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Yesterday about 10 in the Forenoon the Earl of *Morray* His Majesties High Commissioner came from *Dunbar*, attended by many of the Nobility and Gentry, who met his Grace betwixt *Belfort* and *Berwick* last Saturday, and waited on him during his stay at *Dunbar*: From whence the Lord *Ross's* Troop guarded his Grace to the Earl of *Winton's* House of *Seaton* (seven miles distant from this place) where they were relieved by His Majesties Life-guard of Horse commanded by the Lord *Livingston* in very good order. Upon the Road thither, his Grace was met and attended by several Noblemen and Gentlemen of Quality from several Parts of this Kingdom, besides the Gentlemen of *East-Lothian*, and the principal Inhabitants of all the Towns in that Shire on Horseback. At the Entrance into the Shire of *Midlothian* (five Miles distant from hence) his Grace was received by the Earl of *Perth* Lord High-Chancellor, and the Lords of the Privy-Council, and by the Lords of the Clergy, and all the Judges, with a great Train of Coaches, and the other Members of the Colledge of Justice on Horseback, and a little nearer to this place, by some of the Magistrates of this City with a Body of 5 or 600 of the principal Citizens on horseback. At the same place he was also met by the Gentlemen of *Midlothian*, and the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Regality of *Adulsburgh*, near the Sands of *Leith* a Battallion of the Regiment of Guards was drawn up, who welcomed his Grace with three Vollics, as did His Majesty's Yacht the *Charlot*, commanded by Captain *Clement*, and several Ships now lying in the Harbour. Then coming within a mile of this City several small Guns prepared by the Magistrates, gave the Signal (by three Vollics) to another Battallion of great Guns that was placed nearer to the City which were thrice discharged. From thence His Grace coming through a Lane of the Trainee Bands, the Cannon from the Castle fired all the way till his coming to the Palace of *Holyrood-house*, near unto which was drawn up His Majesties Company of Fusileers of this City. Commanded by Captain *Grabam*, with several Field-pieces, which were thrice discharged, besides the Vollics of that Company. At the Water-Gate his Grace was received by the Lord Provost, and the rest of the Magistrates in their Formalities, with a Guard of gilded Partisans. In the Outer Court of the Palace, a Bat-

talion of the Earl of *Dunbarton's* Regiment was drawn up, which welcomed his Grace with three Vollics, and concluded with their and the People's acclamations of Joy, after which his Grace was attended into the Palace, and at Supper, by many of the Nobility, the Clergy, and Gentlemen of the best Quality.

Edinburgh, April 29. This being the day to which the Parliament was Adjourned, the several Members attended his Grace the Lord Commissioner at the Palace of *Holy-Rood* House in the morning, and from thence, in their Coaches, attended His Grace to the Parliament-House, where His Majesties Gracious Letter being read, and the accustomed Ceremonies passed, his Grace the Lord Commissioner made this following Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE great Sense which His Sacred Majesty retains of your Loyalty, Duty and Zeal for His Service, and of your signal Affection to His Person and Interest, so kindly expressed in your proceedings of the last Session, hath determined Him to meet you again so soon in this; to the end that as you did then by very seasonable proofs of your dutiful Obedience, even during the raging insolence of an unnatural Rebellion, demonstrate your Loyalty and firm adherence to the Crown: So His Majesty would not be wanting on His part to shew his Paternal and Royal care of you His ancient and loving People, by giving you fresh opportunities of doing such things as may tend to the universal good of the Nation, as a generous return to your Affections.

As all the States and Ranks of Men in this Kingdom have been most eminent in their Loyalty, Love and Deference to His Majesty in their several Degrees and Capacities, both when He honoured you with His Royal Presence and since; So His Majesty is Graciously resolved that you shall in your several Stations, share of the effects and influences of His Royal Care, Tenderness and Protection, by marks of His Royal Favour, which He intends shall be as comprehensive and general for the security and happiness of you all, as your Duty and Kindness towards Him have been remarkable.

Pursuant to this, I am to assure you, that His Majesty doth endeavour with all imaginable care to open a free intercourse of Trade with His Kingdom of England,

And, as one of the surest ways to save His Royal Burrows from the ruine threatened by the decay of Commerce; and will leave nothing unessay'd that may prove a work so beneficial to this Kingdom. And for your further encouragement, the King hath fully instructed His Envoy at the Court of France, to use his utmost endeavours for having the fifty Solz per Tunn discharged; and for recovering the possession of the other Priviledges of the Scots Merchants trading with that Kingdom, which have been now a long time suffered to run into Desuetude.

And His Majesty conceiving that the Burghs of Regality and Barony enjoy more of that Trade for which the Burrows Royal bear the sixth part of the Cesse of the Nation, than does justly fall to their share, Has therefore been Graciously pleas'd to instruct me to give His Royal Consent to such Regulations therein as you shall think just and equitable. And there having been several complaints made to His Majesty of the trouble which Merchants of this Kingdom meet with in the matter of the Staple and Trade with the Netherlands, I am fully instructed to give His Consent to what you shall advise as reasonable for the redress thereof for the future.

And whereas His Majesty is informed of the great prejudice which this Kingdom suffers by the importation of Irish Cattle, Horses and Vidual; I am also fully instructed not only to give His Royal Assent to whatever may free you from that abuse in time coming, but likewise to enquire into the connivance and malversations of those who in time past have been entrusted to hinder and discover all such illegal Importations, to the end that they may be punished according to Law.

I am also to acquaint you, That the King being informed that the want of an open Mint, is a sensible Prejudice to the Traffick of the Kingdom, I am therefore Impow'ed to give His Royal Assent to what the wisdom of this Parliament shall think just and reasonable in that Point.

As His Majesty in His Royal Prudence and Goodness intends to promote the Trade of this Nation by all possible and fit Methods, so He hath Commanded Me to tell you, That He is not at this time to demand any more Supplies or Impositions of any kind; Notwithstanding of the great and Necessary Charge which the Suppressing of the late Horrid Rebellion has put Him to; Being fully convinced that your Affection and Alacrity have already prompted you to give all that was convenient for you to spare. In requital of which, He is resolv'd to do all that He can for the advancement of the Good and Interest, and Encreasing the Wealth of this Kingdom; A thing which His Majesty is very sensible has been a long time too much neglected, Conceiving His Royal State inseparable from the Happiness and flourishing Prosperity of His People; And the King well knowing how heavy the Cesse lies upon the Land-Rents, if it were not indispensably necessary as well for your own Safety as the Support of His Government, would willingly discharge some part thereof: But this being impossible, I am fully instructed to pass any Law with your Advice and Consent that may give ease in that matter, not diminishing the former Quota.

I am further to acquaint you, That His Majesty has taken especial care to Instruct me fully for giving His Royal Consent to all such Laws and Regulations as may secure exact Payment to the Country from all His Officers and Soldiers in their Quarters, both local and transient for the future; and to see exemplary punishment inflict'd upon all persons who heretofore have oppress'd any of His Loving People, by Denying or Detaining their just Dues from them; And for easing the Commons of many Oppressions alledg'd to be committed by Commissars, I am likewise Impow'ed to Pass an Act, with your Advice and Consent, for regulating the same.

That which will surprize you much is, That as the King is Sollicitous to provide for the Security of this Kingdom, and to Encourage and Cherish His Dutiful and Loyal Subjects as his obedient Children, so as a tender-hearted and compassionate Father, is willing and ready to forgive, and mercifully to Pardon the unexcusable Faults and Crimes of such as have behaved themselves Undutifully and even Rebelliously against Him; And therefore to settle and quiet the Minds of His People, and once more to drive away the Fears of the Guilty, by delivering them from their apprehensions of that Punishment which they have so justly deserved; He hath Graciously been pleas'd to Instruct me to Pass His Full and Ample Indemnity, with some few necessary and Reasonable Exceptions, for all Past Crimes and Misdemeanors whatsoever; Which may convince the World, That His Majesty Delights by such Sweet and Gentle Methods of Mercy and Lenity, to reduce all to Duty and Obedience: And that nothing but their own Perverseness, and Incurable Obstinacy in Evil, can force from Him that Just Severity which sometimes becomes necessary for the Safety of His People and Government, though contrary to His Princely and Merciful Temper.

And now, My Lords and Gentlemen, after so great and excellent designs for promoting the Honour, the Ease and Wealth of this Kingdom, after His Resolution to pardon so many Enemies, and to free so many of the Guilty from further severe but just Prosecutions, His Majesty believeth that none will wonder, If He desire, by the Advice and Consent of this His great Council, to give Ease and Security to some of His good Subjects of the Roman Catholick Religion, who have in all Times been firm to the Monarchy, and ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes for the Service and Security of the Crown: So that His Majesty, who so perfectly understands the Loyal and Dutiful temper and genius of Scotland, rests fully perswaded of your ready and chearful Compliance with His Royal desire and inclinations, tending so much to your own Security, and His Satisfaction; And that you will send me back to my Great and Royal Master, with the good tydings of the continued and dutiful Loyalty of this His ancient Kingdom, by which you will shew yourselves the best and most affectionate Subjects, to the Best, the Incomparable, and Most Heroick Prince in the World.

The People, as well as the Members of Parliament, shew a great deal of satisfaction; and there is all imaginable ground to believe this Session shall be soon and happily concluded.

Madrid,

Madrid, April 11. The Decrees for the Reform within the King's House have been put in execution, but those for the suppressing of Pensions exceeding 300 Ducats, and the supernumerary Secretaries and Officers of the Councils, are not yet published. The Duke d'*Ossuna* is returned to Court, and the Count de *Villafonso* is restored to his Office of Majordome. The King has given the Marquis de *Cogolludo* leave to resign his Command of General of the Gallies of *Naples*, and to return hither. The Countess de *Soissons* arrived here the 5th Instant with the Prince *Eugene* her Son. The French Vessel that was stop'd at *Malaga* has been released, upon the instances of the Marquis de *Feuquieres* Ambassador of *France*. We have advice from the *West-Indies*, of the loss of the Admiral of the *South-Sea*, which, her Powder taking fire by accident, was blown up in the Port of *Paina*, with 240 Men that were on Board her, but we do not yet know whether she had her Lading of Silver and Merchandizes; The same Letters say, that the famous Pyrate *Laurent* had plundered and burnt the Town of *Campeche* in the Province of *Yucatan*, after having put most of the Inhabitants to the Sword. The Fleet that's sitting at *Cadiz*, will be ready to sail the next month, to meet the Galeons, composed of 20 Men of War, and several Fireships. They write from *Cadiz*, that 14 *Algerines* were cruising in the *Streights mouth*, and that 8 of these, carrying from 50 to 60 Guns, had Orders to go for the *Levant*, to join the Grand Signior's Fleet commanded by *Baba Hassan*; They had taken four Dutch Vessels bound with Corn for *Cadiz*.

Vienna, April 25. The Letters from the Camp before *Mongatz* of the 12th Instant say, that General *Caprara* finding his design of drawing the water out of the great Ditch had not succeeded, the continual Rains that had fallen for several days having again filled it, had resolved not to weary and expose his Troops by pressing any farther the Attacks, but to content himself with battering the Lower Town with his Cannon, and shooting Bombs and Carcasses into the Castle; And that there was even a discourse in the Camp of turning the Siege into a Blockade, unless the Emperor should think fit to employ a greater Body of Men against the place than is now before it. The Baron de *Mercy*, Count *Caraffa*, and General *Heuster*, continue in the mean time to possess themselves of all the Posts, whereby they may best observe the Enemies motions, and hinder them from putting any succors into *Mongatz*. The Duke of *Lorraine* will part from hence on Thursday or Friday next for *Hungary*. The Imperial Troops are on their march to the General Rendezvous. The Auxiliary Forces of *Brandenburg* and *Saxony* are expected the 19th of the next Month in the Neighborhood of *Trenchin* on the River *Waag*, where they are to refresh themselves for some days; The first are to take their march through *Silesia*, and those of *Saxony* through *Bohemia*. The Elector of *Bavaria* has written to the Emperor, to acquaint him that his Troops shall begin their march towards *Hungary* before the end of this Month, and that he will follow himself in ten days or a Fortnight. His Electoral

Highness, according to the Resolutions that have been taken here, is to act in *Upper Hungary* at the head of an Army of 25000 Men, composed of 10000 of his own Troops, 7000 *Imperialists*, 4000 *Hungarians*, and 4000 of the Circles of *Franconia* and *Suabia*, and to attack *Agria*; while the Duke of *Lorraine*, with the main Army, of 50000 Men, besieges *Alba Regalis*, and makes head against the *Ottoman* Forces; General *Leslie* has been named to command under the Elector of *Bavaria*, but his great age and infirmities of Body will, it's feared, render him unable to bear the Fatigue of the Campaign; And therefore Prince *Louis* of *Baden*, or some other General Officer will, it's believed, be appointed for that Service. We expect with some impatience the Confirmation of the News we had the last week from *Poland*, of the *Moscovites* having entered into the League against the *Turks*. The private Letters from *Belgrade* say, The Chamber of *Tartary* had made his excuses at the Port, for that he could not send his Troops to *Hungary* this Campaign, he having need of them himself to defend his Countrey against the *Poles*. They add, that the *Turks* have now no manner of Apprehension of a War with the *Persians*, the Ambassadors which the Grand Signior sent to the Sophy, having given him Satisfaction upon all his Pretensions.

Ratisbonne, April 30. The States of the Empire assembled here, have at the instance of the Count de *Crecey* the French Plenipotentiary at the Dyet, declared that the possession of the Elector Palatin cannot in any manner prejudice the Right of the Dutchess of *Orleans* to the Succession of her Brother the late Elector Palatin.

Strasbourg, April 29. The Count de *Lewenstein* is expected here this week, to take possession of the Abby of *Mourbach*, which his most Christian Majesty has lately given him. The French Troops that are to encamp on the *Saar*, have Orders, it's said, to begin their march thither, the Horse that's quartered in this Province will be commanded by the Sieur de *Berillac*.

Cologne, April 30. The Electors of *Mentz* and *Trier* are expected at *Bonne* the next week, to visit the Elector of *Cologne*, who, after their departure from thence, will begin his Journey for *Munster*. The Count de *Hobenloe*, the Imperial Minister, who has been at the Courts of several Princes of the Empire, to propose to them an Alliance for the Defence and Preservation of the *Upper and Lower Rhine*, and had lately a Conference on the same Subject with the Deputies of the Circle of *Franconia* at *Anspach*, returned to this place on Thursday last. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* is expected here this day, with Prince *Emanuel*, and Count *Ferdinand* of *Furstemberg*, his Nephews. The last Letters from *Vienna* told us; that the Rendezvous of the Imperial Army was put off till the 25th of *May*, for that the Auxiliary Troops of *Saxony* and *Brandenburg* could not be there before that time. The Imperial Forces that are to act on the side of *Croatia*, are appointed to Rendezvous near *Virovitza*. They write from *Manicke*, that the Elector of *Bavaria* will part from thence the 20th of the next Month for *Vienna*.

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Hamburg, April 30. The Senate and Council of this City were yesterday assembled, to deliberate upon what has been proposed to them by the Imperial Minister; which is, That these Magistrates write a respectful Letter to the Duke of Zell in such terms as shall be agreed on, and that the *Lunenburgh* Officer who was lately seized as he was passing through the Territories of this City be released with his two Servants, upon which the Duke of Zell will cause his Troops to quit *Moerberg*, and the other Posts they are still possessed of. The Opinions upon the debate of this matter were various, and we know not what Resolution was taken, but it's hoped that by the endeavors of the Ministers who employ their Offices therein, these Affairs will be at last amicably composed. The Auxiliary Forces of *Brandenburgh* are on their march through *Silesia*. They write from *Sueden*, that 20 Men of War are fitting out in that Kingdom.

Hague, May 10. The States of *Holland* are again assembled. We are told that the Electoral Prince of *Brandenburgh* intends to come hither the next Month with the Princess his wife, to see this Country. The Ships designed for the *Streights* under the Command of the Count de *Sturum*, will sail in few days.

Brussels, May 10. Our Governor General returned hither on Wednesday last from *Flanders*. The Letters from *Madrid* of the 25th of the last Month tell us, That the Marquis de *los Balbases* had, by Order of the King of *Spain*, declared to the *French* Ambassador, that his Catholick Majesty would give the King his Master satisfaction concerning the Money raised in the *West-Indies*, but that the Ambassador had desired to see some effects of this Declaration, before he gave his most Christian Majesty an account of it. The last Letters from *Vienna* are of the 28th past, they inform us, that Lieutenant-General *Scherffenberg* was marched into *Transylvania* with 9000 *Germans*, and 4000 *Hungarians*, and that to form this Body, some Regiments had been drawn from the Siege of *Montatz*; That his design was kept very secret, but the common Report was, that Prince *Abafsi* having promised to join his Forces with those of the Emperor, he was sent to demand the performance of it, and if he failed in it, to burn and destroy that Country.

Paris, May 11. The difference with the Crown of *Spain* concerning the 500000 Crowns raised upon the *French* Effects in the *West-Indies*, is not yet accommodated; And we are told, that the *French* Ambassador at *Madrid* has given in a new Memorial about this matter. The King has given the Marquis de *Boufflers* the General Command of his Forces in *Guyenne*. We have an account from *Turin*, that the Duke of *Savoy* having marched in Person against his Subjects of the Valley of *Zucerne*, who being 12000 strong, had fortified the Passages of the Mountains, his Highnesses Troops, with those of this Crown commanded by the Sieur *Cainas* Lieutenant-General, began to attack them the 21 past, and having in three or four days forced their several Posts, which they defended very

vigorously for some time, obliged them to lay down their Arms, and to submit themselves to their Prince: In this Action many of them were killed, and taken Prisoners; And of the *French* about 400, and of the *Dukes* Troops 170 were killed or wounded, among which were divers Officers, and Persons of Quality who were Volunteers.

Whitehall, May 3. His Majesty, in consideration of the Loyal and Faithful Services rendered to Him by Sir *James Kennedy* English Consul in *Zeland*, has been Graciously pleased to bestow upon him the Consulship of *Rotterdam*, and other Places lying under the Admiralty of the *Maese*.

There is Money reserved in the Exchequer for payment of several Orders Registered on the last Disbanding Act: Viz.

Numb. 956 for 5 6 6 in the name of William Jesope.
Numb. 959 for 5 5 0 in the name of Richard Cotton.
Numb. 960 for 9 3 9 in the name of the Widow Sayer.
Numb. 964 for 2 1 0 in the name of Robert Carter.

The several Proprietors whereof are desired to bring their Orders to the Exchequer, and receive their Monies.

Advertisements.

Systema Medicinale: A Complete System of Physick, Theoretical and Practical. In Six Books. Written in Latin by the Learned John Doleus, and Translated into English by William Salmon, Containing a Summary of the Ancient and Modern way of Practice. Whereunto is added a Prefatory Discourse concerning the Method of studying Physick, and other Accommodations relating to the same. Printed for T. Passinger on London-bridge, and T. Sawbridge in Little-Britain, and sold by Randal Taylor near Stationers-Hall by Ludgate.

These are to give Notice, That any Person may be furnished with Glasses for Saindwindows much better than what is now used, at Mr. Dukes Shop Cabinet-maker at the Artichoke near the New Exchange, at reasonable Rates.

On Friday, the 14th Instant, will be sold by Publick Auction, at the King's Arms over against St. Clements Church in the Strand, A Collection of excellent Paintings of the best Ancient and Modern Masters, beginning exactly at Ten a Clock in the Morning, till Twelve; And at Two in the Afternoon, till Six; every day successively the same hours, till the Whole be sold off. They will be exposed to View on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 11th and 12th Instant, on which days Catalogues of the Particulars may be had Gratis.

An Ancient Printing-house, in Little Britain, late in possession of Mr. John Playford Printer deceased, well known, and ready fitted and accommodated with good Presses, and all manner of Letter for choice Work of Music, Mathematicks, Navigation, and all Greek or Latin Books, with a fair and convenient Dwelling-house, and convenient Rooms for Warehouses; All which are to be sold as they are Ready standing, or Lett by Lease or Yearly Rent. Enquire of Mrs. Ellen Playford at the said House over against the Globe in Little Britain.

A Gentleman who dined at the Sign of Pontac in Abchurch-lane, on the 5th Instant, left behind him in the Lesser Room up Two-pair of Stairs, a Cane with a small plain Gold-head. Whoever brings it to the Master of the House at the Sign of Pontac, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Lost on Monday last, in the Evening, about Budge Row, a little black and white Spaniel Birch. Whoever brings her to Sir John Peakes in Gracechurch-street, shall have a Guinea Reward.