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AT the Court at St. James's, the 2d Day of February, 1717.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs, viz.

Hertford,	Pulter Forester, Esq;
Leicester,	Thomas Smith, Esq;
Stafford,	Thomas Whitby, Esq;
Surrey,	John Van Hattem, Esq;
Flint,	John Midleton, Esq;
Merioneth,	Griffith Wynne, Esq;

Whitehall, Feb. 3. On the 1st Instant a considerable Number of the Principal Proprietors in the South-Sea Company waited on His Majesty at St. James's, and being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Chamberlain, presented the following Address to His Majesty. They were all admitted to kiss His Majesty's Hand, and His Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on George Caswall, Esq;

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

THE General Court of the South-Sea Company, crave Leave to acknowledge, with the greatest Sense of Gratitude, the many Marks of Your Royal Favour, which the Company have received ever since Your Majesty's happy Accession to the Crown; and in particular, the Honour done them in becoming a Proprietor in their Stock.

They therefore do, in the most Humble and Dutiful Manner, beseech Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant them the further Honour of using Your Royal Name for their Governour in the ensuing Election.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank you for this Address, and take this as a Mark of your Duty and Affection to Me: 'Tis a very great Satisfaction to Me, that I have had it in my Power to do you Good; and you may depend upon the Continuance of My Favour and Protection upon all Occasions.

Westminster, February 3.

His 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 give the Royal Assent to

An Act to enable His Majesty to be Governour of the South-Sea Company;
And to three private Acts.

Madrid, Jan. 17. On the 13th Instant arrived a Courier in eight Days from Paris, with Dispatches for the Duke de St. Aignan Ambassadour of France, who the same Day had a Conference with Cardinal Alberoni. We have Advice from Buenos Ayres, that a Spanish Man of War commanded by Captain Urdinzo, had brought in thither a French Ship richly laden which was coming from the South-Sea on her Return to Europe. The Marques Mari, who commanded the Squadron employed in the Expedition against Sardinia, is gone to Montpellier, being in an ill State of Health; and 'tis said Admiral Castaneta will be appointed to command the Fleet the ensuing Summer. The King has given Order for paying to the Counsellours of the several Councils their Salaries to the End of December last. Letters from Cadiz advise, that on the 7th Instant arrived there from Barcelona eight Men of War, viz. one of 80, one of 70, four of 60, one of 50, and one of 40 Guns; with a Fireship and two Hospital-Ships. We have an Account from Barcelona, that Preparations are making there for imbarcking the two Regiments of Dragoons of Pezuela and Vallexo, which 'tis said are to be transported to Sardinia.

Paris, Feb. 9. On the 7th Instant the Parliament sent a Deputation to the Duke Regent, consisting of twelve Counsellours with the first President at their Head. 'Tis since reported, that they represented to his Royal Highness that the many Councils now in being are unnecessary and useles, as occasioning great Delays in the publick Business, and being besides very chargeable to the King. 'Tis said they likewise desired that an Answer might be returned to the Remonstrances which the Parliament had caused to be made to His Majesty.

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