

East-India House, December 24, 1776.  
**THE** Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall street, on Thursday the 23d of January next, from Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon until Six in the Evening, for the Determination by Ballot of the following Question, viz.

“ That either now or hereafter, and as often as any of the Servants of the Company in the East Indies may, by some eminent Services, deserve well of their Masters, it is the Province of the Governors and Councils to lay the State of such Services before the Court of Directors; without whose express Order no pecuniary Donation to such Servants is ever to be made from their Treasuries. This Order to be permanent and standing, until contradicted by the Court of Directors.”

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**THE** Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies having, on the 15th of November last, consented, by Ballot, to restore Mr Charles Stafford Playdell, formerly Member of the Council at Bengal, and Captain-Lieutenant Lewis Mestayer, late of the Corps of Engineers in Bengal, severally to the Company's Service; in which more than three Parts in four concurred, agreeable to the Act of Parliament of the 13th Year of His present Majesty, for establishing certain Regulations for the said Company; and the said Consent of the Court of Directors being laid before and considered at a General Court of the said Company held this Day, pursuant to Fourteen Days Notice given for that Purpose; Notice is hereby given, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 8th of January next, from Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon until Six in the Evening, to ballot on the following Questions, viz.

“ That Mr. Charles Stafford Playdell be restored to the Company's Service.”

“ That Captain-Lieutenant Lewis Mestayer be restored to the Company's Service.”

In order to determine by such Ballot, whether three Parts in four of the Proprietors of the said Company, who shall be present at the said General Court, consent that the said Mr. Playdell and Captain-Lieutenant Mestayer be restored to the Company's Service.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy for the County of Surrey will be holden at the White Hart Inn in Guildford in the said County, on Saturday the 11th of January next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for putting the Militia Laws in Execution in the said County.

By Order of the Lord Lieutenant,  
John Chandler, Clerk of the General Meetings.

Guildhall, London, December 24, 1776.

**I**N Pursuance of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty, intituled, “ An Act for completing the Bridge across the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London to the opposite Side in the County of Surry, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” The Chamberlain of the City of London doth hereby give Notice to the severall and respective Person and Persons, to whom the under-mentioned Bonds, under the Common Seal of the City of London, and made payable to Christopher Fowler, Gent. Treasurer to the Commission for Paving the City and Liberty of Westminster, or to Henry Thrale, Esq; Treasurer to the Commission for Paving the Town and Borough of Southwark, or to their severall and respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, (by Indorsement) or any or either of them, do severally belong, That the said Chamberlain will be ready, on the 24th Day of June next ensuing, out of the Surplus of the Monies arising from the Toll of Blackfriars Bridge, &c. to pay off and discharge, at his Office in the Guildhall of the said City, to the severall Person or Persons respectively intituled to receive the same, the Principal Sums of Money, together with all Interest then due upon the same Bonds severally and respectively; and that from thenceforth the Interest pay-

able to the Persons intituled to receive the same, will cease and determine, viz.

Letter B, from N<sup>o</sup> 146. to N<sup>o</sup> 155. both inclusive, for £100 each, granted to the said Christopher Fowler; and also Letter A, from N<sup>o</sup> 86. to N<sup>o</sup> 92. both inclusive, for £100 each, granted to the said Henry Thrale, Esq.

St. James's, December 21, 1776.

**W**hereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the 23d of last Month, about Ten o'Clock at Night, as Chiefwell Slade, Commander of the Stag Cutter in the Service of His Majesty's Customs at the Port of Rye, and his Crew, were unloading a large Log at Boat, which they had seized (with a Quantity of Tea on Board) about two Miles Distance from the South Foreland, they saw two Cutters, to which they immediately gave Chace, and about Eleven o'Clock came up with the Sternmost, who often fired upon the Custom-House Cutter, and notwithstanding Capt. Slade told them who he was, and ordered them to bring to, yet they continued firing, and with their Shot struck the Boat upon the Deck, and also the Mast; and the other Cutter bearing down, and firing, and being both full of Men, the Custom House Cutter was obliged to give up the Chace, having but Twelve Men on board, and one of them dangerously wounded: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in so daring and outrageous an Offence, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover two or more of his Accomplices therein, so that they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S U F F O L K.

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, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction of two or more of the Offenders.

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

This Day was published,

Adorned with beautiful Frontispieces engraved by Taylor, elegantly printed in Four Volumes, Price 2s. bound, with very great Alterations, and the Addition of an entire new Story,

**THE FOOL of QUALITY; OR, THE HISTORY of the Earl of MORELAND;**  
By HENRY BROOKE, Esq;

Printed for E. Johnston; and sold by Wallis and Stanchouse in Ludgate-street.

**FRESH** Pyrmont Water, Seltzer and Spa, just arrived at Ellison's Mineral Water Warehouse, near Red Lion-street, Whitechapel. At the same Place may be had Fine New Honey in Pots, from 5d. to 6d. per Pound; Genuine Spruce Beer, 12s. 6d. per Keg.

London, December 21, 1776.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the Partnership lately carried on between Mess. William Clifford and Thomas Bord, at their Warehouse, N<sup>o</sup> 3, Sise-lane, in the City of London, in the Business of Warehousemen and Factors, under the Firm of Clifford and Company, was this Day mutually dissolved; and that the Business will be carried on for the future at the said Warehouse by the said William Clifford, in his own Name and for his own Account; where he hopes for the Continuance of the Favour of his Friends and Customers. And all Claims on and Debts due to the said Partnership will be received and paid at N<sup>o</sup> 3, Sise-lane, as usual.

Wm. Clifford.  
Tho. Bord.

**W**hereas the Copartnership between Thomas Whalley and Thomas Taylor, of New-inn-yard, Shoreditch, Dyers, is this Day dissolved by mutual Consent; all Persons having any Demand on the said Copartnership are desired to send their Accounts to the said Thomas Whalley; and all Persons indebted are desired to pay the same to Mr. Whalley, who has full Powers to receive the same, and continues the Business as usual. Witness our Hands, this 24th Day of December, 1776.

Tho. Whalley.  
Tho. Taylor.

London, December 25, 1776.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that the Partnership lately subsisting between John Rogers and Abraham Dyson, in Sun-court, Cornhill, (surviving Partners of Ely Dyson, deceased) is, by the mutual Agreement of us the Survivors, this Day dissolved; as witness our Hands,

John Rogers.  
Abraham Dyson.