

Compliment Monsieur de Pontchartrain, the new Chancellor, on his Promotion to that Dignity. Monsieur de Mauvissat, Son to the Chancellor and Secretary of State, has taken the Title of Count de Pontchartrain. The new Converts and Protestants in this Kingdom are treated with greater Severities than ever; The last week a Declaration was published, and registred in the Parliament here, setting forth, That whereas by the Edicts and Declarations in the Years 1669, 1682, 1685, 1686, and the 11th of February of this present year, all the King's Subjects being Protestants or new Converts, who should go out of the Kingdom without Leave, or should be taken attempting to do so, were condemned, the Men to the Gallies, and the Women to be Imprisoned during their Lives, and their Estates to be confiscated. And whereas several Judges, and others of the King's Officers, have doubted whether they should prosecute the Protestants that are gone out of the Kingdom, seeing by the Declaration of the 11th of February 1699, they are not expressly required to do it, and that by an Edict in December 1689, 'tis declared, That their Estates should be given to the next Heir that ought to have succeeded them in case of their natural Death; Therefore to take away all manner of Doubt touching the meaning of the aforesaid Declarations, and that the Protestants and new Converts may not flatter themselves with the hopes, that notwithstanding their Evasion out of this Kingdom, they may yet receive all, or the greatest part of the Income of their Estates by the means of their Children, or other nearest Relations to whom they should fall, according to the Edict in December 1689. The King has thought fit to annul the said Edict of December 1689, inasmuch as relates to this particular matter, and to order that all the other Edicts above-mentioned be executed according to their greatest Rigour; and consequently that such of the Protestants or new Converts as shall go out of the Kingdom without having obtained the King's Leave, signed by one of his Secretaries of State, or who shall be taken endeavouring to retire into Foreign Parts, shall be condemned, the Men to the Gallies, and the Women to be imprisoned, during their Lives, and their Estates to be confiscated for the King's use, and that all Persons whatsoever that shall Assist them directly or indirectly, or any ways Favour and Countenance their Escapes, shall be liable to the same Punishment. The present scarcity of Money in this Kingdom has given occasion to an Order of Council, which was registred in the Parliament yesterday, setting forth, That whereas the King by his Edicts in the year 1693, did appoint, That the Lewis d'Or, and other Pieces of the Coin of this Kingdom, should be new coined or reformed, and that the Pieces so reformed should pass, the Lewis d'Or at 14 Livres, the Crowns at 72 Sols, and other Pieces proportionably; And did further Command, That the old Pieces reformed, pursuant to his former Edicts in 1689, and 1690, should pass in common Payments, the Lewis d'Or at 11 Livres 15 Sols, and the Crowns at 63 Sols; and that in the Mints, and other publick Receipts, the said Lewis d'Or should be taken at 12 Livres 5 Sols, and the Crown Pieces at 65 Sols; And the King being informed, that notwithstanding the Benefit which his Subjects might receive thereby, divers Persons have melted down, or exported the said Pieces of Money into Foreign Parts. He has thought fit for preventing the same for the future, to order, That during the remaining part of this year, the Crown Pieces and Lewis d'Or new coined or reformed, in pursuance of the Edicts of 1689, and 1690, shall pass in common Payments, the first at 67 Sols, and the last at 11 Livres 15 Sols, and shall be received in the Mints and publick Receipts of his Revenues; the Crowns at 69 Sols, and the Lewis d'Or at 13 Livres 5 Sols

Another Declaration was registred in Parliament on the 23d Instant, containing several Regulations to be observed by the Dealers in Corn, which continues to bear a great Price here.

*Deale, Sept. 23.* Sir Cloudesly Shovell arrived here yesterday, and having hoisted his Flag on board the *Swiftsure*, is preparing to sail with a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships to the Coast of *Holland*.

*There are Two Posts due from Holland, besides that of Friday last.*

*Notice is hereby given, That the English Company Trading to the East-Indies, pursuant to an Order of the General Court of the said Company, will on or after the 10th day of October next take Money at Interest upon their Common Seal, of the Members of the said Company, or any other Person, for 6 Months, after the rate of 6 per Cent. per Annum; and that the 2 per Cent. for 1/2 years Annuity, and 1/4 years Interest of the 25 per Cent. paid in for Trade, both due at Michaelmas next, will be allowed to those of the Company who shall Lend as far as 7 and 1/2 per Cent. on their Capital Stock.*

*Whereas several Cattel have lately in the night-time been killed within the Tower Hamlets, and carried away in a Felonious manner, to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants, and Disturbance of the Publick Peace; For encouraging the Discovery of the Persons concerned in these wicked Practices, their Excellencies the Lords Justices do hereby Declare and Promise, That any Person who shall have been concerned in killing and carrying away any of the said Cattel, who shall make Discovery of his Accomplices to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lucas, Governor of His Majesty's Tower of London, or any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the Tower Hamlets, shall on such Discovery and Conviction of any of the said Offenders, receive His Majesty's Gracious Pardon for the said Offence.*

*And the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lucas doth, as a further Encouragement of such Discovery, hereby promise to pay Fifty Pounds to any of the said Offenders that shall make such Discovery as aforesaid; And does likewise promise to pay to any Person or Persons that shall apprehend any of the said Offenders (before such Discovery) Ten Pounds for each of the said Offenders, so as they be convicted of the said Offence.*

*Advertisements.*

**O**N Tuesday last, an Apprentice to a Mercer in St. Pauls Church-lane, London, absconded himself from his Master's house: He is a tall, slender young Man, with a fresh Complexion, and black Eye-brows, having a long brown Spanish Wig, a Marble-Druggist Suit, and a new light-coloured Drab Cloth Coat over it. If he will forthwith return, he shall be kindly received: Or whoever secures him, and gives notice to Farr's Coffee-house near the Savoy in the Strand, shall have a considerable Reward, and Charges.

**A** Commission of bankrupt being lately awarded against Hugh Calverly and Robert Scott, late of London, Merchants and Cooperers; All Persons who owe them any Money, or have any Goods or other Effects of theirs in their hands, are set to pay or deliver the same to any but the Commissioners, or whom they shall appoint.

**J**ohn Rawls, aged about 22 years, middle Statured, short black curled Hair, plaid with the Small-pox, wearing a dark-brown Cloth Coat, speaks Latin pretty much, of a weak Capacity, went away the 23th Instant from John Hart, a Leather-Dresser, against the Artillery-Ground, London. Whoever brings him to John Hart aforesaid, shall have 20 s. Reward, and reasonable Charges.

**L**ost the 10th of August last, on the Road betwixt Wood in Salep and Weaverham in Cheshire, a pair of Leather Bags, with a Book of Accounts, and several Leads, Deeds, and other Things in it. Whoever brings them to Mrs. Owen's Coffee-house in Symonds-Inn in Chancery-lane, London, or to Mr. St. Hulle in Nampwich in Cheshire, shall have 20 s. Reward.

**A** Bay Mare 12 hands high, (supposed to be stolen) is now in the hands of Mr. Tho. Crowford at the George in Dryden-street near St. Giles in the Fields Church, Middlesex, where the right Owner seeking the Mares, and paying the Charges, may have her again.

**L**ost the 2d of Aug. last from Tho. Lockyer of Iwelchester in Somersetshire, a Black Gelding near 15 hands, a fine Blaze in the Face, two white Feet behind, a little sandy Hoof, a short Tail with white Hairs, and a Splent in the Leg. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mr. H. Hoely at the Bar and Feather by Lincolns Gate, London, or to Tho. Lockyer aforesaid, shall have two Guineas Reward, and Charges.

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