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St. James's, August 18, 1773.

THIS Day His Majesty was pleased to invest the Earl of Northington with the Ensigns of the most Ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle.

His Majesty having signed the several Instruments for that Purpose, which were presented to the Sovereign by Robert Quarre, Esq; Gentleman-Usher of the Green Rod, (in the Absence of the Secretary) the Earl of Northington was then called into the Royal Presence, being preceded by the Earl of Carlisle, one of the Knights Companions of the Thistle; Mr. Brodie, Principal Herald of Scotland, (in Place of the Gentleman-Usher of the Green Rod) carrying the Sword of State. At the Entrance a low Reverence was made, a Second about the middle, and, on being advanced up to the Sovereign, a Third. His Lordship being presented by the Earl of Carlisle, and, kneeling down, the Herald drew the Sword, and (kneeling) delivered it to the Sovereign, who thereupon knighted his Lordship; the Earl, having kissed His Majesty's Hand, rose up, and Green Rod administered the Oath to His Lordship; then Green Rod, having received the Ensigns of the Order, presented the same (kneeling) to the Sovereign, upon a Velvet Cushion, who put the Ribbon over the Earl's Left Shoulder, who, kneeling down, had again the Honour of Kissing His Majesty's Hand; after this his Lordship rose up, and, making a low Reverence, withdrew in the same Manner as he had entered.

The Ceremony was performed soon after the Levee, in His Majesty's Closet, several of the Great Officers of the Court being present.

St. James's, August 20.

His Majesty having been pleased to comply with the Request of the King of Sweden, to invest the Baron de Nolcken, his Swedish Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary at this Court, with the Ensigns of the Order of the Polar Star, of which Order his Swedish Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate him a Knight and Commander, the Baron had accordingly an Audience of His Majesty this Day, to which he was introduced by the Earl of Suffolk, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and, after having made the usual Reverences on entering the Royal Presence, he knelt down before the King; His Majesty then took the Sword of State, and performed the Ceremony of Knighting him therewith; after which His Majesty took the Ribbon of the Order, and invested him with it: This being done, the Baron rose up, and His Majesty was graciously pleased to congratulate him on this distinguished Mark of his Sovereign's Approbation; the Baron then returned his Thanks in the most respectful Manner to His Majesty, and retired, observing the same Ceremony as on entering into His Majesty's Presence.

[Price Three-Pence.]

Naples, July 27. This Afternoon, between Four and Five o'Clock, her Sicilian Majesty was happily delivered of a Princess, who was baptized by the Names of Louisa Maria Amelia.

Vienna, August 7. The Emperor arrived at Lemberg on the 30th past, in perfect Health; but the precise Time of his Return to this City is not yet known.

The Court was Yesterday in Gala at Laxembourg, on account of the Birth of a Second Princess at Naples.

Dresden, August 11. From the 25th past to the 9th of this Month we have had continual Rains, which have done very great Damage to the Harvest in these Parts; which is the more unfortunate on account of the Destruction of the Corn in the neighbouring Mountains of Bohemia, by the violent Storms of Hail last Month.

War-Office, August 19, 1773.

King's Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Charles Gray, Gent. is appointed to be Cornet, vice Henry Fox, preferred; by Purchase

15th Regiment of Foot, Ensign John Pidcock, from Half-pay, to be Ensign, vice Joseph Willock, who exchanges.

2d Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Christie to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Frederick Haldiman, preferred.

Ditto, Thomas Allen, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Strickland; by Purchase.

69th Regiment of Foot, Major Gavin Cochrane, of the 1st Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of Foot, to be Major, vice John Nairne; by Purchase.

Captain William Dunbar, late of the 44th Regiment, to be Town-Major of Quebec, vice Patrick Murray, who resigns.

James Barbut, Esq; to be Commissary of Stores and Provisions in West Florida, vice — White, deceased.

Navy-Office, August 14, 1773.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that all Bills registered on the Course of the Navy for the Months of March and April, 1772, are ordered to be paid in Money; that such Persons as are possessed thereof may bring them to this Office, to be assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy for Payment.

Victualling-Office, August 14, 1773.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy to pay Interest and Non-Interest Bills, registered on the Course of the Victualling, in the Months of March and April, 1772, in order that the Persons possessed of the said Bills may bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment.