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I am, Sir, &c. &c. &c.  
BRIDPORT.

My Lord, *Phaeton, at Sea, October 9, 1798.*  
I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that on the 8th Instant His Majesty's Ship under my Command captured a French Brig Privateer, called Le Levrier, pierced for Sixteen Guns, and carrying Seventy Men; she sailed from Rochelle on the 5th Instant, and was bound on a Cruise.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c. &c.

ROB. STOPFORD.

Right Honorable Lord Bridport, K. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

Whitehall, October 16, 1798.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed John Merrefield, of Grantham, in the County of Lincoln, Gentleman, to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Carlton-House, October 16, 1798.

Office for managing the Affairs of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

By ORDER of the EARL CHOLMONDELEY:

NOTICE is hereby given, that every Creditor of His Royal Highness is to deliver into this Office, within Ten Days from the Date hereof, a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of any Debt, signed by him or her, that may have accrued within the Quarter ending this Day; and all Debts or Demands, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall not be presented as aforesaid, and within the Time limited as aforesaid, are not, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, to be paid, satisfied, or discharged, nor any Part thereof, but are barred both at Law and in Equity: And all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars in Writing are not delivered as aforesaid, are to all Intents and Purposes null and void.

See the Act of the 35th of His present Majesty, for settling an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other Purposes.  
Cap. 129. Sec. 32.

Tim. Brent, Secretary.

PERSONAL LEGACY DUTY.

Stamp-Office, Sept. 7, 1798.

WHEREAS by an Act passed on the 26th Day of April, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, "That upon every Legacy, Specific or Pecuniary, of the Value of 20l. or more, given by any Will or Testamentary Instrument of any Person who shall die after the passing of the said Act, out of the Personal Estate of the Person so dying, and also upon the clear Residue of the Personal Estate of every Person who shall so die, whether Testate or Intestate, and leave Personal Estate of the clear Value of 100l. after deducting Debts,

"Funeral Expences, and other Charges; there shall be raised, levied, and collected, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the several Duties, after the Rates, and in Manner therein particularly mentioned:"

AND WHEREAS HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS FOR MANAGING THE STAMP DUTIES have Reason to believe that the Duties which have become payable under the said Act upon Legacies bequeathed, as well as upon the Residue of the Personal Estate and Effects of many Persons who have died since the said 26th Day of April, the Day of passing the said Act, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said Act; and the said Commissioners have also Reason to believe that the Duties imposed by several other Acts on Legacies, and the Residue of Personal Estate, not subject to the Duties imposed by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said former Acts, and also according to the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign:

THE COMMISSIONERS THEREFORE DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, That Proceedings will be had against all Persons who shall appear to have offended against the said Acts, to recover the Amount of the Duties payable under the said Acts respectively, together with the Penalties incurred by such Persons as shall appear not to have complied with the Terms of the said Acts: AND THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO GIVE NOTICE, That by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, all Persons paying and receiving Legacies or Personal Estate, subject to the said Duties, without receiving and allowing thereout respectively the Duties payable thereon, are chargeable with the said Duties as Debts due to His Majesty, and both Parties are respectively liable to Penalties, in case of Payment of such Legacies, without such Receipt or Discharge as required by the Act.

THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO GIVE NOTICE, That by an Act passed in the 37th Year of His Majesty's Reign, It is Enacted, "That every Person who shall Administer the Personal Estate of any Person dying after the passing of the said Act, or any Part thereof, without proving the Will of the Deceased, or taking out Letters of Administration of such Personal Estate within Six Calendar Months after the Death of the Person so dying, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of FIFTY POUNDS, to be recovered as therein is mentioned, One Moiety thereof to His Majesty, and the other to the Person who shall sue for the same."

By Order of the Commissioners,  
J. Brettell, Secretary.

Hertfordshire Militia.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the First General Meeting (this Year) of the Lieutenancy of the County of Hertford, will be held at the Half-Moon Inn, at Hertford, on Tuesday the 23d Day of October instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

By Order of the Marquis of Salisbury, His Majesty's Lieutenant of the said County,  
Benj. Rooke, Clerk of the General Meetings.  
October 8, 1798.