

rican Sufferers; and I trust that you will agree with Me, that a due and generous Attention ought to be shewn to those who have relinquished their Properties or Professions from Motives of Loyalty to Me, or Attachment to the Mother Country.

As it may be necessary to give Stability to some Regulations by Act of Parliament, I have ordered Accounts of the several Establishments, incidental Expences, Fees, and other Emoluments of Office, to be laid before you. Regulations have already taken Place in some, which it is my Intention to extend to all, and which, besides expecting all Public Business, must produce a very considerable Saving, without taking from that ample Encouragement, which ought to be held forth to Talents, Diligence, and Integrity, wherever they are to be found.

I have directed an Enquiry to be made into whatever regards the landed Revenue of My Crown, as well as the Management of My Woods and Forests, that both may be made as beneficial as possible, and that the latter may furnish a certain Resource for supplying the Navy, Our great National Bulwark, with its first Material.

I have directed an Investigation into the Department of the Mint, that the Purity of the Coin, of so much importance to Commerce, may be always adhered to; that by rendering the Difficulty of counterfeiting greater, the Lives of Numbers may be saved, and every needless Expence in it suppressed.

I must recommend to you an immediate Attention to the great Objects of the Public Receipts and Expenditure; and above all to the State of the Public Debt.—Notwithstanding the great Increase of it during the War, it is to be hoped that such Regulations may still be established—such Savings made—and future Loans so conducted, as to promote the Means of its gradual Redemption by a fixed Course of Payment.—I must, with particular Earnestness, distinguish for your serious Consideration, that Part of the Debt which consists of Navy, Ordnance, and Victualling Bills: The enormous Discount upon some of these Bills shews this Mode of Payment to be a most ruinous Expedient.

I have ordered the several Estimates, made up as correctly as the present Practice would admit, to be laid before you. I hope that such further Corrections as may be necessary, will be made before the next Year. It is My Desire that you should be apprized of every Expence before it is incurred, as far as the Nature of each Service can possibly admit.—Matters of Account can never be made too public.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The Scarcity, and consequent high Price of Corn, requires your instant Interposition.

The great Excess to which the Crimes of Theft and Robbery, in many Instances accompanied with personal Violence, particularly in the Neighbourhood of this Metropolis, has called of late for a strict and severe Execution of the Laws. It were much to be wished that these Crimes could be prevented in their Infancy, by correcting the Vices become prevalent in a most alarming Degree.

The liberal Principles adopted by you concerning the Rights and the Commerce of Ireland, have done you the highest Honour, and will, I trust, increase that Harmony, which ought always to subsist between the Two Kingdoms. I am persuaded that a general Increase of Commerce throughout the Empire, will prove the Wisdom of your Measures with regard to that Object. I would recommend to you a Revision of Our whole Trading System upon

the same comprehensive Principles, with a View to its utmost possible Extension.

The Regulation of a vast Territory in Asia opens a large Field for your Wisdom, Prudence, and Foresight. I trust that you will be able to frame some fundamental Laws, which may make their Connection with Great Britain a Blessing to India; and that you will take therein proper Measures to give all Foreign Nations, in Matters of Foreign Commerce, an entire and perfect Confidence in the Probity, Fidelity, and good Order of Our Government. You may be assured that whatever depends upon Me, shall be executed with a Steadiness, which can alone preserve that Part of My Dominions, or the Commerce which arises from it.

It is the fixed Object of My Heart to make the general Good, and the true Spirit of the Constitution, the invariable Rule of My Conduct, and on all Occasions to advance and reward Merit in every Profession.

To ensure the full Advantage of a Government conducted on such Principles, depends on your Temper, your Wisdom, your Disinterestedness, collectively and individually.

My People expect these Qualifications of you; and I call for them.

*St. James's, December 4.*

This Day Their Majesties came from Windsor to the Queen's Palace, to reside during the Winter.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Their Royal Highnesses the Princes and Princesses, are also removed from Windsor and Kew for the Winter Season.

*Peterburgh, November 5.* Conformably to the Rules of the Institution of the new Order of St. Volodimir, the First Department of the Senate have elected Prince Potemkin, Prince Orloff, Prince Wasemkoy, Count Panin, the Marshalls Romanzoff, Galitzin, and Czernicheff, Count Ivan Czernicheff, Monsieur de Betskoy, Prince Repnin, Monsieur Besberodko, and the Great Chamberlain Monsieur Schwalow, to be Knights of the First Class of that Order.

*Vicenna, November 20.* In Addition to the Promotions lately made in the Order of the Golden Fleece, the Emperor has conferred that Honour on Count Hardeck, Grand Maitre to the Archduke Maximilian.

*Admiralty-Office, December 4, 1782.*

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the 26th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, That on the 11th Day of last Month, the Ship Providence Success, of Scarborough, of the Burthen of 120 Tons, William Hay, Master, bound from Margate to Sunderland, in Ballast, was drove on Shore on the Beach at Orfordness; but that she has been since got off, and now lies in Orford Haven, having received considerable Damage.

Information has also been sent to this Office, that on the 23d of the said Month, the Ship Hardiciffe, of Sweden, of the Burthen of 186 Tons, Gurtaf Christopherson Master, bound from London to Yarmouth, in Ballast, ran on Shore on the said Beach, and has received so much Damage that she cannot be got off, but that some of her Materials will be saved.

*Ph. Stephens.*

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