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Berlin, April 19.

ON the 15th Instant in the Morning the King of Prussia set out for Nauen and Pottdam; and designs to return hither towards the End of this Month. The freshest Advices we have from Petersbourg, are dated the 28th of last Month, and relate that the Czar having caused the old Prince Gagarin to be hanged the 27th, set out the same Day for Riga, accompanied by the Czarina and M. Tolstoy: His Czarish Majesty had declared that he would stay but a few Days at Riga, and proceed from thence to Revel, to give some Orders there relating to the military Operations of the ensuing Campaign. At the time the Czar left Petersbourg, the Marriage of the Duke of Holstein with one of the Princesses his Czarish Majesty's Daughters was not an Affair settled, and it was thought might be set aside.

Hague, April 25. Admiral Somersdyck having received his Instructions, and taken Leave of the States, is gone this Morning for Amsterdam, in order to embark on the 29th or 30th Instant, and sail with the first fair Wind for Cadiz, whither the two Men of War furnished by the Admiralty of the Maese, and one by that of Zealand, which are not ready yet, will follow and join him. The Assembly of the States of the Province of Holland, is put off till the Middle of May. The Project of Farming the Customs is not yet fixed; for though it be now consented to by all the Provinces, there are new Difficulties raised by those who have offered to undertake that Farm, who will not enter into any Engagement till they are assured the Magistrates of the Towns will not intermeddle in the Collecting of the Duties which shall be settled by the new Tariff; and that Point is now under the Consideration of the several Towns. There are Advices from Lorrain, that the Prince of Modena upon some Discontent had left the Duke his Father's Court, and was come to Nancy with the Princess his Consort, whither the Duke of Orleans has sent to desire him not to proceed farther into France, as he designed, but to return Home.

St. James's, April 18. This Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Majesty to congratulate him on the Birth of the young Prince; and Mr. Recorder made their Compliments to His Majesty, to the Effect following;

May it please your Majesty,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London most humbly intreat your Majesty's Permission to congratulate your Majesty on the Birth of the young Prince.

These your Majesty's faithful and dutiful Subjects, being sensible of their Felicity under the Government of a Protestant King, having Reason to be thankful for the Preservation of their Religion, their Laws and Liberties, and for the many Blessings they enjoy from your Majesty's mild and gracious Disposition, cannot but rejoice at this Increase of your Majesty's Royal Progeny, at this Addition of Strength to the Protestant Interest, and on this agreeable Prospect of the Continuance of Happiness to them and their

They have great Satisfaction in the Hopes that this young Prince will inherit the bright and virtuous Qualities of his Ancestors; they beg Leave to wish for his Health and Welfare, and that your Majesty may live long and have the Comfort to see him flourish and prosper, to see him prove an Ornament to your Majesty's most illustrious Family, a Glory and Honour to the British Nation.

To which His Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer.

THE Zeal and Affection you have upon all Occasions shewn to my Person and Government, leave me no Room to doubt of your Joy at this happy Increase of my Family.

I cannot omit taking this Opportunity of assuring you, that I am truly concerned at the Calamity brought upon you, by the wicked Management of Affairs in the South Sea Company; I have however this Comfort, that the Reproach of any Part of this Misfortune cannot with the least Justice be imputed to Me. Nothing will give me more Ease and Satisfaction, than the seeing you delivered from your present Sufferings, your Trade revived, and publick Credit re-established.

Office of Ordnance, March 31, 1721.

Whereas the Right Honourable and Honourable the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance have received Information on Oath, concerning one Robert Parker, a Blacksmith, commonly called Solicitor Parker, (who hath practised as a Solicitor in the Fleet for several Years) for forging their Predecessors Hands, and for suborning of Witnesses in several Causes which are now depending in the Courts of Law and Equity; and whereas the said Parker is committed to Newgate, in order to be tried for the said Practise, and there is Reason to believe that he has been concerned in many other such Practices not yet discovered; Notice is hereby given, that if any Persons who have been concerned with the said Parker in any illegal Practices, or others who can give Information thereof, will apply themselves to Thomas Smith, Solicitor to the Board of Ordnance, at the said Board in the Tower, or to the said Smith at his House near the Monument, and make a full and fair Discovery of the same, they will receive all fitting Encouragement.

South-Sea-House, April 21, 1721.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company do hereby give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be opened on Monday the 1st of May next, and continue open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. And they do likewise give Notice, That for the greater Security of the Proprietors, no Foreign Letters of Attorney for Transferring Stock in the said Company will be admitted, but such as are attested by a Notary; and that all other Letters of Attorney are to be attested by the Minister or Curate of the Parish and the Church-Wardens, or by a Notary, or two Justices of the Peace: The said Court of Directors do also hereby give Notice, That Attendance will be continued at their House in Broad-street, London, till the 29th of April Instant, for all Persons to make their Claims for the Stock to be given for their respective Interests in the 3d and 4th Money Subscriptions, according to the Advertisement published for that Purpose in the Gazette of the 25th and 28th of March last; and the said Court of Directors do hereby give further Notice, that all Claims made on or before the 29th Instant, shall have Stock accordingly given for the same on the 18th of May next, unless before that time disputed; and the Dividend to Christmas last for the same shall be then paid with the 1^{mo} E. edition.