

to add, that I see no Reason which should induce Me to think of accepting less.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

*IT is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the 3d of September next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 3d Day of September next.*

AT the Court at St. James's, the 10th of July, 1782,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**T**HIS Day the Right Honourable William Pitt, Chancellor and Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer; was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Townshend, to be One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, he was this Day, by His Majesty's Command, sworn One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accordingly.

*Whitehall, July 13.*

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable William Earl of Shelburne of the Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the Right Honourable William Pitt, James Grenville, Richard Jackson, and Edward James Elford, Esquires, to be Commissioners for Executing the Office of Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to grant to the Right Honourable William Pitt, the Offices of Chancellor and Under Treasurer of His Majesty's Exchequer.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Augustus Viscount Keppel, Sir Robert Harland, Bart. Admiral Hugh Pigot, Charles Brett, Richard Hopkins, John Jeffries Pratt, and John Aubrey, Esqrs. to be His Majesty's Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Dominions, Islands and Territories thereunto respectively belonging.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Sir George Yonge, Bart. to be His Majesty's Secretary at War.

The King has been pleased to appoint David Parry, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Barbados, in the Room of Major-General James Cuninghame.

The King has been pleased to appoint Archibald Campbell, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of the Island of Jamaica, in the Room of Major General John Dalling.

The King has been pleased to appoint John Parr, Esq; to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Nova Scotia, in the Room of Francis Legge, Esq;

The King has been pleased to grant to Domville Hallett, of Lymm, in the County Palatine of Chester, Esq; (pursuant to the Will of the Reverend Mr. Cudworth Poole, late of Great Woodden, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, deceased) His Royal Licence and Authority to take and use the Surname, and also bear the Arms of Poole, such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office; and also to order that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

*Whitehall, July 13, 1782.*

**T**HE following Letters from John Maxwell, Esq; Governor of the Bahama Islands, were received at the Office of the Right Honourable Thomas Townshend, One

of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the 11th Instant.

MY LORD,

**T**HE large Army under the Command of the Governor of the Havanna, consisting of Three Frigates, Sixty Sail of Transports, Forty of which were Topfail Vessels, having Two Thousand Five Hundred Troops on Board, invested me the 6th Instant, at Day-Break, and summoned me to surrender, upon honourable Terms, at Nine o'Clock. I called my Council together, who were unanimous in their Opinion, that as the Strength of the Country was then out in Privateers, and an Invalid Garrison of One Hundred and Seventy, fit for Duty (on the Ramparts only) and just arrived, they advised me to propose Terms honourable.

Not satisfied it was doing Justice to my Character, I called the Officers of the Garrison present, the Militia Officers, and the principal Inhabitants, who were unanimous in their Opinion, that to make a Defence of a few Hours would not entitle them from the Governor but to Terms of Discretion.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,  
*New Providence,* JOHN MAXWELL.

*May 14, 1782.*

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MY LORD,

**T**HE Spanish Troops under the Command of Don Juan Manuel Cagigal were the Second Division going to the Cape, in order to join their first under the Command of Don Galvez; but as they had no Transports of their own, they wisely laid an Embargo, by which Means they procured a sufficient Number from the Americans, who readily hired their Vessels to go against Providence at their own Risk. However, the Spanish General disappointed them exceedingly in not including them in the Capitulation, and now compels them to proceed further, paying them as Transports. Jamaica was the original Object, and we might have escaped a Visit, had not the Winds, and the Assurances given them by several of our own Inhabitants, who were employed by Government in Flags of Truce, of the Facility of reducing this Place, joined to the Consideration of the Risk of the Vessels being on the American Account, induced them to make the Attempt, in which they have been too successful, but I am certain they adhere to their first Intention of attempting Jamaica.

Immediately on my Arrival I gave your Lordship my Opinion of the Inhabitants, and the Strength requisite to keep the Island in Order. In the Council of War, consisting of the Militia Officers and Principal Inhabitants, there were Thirty-three unanimously of Opinion to capitulate.

Inclosed is a Return of their Strength, and of the Number of Vessels employed by them. I beg your Lordship will suspend any unavourable Opinion of my Conduct, until it is properly investigated, which I have in my Power to accelerate, in virtue of the last Article of the Capitulation, which, though I did not expect, yet as it had been granted at St Kitt's, the General handomely inferred it.

I have the Honor to be,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,  
JOHN MAXWELL,  
*Right Hon. Lord George Germain,*  
*&c. &c. &c. &c.*

SIR,

**T**HE considerable Sea and Land Forces with which I find myself before this Place and the small Resorce that your Excellency has both for Garrison and Defence, induces me, for the Sake of Humanity, to manifest to you, that I am come by Order of the King my Master, and in his Royal Name, to take Possession of this and the other Bahama Islands, and finding myself in a Conditon of making immediate Use of them for its Reduction and speedy Dispatch of this Business, a Delay that exceeds