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St. James's, April 18.

THE following humble Petition of the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgesfes, Commonalty, &c. of Poole, has been presented to His Majesty by Dennis Bond, Esq; Member of Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful Subjects the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgesfes, and Commonalty of your ancient and loyal Corporation, Town and County of Poole, and the severall Masters, Owners, and Proprietors of Ships using the Newfoundland, Portugal and Spanish Trade, being deeply sensible of the tender Regard your Majesty has on all Occasions shewn to distressed Mankind in general, and in a more eminent Manner when the Interest of your Subjects and Cry of our afflicted Protestant Brethren in many Parts of the World reached your sacred Ear, and felt the Influence of your Power and Compassion, emboldens us humbly to implore your Majesty to cast a pitying Eye on our fellow Christians your Liege Subjects now in a slavish Captivity in Salle, Mecquinez, and other Parts of the Empire of Morocco. And that the like Misfortunes may be prevented from falling on us and our Posterity, if you shall in your great Wisdom think it not proper to conclude a Peace with them, we beg you would be pleased to secure the Persons and Trade of your Subjects from being made a Prey to these merciless Tyrants, by appointing a sufficient Number of Cruizers to be always stationed off Salle, and not to depart thence till relieved by others your Majesty's Ships of War; which would not only protect and secure our Trade from the Salle Rovers, but guard us from the Pirates that infest the African Coast and Canary Islands; which has already much injured, and will, if not prevented, be very destructive to our Trade, not only to Spain, but Portugal; which is very considerable from these Western Ports, in the Newfoundland and Pilchard Fishery, as well as Woollen Manufacture. And that such Cruizers as your Majesty shall in your great Goodness direct to guard such Coast, may have its intended Effect, we pray your Majesty would restrain your Ships of War from Trading and carrying Freights, which not only puts them out of a sailing Posture and Defence, but is very injurious to such Ships as depend entirely on the same.

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray, &c.

Which Petition His Majesty was pleased to accept very graciously.

Berne, April 17.

A Company being become vacant in one of the Regiments of this Canton in the States General's Service, our Sovereign Council assembled on the 10th Instant to dispose of it according to the Tenour of the Capitulation made some Years ago between the two Republicks, by which this Canton reserves to it self the Choice of their Officers. A Captain-Lieutenant of the same Regiment was accordingly chosen in the Room of the deceased, and a Letter written to the States General to acquaint them therewith, and to recommend to them the Payment of the Arrears due to their Officers. The Deputies, who went last Week to Arberg on the part of this State, to confer with those of Soleurre and Fribourg about adjusting severall Matters of Trade and Commerce, whereof these Cantons had complained, are returned hither after having executed the Commission, and will make their Report to the Sovereign Council in a few Days. M. Steiguer, a Senator or Member of the Little Council here, died yesterday Morning of an Apoplexy.

Algier, Jan. 12. On the 8th Instant Mr. Charles Hudson receiv'd His Britannick Majesty's Commission, constituting him Consul here. On the 9 h he had Audience of the Dey, who took that Occasion to assure him he would faithfully maintain the good Correspondence and Friendship between the two Nations, pursuant to the Treaties. M. Dufault, who came hither about three Months ago, in the Quality of Envoy from the Court of France, sailed the 1st Instant for Tunis, in order to endeavour the accommodating of some Differences there. He could not obtain the Demands he made here, which were, 1. The Restitution of two French Vessels taken by the Algerines, and their Cargoes of considerable Value, which were condemned and sold for Want of proper Passes. 2. The Freedom of 122 Spanish Soldiers, with Restitution of their Effects; they were brought in here in a French Tartan, and are detained by Way of Reprifal for 170 Turks and Moors who embarked here on a French Ship for Alexandria about three Years ago, and were cast away and made Slaves in Sicily. He brought a Letter, and a Present of considerable Value from the French King, for the Dey and his principal Officers; besides 30 Slaves who were discharged from the Gallies at Marseilles: In return, the Dey gave four French Slaves and five Horses. The said Envoy during his Stay here, purchased the Liberty of 30 French Slaves from private Persons; and four French Fryars who came with him, redeemed 70 Slaves mostly Germans and Dutch.

Lisbon,

Lisbon, March 31. The Fleet bound for the Rio de Janeiro put to Sea on the 26th Instant, under the Convoy of two Men of War; as did also a Ship for Macao, having on board Sig. Mezzabarba Patriarch of Alexandria, who has the Character of Apostolick Visitor of China. On the 10th of this Month an Edict was published in the King's Name, declaring that all Gold brought from Brazil, whether in Coyon, Bars, or Dust, without being registred, in the manner prescribed, shall be confiscated where-ever it be found. The British Men of War the Ipswich, Windfor, Deptford, and Winchester, are arrived in this Harbour, having first seen several Merchant-ships safe into Oporto. The Windfor and Deptford will sail Tomorrow for the Mediterranean, with a Store-ship and Victualler under their Convoy; and Commadore Cavendish goes at the same time to see them as far as the Streights Mouth.

Whitehall, April 19. On the 16th Instant Sir John Norris sailed from the Nore for the Baltick, with the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships of War under his Command, having the Wind at South-West. That Squadron consists of the Sandwich, Dorsetshire, Prince Frederick, Monmouth, Revenge, Suffolk, Elizabeth, Bedford, Buckingham, Nottingham, York, Defiance, Warwick, Kingston, Monk, Worcester, Falmouth, Gloucester, Dartmouth, Medway, Greyhound, Blanford, and Gosport, the Furnace Bomb-Vessel, and the Bedford-Galley and Pool Fireships.

General Post-Office, London, April 12, 1720.

The Right Honourable Charles Lord Cornwallis and the Honourable James Craggs, Esq; His Majesty's Postmaster General, by the Advice, Consent and Direction of the Right Honourable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and with the Approbation of the Right Honourable Nicholas Lechmere, Esq; His Majesty's Attorney-General, having granted to Ralph Allen of the City of Bath, in the County of Somerset, Gent. a Farm of all the Bye-Way or Cross-Road Letters throughout England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and being determined, for the further Improvement of His Majesty's Revenue, and for the Benefit and Advantage of the Nation, to Establish a more regular and better Method for the safer Conveyance of those Letters; all Persons are desired to take special Notice, that after the 24th Day of June next ensuing, the Postage of no Bye-Way or Cross-Road Letters is any where to be demanded at the Places they are sent from [upon any Pretence whatsoever] unless they are directed on board of a Ship, and that the same Care and Method will, for the future, be every where taken, in the safe and speedy Conveyance of them, as is at present made Use of in the Management of the London Letters.

*By Order of His Majesty's Postmaster General,
Henry Marshall, Sec.*

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, that a General Court of the said Company will be held at Merchant-Taylor's-Hall, in Threadneedle-Street, London, on Thursday the 21st Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon special Affairs.

The Trustees for repairing the Surry Roads present at a General Meeting held at the King's Arms Tavern in Southmark on the 7th Instant to chuse a Treasurer, pur-

suant to an Advertisement in the Daily Courant of the 2d Instant, not thinking it proper to proceed in that Affair, by Reason of the smallness of the Number of the Trustees then present, have ordered a Meeting to be held at the same Place on Thursday the 5th of May next, at 10 in the Forenoon, to consider of that and other important Affairs relating to the said Roads.

Notice is hereby given, that the yearly General Meeting of the Proprietors in the Invention for raising Water out of all Mines, &c. by Fire, will be held pursuant to their Articles, on Thursday the 26th of May next, at Apothecary's-Hall in Black-Fryers, London, at Nine in the Morning, where a Committee attends every Wednesday in the Afternoon, to treat with all Persons who have Occasion for any Engines of the said Invention.

Advertisements.

WHereas one Tucker, did several Years since go from London to Bermuda, or other Parts in the West-Indies; These are to give Notice to the said Mr. Tucker, if living, or to his Executors or Admittors, if dead, that he or they apply to Mr. Marryat at his House in Boswell Court, near Lincoln's-Inn, they will bear of something to their Advantage.

LOST on Thursday Night the 25th of February last, between James-Street in Covent-Garden and Bloomsbury Square, a Shagreen Pocket-Book, which was a Bank Note for 270 l. and a Note of Mr. Wanley and Comp. for 72 l. 10 s. If the Person who found the same will bring them to the said Mr. Wanley's at the Three Squirrels in Fleet Street, he shall have five Guineas Reward, and no Questions asked. N. B. Payment of both the said Notes is lost.

ALL Persons that have pledged any Plate, Rings, Jewels, watches, &c. in the Hands of Mr. Edward Amlon, deceased, who lived at the Gold Ring in Fleet-Street, are desired to fetch them away by the 30th Instant, or they will be disposed of. Likewise a large Quantity of Broad Cloth to be disposed of at a very reasonable Rate.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Robert Hotham, of the City of York, Haberdasher, intend to meet on the 18th of May next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Samuel Waugh, at the George in Coney-Street, in the said City, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and 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.

WHereas John Jeffreys, of London, Corn-factor, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 5th of May next, at Nine in the Forenoon, 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 the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Elizabeth Bunday, late of Ambury, in the County of Wilts, Chapwoman, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Parker, Baron of Macclesfield, Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Elizabeth Bunday hath in all things conformed herself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that the said Bankrupt's Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 9th of May next.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Boyes, of Portsmouth-Common, near Portsmouth, in the County of Southampton, Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Parker, Baron of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said John Boyes, hath in all things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 9th of May next.