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Naples, February 9.

ON the 14th of last Month Sir George Byng, with the Transports under his Convoy, having on board General Mercy with the last Body of the Imperialists, consisting of 5000 Foot and 1000 Horse, sailed from the Port of Messina for Trapani; but before they could get out of the Phare, the Wind coming about and blowing hard, forced them in again; and it was the 21st before they could get their Passage through. On the 25th, being in the Height of Palermo, and meeting with contrary Winds and hard Gales, the Fleet was obliged to bear up for Melazzo; but Sir George Byng having General Mercy on board his own Ship (the Barfleur,) he beat up to Windward, and got to Trapani the 29th. They found the Imperial Troops cantoned from old Trapani along the Coasts to Marfala and Mazara; and the Spanish Army from Alcamo by Saleme to Castell-Vetrano, fortifying the first and last Posts with Intrenchments and some Redoubts with Batteries of Cannon. The Marquês de Lede was said to have with him about 9000 Foot and 3000 Horse, having left a few Troops about Catania, Castrogiovane, and in Augusta, and the Blockade before Syracuse. The Country between the two Armies being eaten bare, and the Imperialists being under Difficulties for want of Forrage, General Mercy took a Resolution to march towards the Enemy with the Forces he had, without waiting many Days for the Transports from Melazzo; though being obliged to leave Garrisons in Mazara and Marfala, Old and New Trapani, and in some other Posts thereabouts, he could not take with him more than 8000 Foot and about 2000 Horse, (unless the Troops with the Convoy from Melazzo should timely arrive:) But with these he proposed to advance the 5th or 6th of this Month, to try to make some Attempt on the Enemy, or at least to extend his Forces so as to be able to subsist his Cavalry. Sir George Byng left him on the 3d Instant, and came hither in the Barfleur which is now carreening, leaving Captain Saunders with four or five Ships and two Bomb-Vessels, and ordering him to send some of them to cruise off Palermo, to intercept any Succours that might be sent from Spain, and himself to hold constant Correspondence with General Mercy.

Naples, Feb. 15. Yesterday came in from Trapani, the Royal Oak, a British Man of War, with Letters for Sir George Byng from Captain Saunders, giving an Account, that on the 4th Instant a Trumpeter arrived at Trapani, with a Letter from the Marquês de Lede for General Mercy, desiring a Passport for Major General Ponte with 12 Horse or Dragoons accompanying him, to make certain Propositions to General Mercy on the Part of the Marquês de Lede. The General immediately dispatched a Passport, as also a Trumpeter of his own for Sig. Ponte's greater Security. The 5th in the Night General Mercy received Intelligence, that the Spaniards had abandoned Castell-Vetrano, and withdrawn the Troops and

Artillery they had there into the Neighbourhood of Alcamo. The 7th in the Afternoon Sig. Ponte arrived at General Mercy's Quarters, and declared to him, that the Marquês de Lede had commissioned him to offer in his Name to evacuate Sicily, on Condition all his Troops should be transported into the Spanish Dominions, in order to which he proposed a Suspension of Arms. General Mercy answered, that he had neither Orders nor Powers to agree to such Proposals: Yet would venture to consent to a Suspension of Arms for six Weeks, provided Palermo were forthwith put into his Hands, with the Southern Part of Sicily, and that the Marquês retired with all his Forces to Castrogiovane in the Middle of the Island, till the Sentiments of the respective Courts were known. Sig. Ponte was sent back with this Answer on the 10th, and General Mercy designed to march towards the Spaniards on the 13th, though the Troops with the Convoy from Melazzo were not yet arrived. The said General having thought fit to dispatch Collonel Bellaire to the Emperour on this Occasion, he came over hither in the Royal Oak, and is gone on for Vienna.

Paris, Feb. 28. A Proclamation, in his most Christian Majesty's Name, is printed, and publickly affixed as usual, expressly forbidding all Subjects of the Emperour, of the King of Great Britain, and of the States General of the United Provinces, who have been already or shall hereafter be declared Rebels, to come into or abide in this Kingdom, and commanding all such Subjects who are declared Rebels and are now residing in any part whatever of his Dominions, to depart the same within the Space of eight Days; on pain of being seized and imprisoned, and punished for disobeying his Majesty's Orders.

Whitehall, Feb. 22.

Whereas Information has been given upon Oath, that John Silver, jun. of Sutton-Scotney, in the County of Southampton, Yeoman, was on the 23d of December last robbed, and very barbarously murdered by two Highwaymen in Popham lane, in the said County; which Highwaymen rode upon two grey Geldings, and one of them was a fair handsome middle-sized Man, wearing a light-coloured great Coat, and light Wig; the other a black-favoured tall lusty Man, wearing a close-bodied brown great Coat, and lightish Wig, having a large Scar or burnt Mark in his Cheek: His Majesty is graciously pleased to promise to such Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend the said Highwaymen, so as they be brought to Justice, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds for each, over and above the Reward given by Law in such Cases. And whereas by the same Information upon Oath, it appears that it was by the Hand of the above described black tall lusty Man the said John Silver was murdered, his Majesty is pleased to promise the Reward aforesaid, together with his gracious Pardon, to the above-described fair middle-sized Man, upon his Discovering the said Murderer, and causing him to be apprehended and brought to Justice.

J. CRAGGS.

Whereas the Governour and Company of the Bank of England are obliged by a Contract made with the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to an Act of the last Session of Parliament in that behalf, to exchange the Residue of the Exchequer Bills in the said Act mentioned which are now standing out, and by an Act of this Session of Parliament, (Entituled, An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Munn, Cyder, and Perry for the Service of the Year 1720, and for enabling the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to call in such Exchequer Bills as are to be cancelled and discharged with Money appointed for that Purpose.) The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are authorized by publick Notice in Writing to be affixed on the Royal Gazette in London, and published in the London Gazette, to prefix a certain Day when the Interest of one Penny per Centum per Diem, payable on all or any the said Bills (except for such time or times as they or any of them should lie in the Exchequer, or in the publick Receipts) shall cease and determine: The said Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do, by this present Writing affixed and published, as aforesaid, prefix the first Day of March now next ensuing when the said Interest shall cease and determine accordingly, as or before which Day the Court of Directors of the Bank of England are engaged to exchange the said Bills at the Bank for ready Money on Demand. Whitehall Treasury-Chambers this Ninth Day of February 1719-20.

Office of Ordnance.

Whereas Thomas Deale, aged 24 Years, five Foot nine Inches and a half high, of a Fresh Complexion, born at Swinfield in Kent, did desert the 16th Instant out of the Detachment of one of the Companies of the Royal Artillery at Chatham, commanded by Lieutenant Anthony Brown, and has carried off all his Regimental Cloathing; whoever shall secure the said Person, and give Notice to the aforesaid Lieutenant at Chatham, the commanding Officer of the Company at Woolwich, or at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower, shall receive five Pound as a Reward.

On Wednesday the 9th of March next will be exposed to Sale in the Long Room in the Custom-house, London, Sugar, &c. from Barbadoes, and the Leeward Islands.

London, Feb. 9, 1719.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for raising the Thames Water in York Buildings, do hereby give Notice, that having purchased the Estates of the late Earls Winton and Panmure, Viscount Killyb, and Mr. Crow, they are ready to Lett the same, or any Parcels thereof, to the present Tenants, or any other Person or Persons, for a long Term of Years, that so Tenants may be encouraged to improve the Lands: Such as are willing to make Offers, may apply to the Committee appointed for that purpose, or by Letter directed to their Secretary Mr. John Billingsly, at their Office in Mercers-hall, London. The Days of Attendance will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 in the Morning to 1 in the Afternoon.

Mercers-Hall, Feb. 9. 1719.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for raising Thames Water in York Buildings, having purchased Lands to the Value of 150,000 l. are now ready to treat with any Persons that desire to purchase Annuities for Life or Lives, and to insure Lives, which they will do upon moderate Terms, according to the Age and Circumstances of Annuitants. The Committee will sit every Tuesday and Thursday, at Mercers-Hall, from 9 in the Morning to 1 in the Afternoon, to do Business, and to receive Proposals for buying more Estates.

Advertisements.

Several Messuages, Farms, Lands, Incements, and Hereditaments of Richard late Earl Rivers, deceased, lying within the Townships of Kingsley, Cuddington, Crowton, Oulton, Norley, Newton, and Huxley, in the County of Chester, part in Posses-

ion and part in Reversion, after the Determination of the Lease for Lives now in being, are to be sold, to the best Bidder, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Hiccocks, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at whole Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn Particulars may be had.

To be sold an Estate of 90 l. per Annum, well tenanted, consisting of a large House, Stables, Barn and Crott, and all the Tithes of the Prebend of Coran; all which are situate in the Parish of Farnworth in the County of Stafford. Enquire of Mr. Michael Illey, Attorney, in Littlefield.

All Persons who have any Suits of Goods in the Hands of John Saunders in Fleet Lane, are desired to fetch them away before the 1st of May, or they will be disposed of, he wholly leaving off Business.

These are to admonish all Persons Debtors to the Estate of John Wortman late of St. Martin's in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Hair-Merchant, declared Bankrupt as by the London Gazette dated the 17th of January, 1718; and the Commissioners in the said Commission having assigned the said Bankrupt's Estate to Lewis Yonge, of Cleapide, London, Linen Draper, as by the Gazette dated the 24th of February 1718, not to pay any Money nor deliver any Goods belonging to the said Bankrupt's Estate, to any other Person but the said Assignee. Note, This is the second Advertisement to that Purpose.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against William Graves, of London, Cloath Drawer, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 3d, 10th, and 24th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first of which sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. Stracey, at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Richard Warter, of London, Hot-Presser, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 26th Instant, and on the 4th and 24th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London: At the first of which sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or 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 to give Notice to Mr. Clive, in Ironmonger-Lane.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded against Humphry Oldfield, of Manchester, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 14th, 23d, and 24th of March next, at the House of John Hawkiwell, being the Eagle and Child Coffee-House in Manchester, then and there to be examined and make a Discovery of his Effects; at the second of which sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Ephraim Mourague, of Spittle-Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Silk-Thrower, intend to meet on the 11th of March next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankruptcy awarded against John Popley, of Shepton-Mallett, in the County of Somerset, Clothier, intend to meet at the Unicorn Inn in Brewton, in the said County of Somerset, being the House of Oliver, on the 10th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon; at which Time and Place the Bankrupt is required to attend the Commissioners, in order to make a further Discovery of his Estate and Effects, and perfect his Examination.

Whereas John Simpson, of Walton upon the Nare, in the County of Essex, Chapman, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 29th of February Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas Levinus De Dorpire, of London, Merchant, hath surrendered himself, (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 7th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and to object, if they think fit, against the Commissioners making his Certificate in order for his Discharge.

