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Westminster, May 6.

**H**IS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

*IT is with great Satisfaction that after this short recess I can acquaint you with the certain Advice I have received, that my Fleet is safely arrived in the Sound, which by the Blessing of Almighty God will secure these Kingdoms against any immediate Danger of an Invasion.*

*I have, by this Means, an Opportunity, which is very acceptable to me, of making a considerable Reduction in our Land-Forces, having established it as a Rule with my self, to consult the Ease of my People in every Thing, so far as is consistent with their Safety. And, for my own Part, as I shall always place my Greatness in the Prosperity of my Subjects, so I shall always desire that my Power may be founded in their Affections.*

*It is upon these Considerations that I have given Orders for the immediate reducing of Ten Thousand Men.*

*That nothing may be wanting in me to quiet the Minds of all my Subjects, I have likewise given Directions to prepare an Act of Grace; and however it may be received by those who are obstinately bent on the Ruin of their Country, I promise my self, that it will raise a due Sense of Gratitude in all such as have been artfully misled into Treasonable Practices against my Person and Government, and preserve them from standing in need of the like Mercy for the future, when such an Instance of Clemency may not be so expedient for the publick Welfare, as it would be agreeable to my own Inclinations.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

*I thank you for your Readiness to support me in the present Juncture of Affairs, and for the Supplies which you have given; and do promise you that they shall be employed for the Uses to which you designed them.*

*I shall order such faithful Accompts to be laid before you the next Session, as will make it appear, there was no other View in asking any particular Supply, than to prevent a much greater Expence, which the Nation must have unavoidably incurred without it.*

*I must recommend to you, as I did at the Beginning of the Session, to take all proper Methods for reducing the publick Debts, with a just Regard to Parliamentary Credit.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

*The Year being so far advanced, I hope you will go through the publick Business with all possible Dispatch and Unanimity, it being my Intention to meet you early the next Winter, that the sitting of Parliament may be brought into the more usual and convenient Season.*

St. James's, May 6.

An humble Address of the Bayliffs and Burgeses of the Borough of Bridport in the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by William Coventry and Peter Walter, Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, in the Absence of his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Dorset.

An humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, and Justices of the Peace, met at the Grand Sessions held at Brecon for that County on the 29th of March, 1717. Presented to His Majesty by Roger James, Esq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Brecon, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Carteret, one of the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber.

*Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.*

Vienna, April 28. The Letters from Buda of the 24th Instant say, that the Baron de Petrasch, a famous Partizan, going from Peterwaradin down the Danube, with a great Number of Boats laden with Provisions and Ammunition, and designed for the Use of the Garrison of Temeswaer, was attack'd by some Turkish Vessels near the Place where the Tibiscus falls into the Danube, and after a vigorous Defence, was himself made Prisoner by them, and 20 of his Boats taken; however, the rest of them, being a much greater Number, escaped, and were brought back to Peterwaradin, from whence they are setting out again under a stronger Convoy. M. Fleischman, the Emperour's late Resident in Turkey, is made one of the Commissioners of the Council of War, in Consideration of his Services and Sufferings there. The Emperour has at last promised to the Republick of Genoa, the Investiture of the Marquisate of Final, which is accordingly soon to be given to their Minister here. And at the same Time his Imperial Majesty has consented to an Alteration of the Treaty made at Milan, for the Passage of Salt through the Territories of that Republick.

Bern, May 1. The Diet called by the French Ambassadour the Marquess d'Avaery for his Reception, met on the 25th past at Soleurre. The Ambassadour having caused his Speech to be read by M. de Martiniere, Secretary of the French Embassy, was com-

complimented by one of the Deputies of Zurich, at the Head of those of the 13 Cantons; after which the Ambassadour treated the Deputies and their Retinue, which consisted of about 120 Persons, at three several Tables, and the next Day the same Company was treated by the City of Soleurre. This State has sent two Deputies to St. Gall, to inquire into the Thefts and other Disorders committed in the Chappel of that Convent, whereof a Citizen of Bern, with some others, stands accused by the Monks.

*Hague, May 11.* Yesterday M. Meinderhagen notified to the States General the Birth of a young Prince of Prussia on the second Instant. The same Day Mr. Whitworth gave in His Majesty's Answer to the States Letter, notifying the Necessity they were in to disband the two Scotch Regiments of Douglass and Wood. Baron Gortz has presented a Petition to the States of Guelderland assembled at Zutphen, and the 8th Instant Count Reventlau, the Holstein Minister, who was gone thither, delivered likewise a Memorial in his Behalf; but they have both been referred hither for the Consideration of the States General, without any other Answer. The King of Prussia is expected at Cleves the latter End of this Month, and was to leave Berlin the 20th Instant. It has been resolved, in answer to some Representations of the Prussian Minister, that the Arrears due shall be paid on the Terms fixed in ready Money, and without any Abatement for Counterpretensions; though at the same Time the States will earnestly solicit the King of Prussia for what is due to them for the Quarter of Guelder in his Possession, which amounts to 160000 Florins: The Payments are to be made out of the Office of the Generality, but the States will take Care that it be punctual. M. Pestors has sent a Project of the Alterations to be made in the separate Article about the Subsidy of 500000 Dollars, for the Consideration of the States General.

*Paris, May 12.* On the 7th Instant, between nine and ten at Night the Czar arrived here, and was conducted to the Apartments of the Old Louvre, which had been fitted up for his Reception, but he chose to remove from thence, and lodge at the Hôtel de Lesdigueres, belonging to the Marshal de Villeroy. The next Morning the Regent made him a Visit, was received by the Czar at the Door within his Chamber, and they were in Conference about an Hour. On the 10th the King made a Visit to his Czarish Majesty, and was received by him at the Foot of the Stairs; Yesterday in the Afternoon the Czar returned the Visit, and was received by the King with the same Ceremony. The King of Prussia is expected here towards the End of this Month. Letters from Madrid advise, that Prince Francis died there on the 21st, being a Month old, and on the 23d that Court went into Mourning. On the 9th Instant certain Commissioners were appointed, to decide by what Judicature the Dispute between the lawful and the legitimated Princes of the Blood ought to be tried and determined: And the List of these Commissioners, consisting of four Marshals of France, 16

Nobleimen; ten Counsellours of State, and some other eminent Persons, has been communicated to the Parties, that if they think fit they may except against any of them.

*Notice is hereby given by the Agent to the Captors, That the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship the Windsor, may, on Thursday the 23d of May, 1717, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-street, receive their respective Shares of the Bounty-Money for the Men on Board a French Privateer called the St. Esprit, sunk in fight by the said Ship; and those Persons who shall not then attend, may receive the same every first Thursday in the Month, in the Afternoon, for three Years, at the Place aforesaid.*

#### Advertisements.

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**T**HIS is to give Notice, That all Persons that have pledged any Plate, Rings, Watches, Waring Apparel, or other Household Goods, in the Hands of Elizabeth Thresher, late Elizabeth Olypt, a Widow, living in Rope-makers Fields in Limehouse, are desired to fetch them away before the 1st of July next, or they will be disposed of: She having left off the Trade.

**R**ID away from the Saracens-Head Inn near Burgate in Canterbury, on the 17th of April last, a bay Mare 13 Hands and an half high, full of large dark colour'd Spots; the near Foot before lately fired, her Mane cut a pretty way, a bob Tail: A black Gelding, 4 Years old, with a Near white Foot behind, a Feather on the Near Side of the Neck, about 14 Hands high, with his Mane cut about the third Part of his Neck, pretty long bob Tail: And a grey Gelding about 14 Hands high, full aged, his Mane cut a pretty way, his Fore Feet very brittle, full of Flea-Bites. Whoever brings them to the Place aforesaid; or to Alexander Mocket, at the Queen's Arms in Crutcher-Friers, London, shall have 2 Guineas Reward, and reasonable Charges; and in Proportion for either of them.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Nathaniel Wittchell, of Goodmans Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Silk-thrower, and he being declared a Bankrupt; The Commissioners in the said Commission named, intend to meet on the 15th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at which Time and Place the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money; and the Commissioners will then proceed to appoint Assignees.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Ephraim Montague, of Spittle-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Silk-thrower, and he being declared a Bankrupt; The Commissioners intend to meet on the 14th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution-Money: And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but whom the Commissioners shall appoint; but are forthwith to give Notice to Mr. Joshua Hatfield, Attorney, in Freeman's-Yard, in Cornhill, London.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded against John Hall, late of Norley, in the County of Cheshire, Cheese-Factor, and he having been declared a Bankrupt, and having been in part examined, the Commissioners intend to meet on Saturday the 25th Instant, at the Dwelling House of John Warrington, at the Sign of the Horse and Bags in the Bridge-street, in the City of Cheshire, at Nine in the Forenoon; when and where the said John Hall is required to attend, to be further examined; and his Creditors are then to prove their Debts and pay Contribution-Money.

**T**H E Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Richard Baker, late of Stourbridge, in the County of Worcester, Mercer, intend to meet on the 28th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons who have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, or are indebted to his Estate, are required to pay and deliver the same to Mr. Thomas Milward, Attorney at Law, in Stourbridge aforesaid, or they will be fined.