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Whitehal, December 13.

His Majesty was pleased this day to make the following Order in Council.

Whereas it has been Represented to His Majesty, That by reason of the frequent abuses of a lewd sort of People, called Spirits, in seducing many of His Majesties Subjects to go on Ship-board, where they have been seized and carried by force to His Majesties Plantations in America; and that many idle persons who have Litted themselves voluntarily to be Transported thither, and have received Money upon their entring into Service for that purpose, have afterwards pretended they were Betrayed, and Carried away against their Wills, and procured their Friends to Prosecute the Merchants who Transported them, or in whose Service they are, by Indictments or Informations in the Crown-Office in His Majesties Name, which is a great Discouragement to them, and an hindrance to the Management of the Trade of the said Plantations and Navigation of this Kingdom; And several Merchants and Planters having made humble Applications to His Majesty, That he would be Graciously pleased to direct such Methods for their Retaining of Servants to serve in His Majesties Plantations, as in His Royal Wisdom he should think meet, whereby His Majesty may be so satisfied of their fair Dealing, as to take off all Prosecutions against them at His Majesties Suit, and also that the Scandal that now lies upon them in general, by reason of such evil-disposed Persons, may not remain upon such as shall for the future follow such Methods as His Majesty shall think fit to be pursued

His Majesty taking into His Royal Consideration the said Request, is Graciously pleased to declare, That such Merchants, Factors, Masters of ships, or other persons that shall use the Method hereafter following in the Hiring of Servants for His Majesties Plantations, shall not be disquieted by any Suit on His Majesties behalf, but upon Certificate thereof, That He will cause all such Suits to be stopped, to the end they may receive no further molestation thereby.

I. Such Servants are to be taken by Indenture, to be Executed by the Servant in the presence of the Magistrate or Magistrates hereafter appointed; One part thereof Signed by such Servant, and also Under-written or endorsed with the Name and Hand-writing of such Magistrate, which is to remain with the Clerk of the Peace, to be Returned to the next Sessions, there to be Filed upon a distinct File, and Numbered and kept with the Records.

II. The Clerk of the Peace is to keep a fair Book, wherein the Name of the Person so Bound, and the Magistrates Name before whom the same was done, and the time and place of doing thereof, and the Number of the File shall be Entred; and for the more easie finding the same, the Entries are to be made Alphabetically, according to the first Letter of the Sirname.

III. All persons, above the Age of One and twenty years, or who shall, upon View and Examination, appear to be so in the Judgment of the Magistrate, may be Bound in the presence of one Justice of the Peace, or of the Ma or or Chief Magistrate of the place where they shall go on Ship-board; who is to be fully satisfied from him of his free and voluntary Agreement to enter into the said Service.

IV. If any person be under the Age of One and twenty years, or shall appear so to be, he shall be Bound in the presence of the Lord Mayor of London, or one of the Judges, or an Alderman of London, being a Justice of Peace, or the Recorder, or two Justices of the Peace of any other County or Place, who shall carefully examine whether the Person so to be Bound have any Parents or Masters; And if he be not free, they are not to take such Indenture, unless the Parents or Masters give their Consents, and some person that knows the said Servant to be of the Name and Addition mentioned

in the Indenture, is to Attest his said Knowledge upon the said Indenture.

V. If the person be under the Age of Fourteen years, unless his Parents shall be present, and consent, he is not to be carried on Ship-board till a Fortnight at least after he becomes Bound, to the intent, that if there be any Abuse, it may be discovered before he be Transported. And where his Parents do not appear before the Magistrate, Notice is to be sent to them, or where they cannot be found, to the Church-Wardens or Overseers of the Parish where he was last settled, in such manner as the said Magistrates shall think fit and direct.

And because Clerks of the Peace may conceive this not to be any part of the Duty of their Office, and may therefore exact unreasonable Rewards for their trouble and pains therein, His Majesty doth Declare, That if any Merchants or other Persons shall be aggrieved thereby, and upon Complaint to the Justices cannot obtain Relief, His Majesty will take such further Care for their ease herein, as in His Royal Wisdom he shall think meet.

And His Majesties further Pleasure is, That this Order be Printed and Published, to the end all Persons whom it may concern, may take notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

FRANCIS GWYN.

Vienna, Dec. 6. We have advice from Hungary, That Count Teckley has given very strict Orders for the observing the Cessation, and that he has put his Troops into Winter-Quarters. The Count de Caprara has done the like with the Imperial Troops, and is on his return hither. The advices we receive from all hands of the departure of the Grand-Signior from Constantinople, and of the March of his Forces from all parts of the Ottoman Empire, towards Hungary, let us plainly see there is no ground to build any hopes of Peace upon. The Emperor upon these advices, has resolved that a new Levy of 20000 Men shall be immediately gone about; has sent for the Duke of Lorraine, who has his Residence at Tyrol, to assist at a great Council of War to be held here; has dispatched the Count de Kaunis to the Elector of Bavaria, and the Baron of Wilderdorf to the Electors on the Rhine; and has resolved to go himself the next Month to Ratubonne, to consult with the Princes of the Empire, who will be desired to meet his Imperial Majesty there, about providing for their common Security.

Strasburg, Dec. 11. We have expected here all this Week Monsieur Harlay, and Monsieur de St. Romain, the French King's Ambassadors at France, in their return home, but this day we have advice, That they have taken their Journey by the way of Metz. The French Foot that has layn for some time on the River Preusch, Decamped two days since, and are gone into their Winter-Quarters. The Baron de Monclar, and other principal French Officers, are at present here.

Hamburg, Dec. 11. We have advice, That the Duke of Zell is going to reinforce the Regiment now in his Service with three new Companies in each, and that the Duke of Hanover has resolved to increase the Forces he has on Foot with a new Levy of 6000 Men. The Swedes likewise raise

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Mèn in *Pom. ren* and *Bremen*; and from *Stockholm* they write, that the King of *Sweden* intends to encrease very considerably his Forces in his Foreign Dominions. Our Letters from *Dantzick* tell us, That there are great differences between the Duke of *Courland* and his Brethren, concerning the Execution of the Will of the late Duke their Father, and that the Elector of *Brandenburg*, their Uncle, has undertaken to accommodate things between them.

Cologne, Dec. 5. The Courier which the Deputies of *Liege* sent eight days ago to *Lyege*, to give their Principals an account of what had passed in the Conferences they have had with the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, and his Electoral Highness's Ministers, is not yet come back, but the Letters we receive from *Liege* inform us, That they are resolved not to quit the point concerning the free Election of their Magistrate, but to maintain the Privileges they are now possessed of, so that things seem not so well disposed to an accommodation, as was expected, and we are told, That the Bishop of *Strasbourg* has declared, That if the City of *Liege* will not let matters come to an amicable composition, other means must be made use of to bring them to reason. We have advice, as well by the way of *Hungary*, as *Poland* and *Venice*, of the great preparations of the Turks. The Emperor has sent the Baron of *Walderdorf* to the Electors on the *Rhine*, to communicate to them his Resolution of coming to *Ratisbonne*. The Imperial Troops are in their Winter Quarters, as well in *Hungary* as in other the Emperor's Hereditary Countries.

Brussels, Dec. 15. His Excellency the Marquis de *Citranda*, has ordered a Placat to be published, notwithstanding all the opposition that has been made in that matter, to give notice, That he will let the Kings Customs in these Countreys to Farm for three Years, counting from the first day of *March* next, and that the said Farm will be Let on the 14th of *January* to the highest Bidders: And from *Madrid* we have an account, That the King is likewise about Letting to Farm all his Customs throughout *Spain* to the Marquis de *los Balbaces*, for ten Years, who will give four Millions more yearly, than they have amounted to in any one Year within the ten Years last past and besides will take off a third part of the Duties that are now paid, for the encouragement of Trade. The Spanish Letters likewise tell us, That the Duke de *Villa Hermosa*, the Duke of *Bourbonville*, and the Count de *Montrey*, are in nomination for the Government of *Milan*, and that it was believed it would be given to the Duke of *Bourbonville*. From *Cologne* they write That there have been great disorders occasioned by the disputes between the Magistrates and the Burghers, That the latter were for several days in Arms. but that things had been at last composed. From *Vienna* we are told, That the Emperor was preparing to remove from thence to *Ratisbonne*, where he will convoke a great Assembly of the Princes and States of the Empire, to consult with them in order to the taking the necessary Resolutions for their common Security.

Brussels, Dec. 18. The Placat for the Letting the Customs to Farm is Published, which a great many People, especially those that have been employed about the Finances, are very much dissatisfied at. The Affairs of *Liege* are in as much dis-

order as ever, those people seeming resolved not to yield the points which their Prince the Elector of *Cologne* insists upon, which are, That the Militia shall be put into his hands: And that their first Burghmaster shall be annually chosen by him.

Liague, Dec. 18. The Deputies of *Holland* and *Zealand* have had several meetings to adjust the differences between the two Provinces, concerning the Imposition upon Turff and other matters. The Here *Citters*, Ambassador from this State to His Majesty of *Great-Britain*, is returning for *England*. Our German Letters tell us, That the Emperor intends to be at *Ratisbonne* about the latter end of *January*, or the beginning of *February*, to consult with the Princes of the Empire upon the present exigency of Affairs.

Whitehal, Dec. 13. Some days since arrived here Monsieur d'*Haxthausen*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Sleswig-Holstein*. He has had his Audience of their Majesties, and of their Royal Highnesses, being conducted therunto by Sir *Charles Cotterel*, Master of the Ceremonies, in the usual manner.

Whereas several idle Persons have made it their business in and about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, to discourage the several Receivers of the Penny-Post Letters, by telling them there is no Security given by the Messengers for the performance of their Duty for the safe Conveyance of Packets and Parcels committed to their Charge, not exceeding the value of Ten Pounds Sterling and one Pound weight; This is to certify all Persons who shall or may have occasion to send any such Parcels by the said Messengers, Couriers, or Deliverers, relating to the Penny-Post-Office, That there is none employed in the same but such only as have given Bonds and security for their Fidelity: And all Persons who shall think they have any reason to complain of any miscarriage, are desired to do it at the chief Office in *St. Michaels-Alley* in *Cornhil*, where it is at present kept.

This is farther to give Notice, That Letters and Parcels will now be conveyed by the Penny-Post to and from the most considerable places within five Miles of *London*: And also to desire all persons not to deliver any Letters to go beyond the Seas to any Officers of the Penny-Post-Office, lest they miscarry, but only to such as are appointed by the Postmaster General, and are Officers of the General Post-Office, whose Names have been formerly Published.

Advertisements.

Whereas on the Fifth of this Instant December, the Dover-Waggon was set upon by eight Highway-men, upon *Gads-hill* between *Rochester* and *Graves-end*, between the hours of Six and eight in the Evening, who Robbed the same of 26 Pieces of *Canterbury-wrought-Silks*, made and sent from thence, consigned for *London*; These are to give notice that whoever shall make such a Discovery of the same, as that they shall be safely brought into the Custody of Mr. *Samuel Bailly*, Merchant, dwelling in *Bow-Church-yard* in *Cheapside*, *London*, shall have a Reward of twenty Pounds paid by the said Mr. Bailly: and whoever shall discover any part thereof shall likewise have a sufficient Reward, and all the reasonable charges they shall be at in the discovery.

Lost on Monday last in the Morning, out of a Stable in *St. Albans-Street*, two Land Spaniels, a Dog and Bitch in Couples, both white with Liver-coloured spots, the ends of the two upper Twangs of the Dog cut off. Whoever brings them to Mr. *Whitfield*, at his House in *St. Albans Street*, shall have 20s Reward. And in the Evening were left in a Coach hired at the *White-Hart-Inn*, by the *Horse-Ferry*, in *Westminster*, a Case of *Horse-Pistols*, marked on the Locks, General a *Saumur*. Whoever brings them to Mr. *Whitfield* aforesaid, shall be well Rewarded.

Lost a large red tanned Hound, with long hair, a white ring about his Neck, cropt, and markt on his upper Lip. Whoever brings him to *James Tryon Esq;* at *Bulwick-hall* in *Northamptonshire*, or to Mr. *John Jackson*, at the *White Lyon* over against the *Temple*, in *Fleet-street*, *London*, shall be well Rewarded.