in Terms of the Charter.*

*General Post-Office, April 20, 1764.*

**P**UBLIC Notice is hereby given, That by an Act passed this last Session of Parliament, entitled, An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses, in relation to the sending and receiving of Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage;

It is Enacted, That from and after the First Day of May next, so long as the Revenue of the Post-Office shall continue to make a Part of the Aggregate Fund, no Letters or Packets shall be exempted from Payment of Postage, except as follows:

All such as shall be sent from or to The King's most Excellent Majesty.

All Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places within Great Britain or Ireland, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or after any Summons or Prorogation, which shall be signed on the Outside by any Member of either House of the Parliament of Great Britain, and whereof the whole Supercription shall be of his own Hand Writing, or which shall be directed to a Member of either House, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at either House of Parliament.

All Letters and Packets, not exceeding the Weight of Two Ounces, sent from and to any Places within Ireland, during the Sitting of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or after any Summons or Prorogation, which shall be signed on the Outside by any Member of either House of the Parliament of Ireland, and whereof the whole Supercription shall be of his own Hand Writing, or which shall be directed to a Member of either House, from any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, at any of the Places of his usual Residence, or at the Place where he shall actually be at the Time of the Delivery thereof, or at either House of Parliament.

All such Letters and Packets as shall be sent from and to certain Persons by Virtue of their Offices, under such Conditions, Restrictions, and Limitations, as in the said Act is particularly expressed.

It is likewise Enacted, That all printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed News Papers, sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, signed on the Outside thereof, by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as hath been heretofore practised; or directed to any Member at any Place whereof he shall have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster-General, or to his Deputy at Edinburgh or Dublin respectively, shall pass free of Postage.

And also, That the Clerks in the Offices of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and certain Officers in the Office of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, may continue to Frank such printed Votes, and Proceedings in Parliament, and printed News Papers, in the Manner they have heretofore been accustomed, provided they be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides.

It is further Enacted, That any Officer employed under the Postmaster-General, shall have Power to examine and search any Packet sent without a Cover,