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Petersburg, February 20, N. S.
WE have had, for near a Month past, a constant Thaw, and frequent Rain. Such mild Weather has scarcely ever been known here at this Season of the Year. The Roads in this Part of the Empire are become almost impracticable by the Melting of the Snow.

Dresden, March 6. Yesterday being the Elector of Saxony's Name-day, their Electoral Highnesses received in the Morning the Compliments of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers, and in the Evening there was a Gala Drawing-Room at Court.

Deux Ponts, March 6. On Saturday last her Serene Highness the Reigning Dutchess of Deux Ponts was safely delivered of a Prince, who was christened by the Names of Charles-Augustus-Frederick. His Serene Highness the Elector Palatin stood Godfather by Proxy, and her Serene Highness the Electress Dowager of Saxony Godmother in Person.

Hague, March 9. Yesterday being the Birth-day of the Prince Stadtholder, his Serene Highness received the usual Compliments upon the Occasion.

St. James's, March 19.

The King has been pleased to confirm the Election of Jacob Earl of Radnor to be Recorder of the City of New-Sarum in the County of Wilts, in the room of William Earl of Radnor, deceased, late Recorder thereof.

War-Office, February 22.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, That there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's gracious Pardon; and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have due Influence upon their future Behaviour: His Majesty is pleased to grant His Free Pardon to all Deserters from His Land Forces who shall surrender themselves, before the 10th Day of April next, either to the Regiments to which they belong, or to some other Corps in His Majesty's Service, or to any Additional Company or Recruiting Party in Great Britain or Ireland.

Such Deserters, if able-bodied Men and fit for Service, shall be attested in the Corps to which they surrender, and not be liable to be claimed by any other Corps to which they may formerly have belonged.

And whereas many of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Corps, and are now serving therein; His Majesty is graciously pleased to extend to such Deserters the Benefit of this Pardon, and to direct, That they shall continue to serve in the Corps wherein they now are, and not be claimed by that in which they formerly served.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol or in Regimental Custody: His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant to them His Free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit, upon their Arrival at their respective Regiments, or upon their being enlisted by some other Corps, or Recruiting Party.

Any Soldier who may desert, after these His Majesty's most gracious Intentions are made Public, shall not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

By His Majesty's Command,
BARRINGTON.

St. James's, March 16, 1776.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Morning of the 22d of February last, it was discovered, that an Attempt had been made the preceding Night, by Persons unknown, to break into a Cellar in the Port of Dover, in which were deposited Goods belonging to the Crown, by breaking a large Hole in the Wall under the outward Door; but there being two other strong Doors, they were prevented from getting into the Cellar, though they had endeavoured to effect it by an Instrument, which is judged to be an Iron Crow; and that in the same Night they also attempted another Cellar, made Use of for the like Purpose, and endeavoured to force off the Iron Bar of the outward Door, which was secured by two Locks, one of which they forced, and broke the other, but could not get it off: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Offence, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of **FIFTY POUNDS** to the Person making such Discovery as aforesaid; to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

Navy-Office, March 5, 1776.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to contract for the Stores undermentioned for His Majesty's Service on the Day against the same expressed, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, that they may attend with their Proposals accordingly, viz.

Iron and Tar East Country, Tuesday March 26, 1776.

Norway Goods, Friday the 29th ditto.

Dantzick and Stettin Goods, Tuesday April 2d.

Hemp, Wednesday the 3d ditto.

