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Westminster, February 18.

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 Saunderson, 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 for applying certain Overplus-Monies, and further Sums to be raised, as well by way of a Lottery as by Loans, towards paying off and cancelling Exchequer-Bills, and for lessening the present great Charge in relation to those Bills, and for circulating and exchanging for ready Money the Residue of the same Bills for the future.

An Act for strengthening the Protestant Interest in these Kingdoms.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act for Quietting and Establishing Corporations.

An Act for continuing an Act made in the Tenth Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for encouraging the Tobacco Trade.

An Act for the more effectual Relief of such Wives and Children as are left by their Husbands and Parents upon the Charge of the Parish.

An Act for repairing the Road from Beconsfield in the County of Bucks, to Stoken-Church in the County of Oxon.

An Act for repairing the Roads from the Top of Stoken Church-Hill to Enslow-Bridge, and the Road leading from Wheatley-Bridge through the City of Oxon by Bergbrooke to New-Woodstock in the County of Oxon (except the Mile-way on each Side of the said City), and to disable all Commissioners or Trustees appointed for repairing of any Highways or Roads, to have any Place of Profit arising out of the Toll for repairing such Highways or Roads.

And to seven Private Bills.

Naples, Feb. 3. N. S. The Imperialists at Melazzo being sufficiently provided with Stores and Necessaries of all Sorts, for maintaining themselves there securely; Sir George Byng sailed Yesterday with several Men of War for Port Mahon, having left a Squadron on this Coast to attend the Motions of the Spanish Men of War that are in Messina, and ordered some Cruizers to ply between Sicily and Sardinia. At Port Mahon Sir George will give Directions for refitting the Men of War, and ma-

king the necessary Preparations for assisting the Imperialists early in the Spring to reduce all Sicily. In the mean time he will go to Gibraltar, to make Peace with the Moors, who appear very desirous of it.

Petersburg, Jan. 23. Yesterday in the Evening the Czar set out from hence for Olonicz, being accompanied by Major General Jagofchinski, and some other Favourites, but with very few Attendants; none of the Chancery nor any of the Foreign Ministers are gone with him; partly because his Czarish Majesty will not concern himself with any Affairs while he uses the Waters, and partly because the Place is not capable of giving Reception and Entertainment to a numerous Company. There is Advice, that a Swedish Captain of the Guards having been sent to Aland to seize M. Stambke, Secretary to Baron Goertz, Stambke put himself under the Protection of M. Osterman, the second Muscovite Plenipotentiary, with whom he made his Escape to Finland; and 'tis said they are both of them safely arrived at Abo.

Cassel, Feb. 23. The Queen of Sweden has sent Captain Greifenrantz to the Landgrave, to notify her Accession to the Crown: Her Majesty's Letter was written with her own Hand, and contained only Compliments on that Occasion. This Express arrived here the 12th Instant, and pursued his Journey next Day to Deuxponte, to take Possession of a Bailliage which belongs to the Queen.

Hague, Feb. 28. On the 21st Instant the States of the Province of Holland nominated M. Haflaer, one of the Magistrates of Amsterdam, for the Embassy to Sweden: But this Nomination is not yet confirmed by the States General, the Deputies of the rest of the Provinces having written to their respective Principals for Instructions, before they would approve the Choice. On the 23d M. Whitworth stood Godfather, in the Name of his Britannick Majesty, at the Christening of a Daughter of M. Duyvenvoorde, lately Ambassador of this State in England. On the 25th the States of the Province of Holland separated, and are to meet here again on the 15th of next Month. A Dispute is risen between the Administrator of the Austrian Netherlands, and the States General, about the Processions of the Roman Catholick Clergy at Venlo. The Case is, that soon after the States had made themselves Masters of the said Town, some Disturbances happening between the Soldiers of the Garrison and the Roman Catholicks who followed the Sacrament in a publick Procession, the Governour, to prevent such Accidents for