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St. James's, March 4.

AN humble Address of the Governour, Council, Assembly, Clergy, Officers Civil and Military, and other Principal Inhabitants of His Majesty's Bermuda or Sommer Islands in America, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir John Bennett, introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Berne, Feb. 28. This Canton having desired of the City of Bienne to send some Deputies hither to concert proper Measures for putting an end to the Difficulties in which the Inhabitants of that City are involved with their Prince the Bishop of Porentru, they arrived here accordingly last Week, and have since been frequently in Conference with a Committee appointed by this State for that Purpose. It is thought that a Deputation will be sent to that Prelate from hence to make strong Representations, in Case he does not soon accommodate Matters according to the Promise one of his Ministers gave lately by Letter to one of the Members of the Little Council here. It is advised from Basil, that the Bishop of Porentru (whom the Roman Catholics call the Bishop of Basil) had seized lately upon divers Tithes belonging to that Canton, under Pretence that they were part of the Revenues of his Bishoprick; whereupon those of Basil have written to the rest of the Protestant Cantons to complain of this Proceeding of that Prelate, and 'tis believed this Matter will be referred to the next General Diet. Such a prodigious Quantity of Snow is fallen of late in the mountainous Part of this Country as has not been known for many Years before, and which puts the Inhabitants under great Apprehension of Inundations in Case of a sudden Thaw.

Genoa, Feb. 27. On the 24th Instant arrived here a Friar in four Days from Rome, with a Letter written by the Pope's own Hand to this Republick, which he delivered to the Doge, who immediately assembled both the Colleges of Senators, but gave private Directions that the Senator Sig. Francisco Grimaldi, who was lately Envoy of this State in Spain, and is very intimate with Cardinal Alberoni, should not be summoned. The Senate having heard the Letter read, determined,

that pursuant to the Pope's earnest Desire therein, the Cardinal should be seized with all Secrecy and Expedition. Accordingly a Collonel, a Captain, and four other Officers, were instantly ordered to repair to the Gate which is to the Eastward of this City, where they found a Person attending with six Horses ready for them, and Instructions from the Senate for the Collonel: In Obedience to which they forthwith proceeded to Sestri di Levante, about 30 Miles from hence, where Cardinal Alberoni had resided since he came from Spain. The same Night 30 Soldiers were sent thither by Sea. The Officers seized the Cardinal, as also his Secretary, together with all their Papers, and they are kept under a strict Guard till the Senate shall give further Orders.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Friday the 6th of May next, in the Forenoon, they shall be ready to treat with such Persons as are inclinable to furnish White and Bay Salt, and also Hamborough, Pipe and Hoghead Staves, for the Service of His Majesty's Navy.

Essex-House, March 1, 1719.

Notice is hereby given, that on Wednesday the 30th Instant at Ten in the Forenoon, Widdrington Castle, with the Demesnes, and Farms thereto belonging, in the Parish of Woodborne, in the County of Northumberland, Part of the Estate of the late Lord Widdrington, of about the yearly Value of 1550 l. will be sold, to the best Bidder, by way of Cont or Auction, pursuant to the Directions of a late Act of Parliament, before the Commissioners and Trustees for Sale of Forfeited Estates, at their Office at Essex-House aforesaid, where Particulars of the said Estate will be delivered.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at the East-India-House in Leadenhall Street, London, on Friday the 11th of this instant March, at Eleven in the Forenoon, the same being a Quarterly Court: And that a General Court of the said Company will be held at the same Place on Friday the 8th of April next, for the Election of twenty four Directors for the Year ensuing, which will continue from Nine a Clock in the Morning till Six in the Afternoon of the said Day, after which time no Lists will be taken in; that the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at the said House on Friday the first of April next; and that the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be shut on Friday the 18th Instant, and opened again on Tuesday the 12th of April next.

At a General Meeting of the Company of the Royal Fishery of England, held at Stationers-Hall the 3d Instant 1719-20, it was unanimously resolved, that the Affairs of the said Company be carried on in its full Extent; that an Advance of three per Cent, or 36000 l.