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Peterburg, September 23.

ON Sunday last an Inundation happened here, more extensive and destructive than has ever been remembered in these Parts. A violent Hurricane of Wind at West South West, which began about Two o'Clock in the Morning, raised the Waters, in the short Time of Four Hours, to the Height of Fourteen Feet above the ordinary Level of the Neva, by which the whole Town, and a great Extent of the flat Country in the Neighbourhood, was rapidly overflowed. The Water remained about half an Hour at its extreme Height, and the Wind getting a little to the Northward between Six and Seven o'Clock, it returned in a very short Time to its usual Bounds. It is impossible to estimate, with any Degree of Exactness, the Loss which the State and Individuals have suffered. The Number of Persons drowned must amount to several Hundreds. In the best Parts of the Town many Houses are unroofed, and the Loss of Liquors and other Provisions in the Cellars and lower Apartments is very great. In the Shops (which are all in the same Quarter of the Town) Goods were destroyed to a very considerable Amount. In the Gardens of the Summer-Palace great Numbers of the finest Trees are broken or torn up by the Roots. The lower Skirts of the Town, where the Houses are mostly of Wood, and inhabited by the poorer Sort of People, presented a Scene of Desolation which can be more easily imagined than described. Many Persons were drowned in their Beds, and others, who sought for Safety from the Waters on the Roofs of their Houses, were carried from thence by the Violence of the Wind; and those who escaped with Life were left destitute of Habitations and Effects. Great Damage is done at the Quay of the Exchange, and to the lower Magazines and Warehouses. Numbers of Barks, laden with Iron, Hemp, Grain, Wood, &c. to a very great Amount, were staved, sunk, or driven in Pieces into the Streets or Fields. Several large Vessels, lying between this Place and Cronstadt, were driven ashore into Woods and Gardens. Many of the Country Houses in the Neighbourhood are destroyed. The Village of Cathenernhoff, and some others on the same Coast, were entirely swept away, with all the Cattle; and many Lives were lost there, as well as on the Side of the Galley Haven, where the Ground is very low. The great Bridge of Boats over the Neva was carried away, and most of the Bridges in the Town, except those on the new Stone Quay, (no Part of which has suffered any material Damage) were torn up. We have the Satisfaction, however, to hear, that little or no Damage has been done to the Works or Shipping at Cronstadt.

According to accurate Observations it appears, that the Waters rose a Foot and a half higher than in the great Inundation which happened here in the

Year 1752. The Plays at the Court Theatre are stopped for some Time on Account of this Publick Calamity. Arrangements are taking to give all possible Relief to the poor Sufferers.

St. James's, October 18.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, constituting and appointing John Scott, Esq; to be His Majesty's Attorney-General in the said Kingdom, in the Room of the Right Honourable Philip Tisdall, deceased; and also like Letters Patent, constituting and appointing Robert Hellen, Esq; to be His Majesty's Solicitor-General in the said Kingdom, in the Room of the said John Scott, Esq;

The King has been pleased to appoint John Scott, Esq; and Walter Hussey Burgh, Esq; to be of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council in the Kingdom of Ireland.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland, constituting and appointing Charles Tottenham the younger, Esq; to be Agent for the Regiments on the Irish Establishment serving Abroad, in the Room of the Right Honourable Henry Theophilus Clements, Deputy Vice-Treasurer of the said Kingdom.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, October 18, 1777.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's on Thursday next the 23d, but that there will be a Drawing-Room there on Saturday the 25th Instant, being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

*Lord Chamberlain's-Office, St. James's,
June 17, 1777.*

WHEREAS it is supposed that several Persons who have heretofore been appointed Gentlemen of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Chamber in Ordinary, may, in Course of Time, be dead, or removed from their Places of Residence: That it may appear to the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household who of them are remaining alive, his Lordship is pleased to direct, that all such do, on or before the 30th Day of October, 1777, transmit to Whittshed Keene, Esq; at the Lord Chamberlain's-Office, St. James's, an Account of their present Places of Residence.

Navy-Office, October 15, 1777.

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 May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1776, 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.