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The King's Letter to the two Universities.

GEORGE.

TRUSTY and well-belov'd, we greet you well. We being greatly desirous to favour and encourage our two Universities, those ancient and laudable Nurseries of Piety and Learning, and to enable them more effectually to answer the End of their Institution, by sending forth constant Supplies of learned and able Men, to serve the Publick both in Church and State; and having observed, that no Encouragement or Provision has hitherto been made in either of the said Universities for the Study of Modern History or Modern Languages; the Knowledge of which is highly necessary towards compleatly qualifying the Youth committed to their Care for several Stations both in Church and State, to which they may be called; and having seriously weigh'd the Prejudice that has accrued to the said Universities from this Defect, Persons of Foreign Nations being often employed in the Education and Tuition of Youth, both at Home and in their Travels, and great Numbers of the young Nobility and Gentry being either sent Abroad directly from School, or taken away from the Universities before the Course of their Studies can be there compleated, and Opportunities frequently lost to the Crown of employing and encouraging Members of the two Universities, by conferring on them such Employments, both at Home and Abroad, as necessarily require a competent Skill in Writing and Speaking the Modern Languages. In order therefore to remedy these and the like Inconveniencies, we have determin'd to appoint two Persons of sober Conversation and prudent Conduct, of the Degree of Master of Arts or Batchelour of Laws, or of some higher Degree in one of the said Universities, skilled in Modern History and in the Knowledge of Modern Languages, to be nominated by us, to be our Professors of Modern History, one for the University of Cambridge and the other for that of Oxford, who shall be oblig'd to read Lectures in the publick Schools, at such Times as shall hereafter be appointed. And we have further determin'd, that each of the said Professors shall have a Stipend of Four Hundred Pounds per Annum, and out of the said Stipend shall be oblig'd to maintain with sufficient Salaries, in the University where he shall be established, two Persons at least, well qualified to teach and instruct in Writing and Speaking the said Languages, which said Teachers shall be under the Direction of the Professors respectively, and shall be oblig'd to instruct Gratis in the Modern Languages Twenty Scholars of each University, to be nominated by us; and each Scholar so nominated, shall be oblig'd to learn two at least of the said Languages, both the Professors and Teachers taking especial Care that the Times and Hours for the instructing and teaching the said Scholars, be so order'd, as not to interfere with those appointed for their Academical Studies; which Professors and Teachers shall be oblig'd once every Year to transmit an attested Account of the Progress made by each Scholar committed to their Care, to our Principal Secretaries of State, to be laid before us, that we may encourage the Diligence and Application of such amongst them, as shall have qualified themselves for our Service, by giving them suitable Employments either at Home or Abroad, as Occasions shall offer. And our Royal Will and Pleasure is, that you forthwith upon the Receipt hereof call a Congregation, in order to communicate these our Royal Intentions to the University. And so we bid you farewell. Given at our Court at St. James's the 16th Day of May 1724, in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
TOWNSHEND.

St. James's, May 23. The following Address of the Chancellour Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, was this Day presented to His Majesty,

by the Reverend Dr. Snape Provost of King's College Vice-Chancellor of that University, attended by the Proctors and several other Members of the same; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Chancellour, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Chancellour, Masters and Scholars of your University of Cambridge, having been honoured with your Majesty's Royal Letter, which has been read to us in full Senate, intimating your Gracious and Princely Intentions of Establishing, both in this and your other University, a new Professorship of Modern History and Modern Languages, with an Appointment so ample, as well nigh to equal the Stipends of all our other Professors put together; beg Leave to approach your Sacred Person, with the sincerest Assurances of Duty, Loyalty and Gratitude which such unparalleled Munificence requires.

Your Majesty, like a common Father that is watchful for the Welfare of his Children, has wisely observed where our greatest Defect lay, and where your Relief could most seasonably be applied; we have for many Years, with Grief, observed, and may now, with Assurance, venture to speak out our Grievance, since your Majesty has been pleas'd to enter so far into our Cause, as to join in the same Complaint, that foreign Tutors have had so large a Share in the Education of our Youth of Quality, both at Home and in their Travels: And we are thoroughly sensible, that the Reason why they have been so employed, in Preference to Men of far superiour Learning of our own Country, has been the Want of proper Helps towards the attaining those Accomplishments in our Universities, for which your Majesty is now making so honourable a Provision. But we are now firmly perswaded, that when your Majesty's noble Design shall have taken Effect; when there shall be a sufficient Number of Academical Persons well vers'd in the Knowledge of foreign Courts, and well instructed in their respective Languages; when a Familiarity with the living Tongues shall be superadd'd to that of the dead ones; when the solid Learning of Antiquity shall be adorn'd and set off with a skilful Habit of conversing in the Languages that now flourish, and both be accompanied with English Probity; our Nobility and Gentry will be under no Temptation of sending for Persons from foreign Countries to be entrusted with the Education of their Children; that the Appearance of an English Gentleman in the Courts of Europe, with a Governour of his own Nation, will not be so rare and uncommon as it has hitherto been; and that your two Universities thus refin'd, and made more compleatly serviceable to the Education of Youth, by your Majesty's most judicious and well directed as well as liberal Benefaction, will be able to furnish you with a constant Supply of Persons every way qualified for the Management of such weighty Affairs and Negotiations, as your Majesty's Occasions may require.

We most heartily beseech the Almighty to prosper this, and all your great and glorious Undertakings, that you may long live and reign, till you have received the fullest Conviction that your Royal Purpose has not been frustrated, but that this new Institution has prov'd (as your Princely Wisdom intended it should) a Real and National Blessing.

Permit us further, most Gracious Sovereign, to testify our grateful Sense of two other distinguishing Marks of your Royal Favour so lately conferr'd on your two Universities: The Charging your Revenue with new Salaries appropriated to Twelve Persons chosen out of each, as Preachers in your Chapel of Whitehall; and your generous Resolution of Entitling to a Share of such Benefices

Benefices as are within your Royal Patronage, the Members of the two Universities; we scarce had Time to congratulate one another on Occasion of the two last mentioned Favours, when they were followed by that new and accumulated Instance of your Goodness, the Erection of a new Professorship.

In Return for such repeated Obligations, we shall not fail to put up our incessant Prayers to God for the Preservation of your Majesty and your Royal Family; and shall always endeavour to contribute, in the best Manner we are able, to the Tranquillity, Peace and good Order of your Government. May the 19th, 1724.

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

I think you for this dutiful and loyal Address, and am glad to find that what I proposed to you in my Letter meets with your entire Approbation; and doubt not but with your Assistance, my Intentions upon this Occasion will prove an Honour to the University in general, as well as an Advantage to the particular Members of that Learned Body.

The following Address having been transmitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of your University of Oxford, do humbly beg Leave to return our most hearty Thanks for your Majesty's most Gracious Letter to our Vice-Chancellor by him this Day communicated to us in full Convocation; wherein your Majesty has been pleased to declare it to be your Royal Intention to establish in this your University of Oxford, a Professor of Modern History, and also under the Direction of the said Professor, two other Persons to teach and instruct in Writing and Speaking the Modern Languages, to the Intent that the Youth committed to our Care from all Parts of your Majesty's Dominions, may be the more compleatly qualified for such Employments in your Majesty's Service either at Home or Abroad, as your Majesty shall be pleased to confer upon them. As we cannot but be deeply affected with this Instance of your Princely Favour in making this new Provision for the Honour and Advantage of this Place; so we must at the same Time most gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's Gracious Tenderness towards our ancient Constitution, in directing that the Hours for Teaching your Majesty's Scholars the Modern Languages be so ordered, as not to interfere with those already appointed for their Academical Studies: And the World must observe that such is the Nature of this Bounty, that it could not come but from a Prince who is not unwilling that his Actions should be faithfully transmitted to Posterity.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will carefully improve to the Honour and Service of your Majesty's Person and Government, all the Advantages arising from this and all other your Royal Favours, and cheerfully embrace every Opportunity given us of deserving the Continuance of them.

Sealed in the Convocation-House

with the common Seal of the University, this 19th Day of

May, 1724.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously,

St. James's, May 22. On the 14th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. William Wishart, Principal of the University of Edinburgh. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Findlater and Seafield was read, as was likewise His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported on the 16th, was unanimously approved.

His Majesty's High Commissioner the Earl of Findlater and Seafield's Speech to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, May 14, 1724.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

I AM convinced that you have with great Pleasure and Gratitude heard His Majesty's most gracious Letter.

He expresses His Satisfaction in the prudent and moderate Proceedings of former Assemblies, he reposes intire Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty and Fidelity to His Royal Person and Government, and has commanded me at the Opening of this Assembly, again to renew the Assurances He has so frequently given of His firm and steady Resolution to protect and maintain the Presbyterian Government of the Church of Scotland as established by Law.

His Majesty recommends that you will take Care to promote Religion and Piety; and that you will use your Endeavours to prevent the Growth of Popery and Immorality; and that you will in all things that come before you, act with that Calmness and Moderation which is so necessary to preserve the Tranquillity and Peace of the Church, and most proper and becoming a Christian Assembly: And I have no Doubt of your ready Compliance with what His Majesty has recommended in so pious and religious a Manner.

We all ought to be most thankful to God who has placed His Majesty on the Throne, and by special and remarkable Acts of Providence has preserved and protected His sacred Person and Government against all the Attempts that have been made by a Popish Pretender and his Adherents; and has effectually defeated all their wicked Designs; and it is by His Majesty's Government and the Establishment of the Succession in His Royal Family, that all our Religious and Civil Concerns can be continued and preserved against Popery and Arbitrary Power.

I am most sensible of the great Honour His Majesty has conferred on me, in appointing me to represent His Royal Person in this Assembly.

I am fully instructed to give you all Encouragement in the Prosecution of what His Majesty has so graciously recommended, and in all other things that may tend to the Prosperity of the Church.

I shall endeavour, by the Assistance of God, to discharge this Trust with Fidelity to His Majesty, and all due Regard to this venerable Assembly; and shall now, and on all other Occasions, do what is in my Power to give you convincing Proofs of my sincere Attachment and good Inclinations to the Government of this Church.

It is my earnest Desire that all you do in this Assembly may tend to the promoting of Religion, the Glory of God, the Peace and Prosperity of this Church, the intire Satisfaction of the King, and Good of His People.

The Answer of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty, and is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

WE justly esteem it one of the many valuable Blessings which our most merciful God plentifully bestows upon this National Church,

Church, that your Majesty is graciously pleased on every returning Occasion so readily to countenance our Assemblies.

The Confidence your Majesty is pleased in your great Goodness to place in us, founded upon our Behaviour in former Assemblies, fills us with unspeakable Joy. We should do Injury to our Holy Religion, act inconsistently with the Duty we owe to the best of Sovereigns, and be wanting to ourselves, if we did not unite with Zeal, and unanimously concur in such Means as shall be deemed most effectually to tend to the Peace and Welfare of the Church, suppress Irreligion and Profaneness, and prevent the Growth of Popery. We are at the same time perfectly assured, that nothing will ever be wanting on your Majesty's Part towards obtaining these desirable Ends, wherein the Honour of God and the Well-being of your Majesty's Subjects, are so nearly concerned.

The Earl of Pindlar and Seafield's great Knowledge and Experience, the Zeal and Affection he has upon many important Occasions expressed for your sacred Person and Government, as well as his Adherence to the Principles of the Church of Scotland, which have recommended him to your Majesty, render your Choice of him, to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, most obliging and acceptable to us.

That the most High God who so seasonably brought your Majesty to the Throne for the Support of the Protestant Interest Abroad, and the Preservation of the Religion and Liberties of your Dominions, may continue in the most remarkable Manner to preserve your sacred Person, guide your Councils, and defeat the restless Endeavours of your Enemies; that he may pour out His best Blessings on the Heads of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their Royal Issue, and perpetuate the Succession to the Crown in your Family; and that after a long and happy Reign upon Earth, you may be crowned with immortal Glory in Heaven, are, and shall be the constant and fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name,

Edinb. May 16, 1724. and at our Appointment, by
William Wishart, Moderator.

An Abstract of an Act passed in the last Sessions of Parliament for Granting certain Inland Duties upon Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate.

Notice is hereby given, That all Offices of Excise in London, and all other Offices of Excise throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain, are constituted Offices for the said Inland Duties on Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate; and that by an Act passed the now last Sessions of Parliament, it is amongst other things enacted,

That Chocolate ready made, or Cocoa-Paste, if imported, after the 24th of June 1724, shall be forfeited with the double Value thereof, and the Bags, Casks, and other Package containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, there must be paid the Inland Duties following, viz. for Coffee 2 s. per Pound and proportionably; for Tea 4 s. per Pound and proportionably; for Chocolate 1 s. 6 d. per Pound and proportionably.

That every Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, and every other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Cocoa-Nuts, or any of them, and every Maker or Seller of Chocolate either by Wholesale or Retail, who on or before the 24th Day of June 1724, doth not at the next Office for the said Inland Duties make a true Entry in Writing of every Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault, and other Place and Places by each of them respectively used for keeping Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, or for making Chocolate, and also of all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate, which at the Time of such respective Entries shall be in such their Warehouses, Storehouses, Rooms, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, and other Places, and every of them respectively, shall forfeit 200 l. for every such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault and other Place, which after the said 24th of June 1724 shall be so made use of without being so entered, and also all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate which shall be found therein, and also the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Tubs, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels and Package whatsoever containing the same.

That every one who after the said 24th of June 1724, shall become a Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, and every Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, either by Wholesale or Retail, or Maker of Chocolate, who before taking into his, her or their Custody any Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, doth not at the next Office for the said Inland Duties, make the like true Entry in Writing of every Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault and other Place intended after the said 24th of June 1724 to be made use of for the keeping of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, or for the making Chocolate, shall for every such Place forfeit 200 l. and all the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate found therein, and also all the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Tubs, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, no Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, shall be brought into such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Place so made use of by any Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, without first giving Notice thereof to the Officer of the said Inland Duties; of the Division or Place where such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate are intended to be lodged, and producing to and leaving with the said Officer, an Authentick Certificate signed by the Officer for the said Inland Duties from whence such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate shall be brought, that, in case of Coffee, Tea or Chocolate, the Inland Duties charged on such Coffee, Tea or Chocolate so intended to be brought thither, have been actually paid, or that the same have been condemned as forfeited, or was Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, or Chocolate-house-keeper, or other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate, or making of Chocolate. And in case of bringing in Cocoa-Nuts, That the same have been duly entered with the Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, or that they were condemned as forfeited, or were Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist or other Person selling or dealing therein, upon or before the said 24th of June 1724, of which an Account had been taken on or before the said 24th of June 1724, expressing the Quantity and Quality thereof, and at what Place the said Inland Duties were so paid, or what Port or Place the Customs and Duties were so paid, or the said Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate were condemned, or of whose Stock in Hand the same were Part, on Pain of Forfeiting the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate so brought in, without such Notice or Certificate, and treble the Value thereof, together with the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

That after the 24th of June 1724, no Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, shall be brought into such Warehouse, Storehouse, Room, Shop, Cellar, Vault or other Place so made use of by any Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, without first giving Notice thereof to the Officer of the said Inland Duties; of the Division or Place where such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate are intended to be lodged, and producing to and leaving with the said Officer, an Authentick Certificate signed by the Officer for the said Inland Duties from whence such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate shall be brought, that, in case of Coffee, Tea or Chocolate, the Inland Duties charged on such Coffee, Tea or Chocolate so intended to be brought thither, have been actually paid, or that the same have been condemned as forfeited, or was Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, or Chocolate-house-keeper, or other Seller of or Dealer in Coffee, Tea, or Chocolate, or making of Chocolate. And in case of bringing in Cocoa-Nuts, That the same have been duly entered with the Officer or Officers of His Majesty's Customs, or that they were condemned as forfeited, or were Part of the Stock in Hand of some Druggist or other Person selling or dealing therein, upon or before the said 24th of June 1724, of which an Account had been taken on or before the said 24th of June 1724, expressing the Quantity and Quality thereof, and at what Place the said Inland Duties were so paid, or what Port or Place the Customs and Duties were so paid, or the said Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate were condemned, or of whose Stock in Hand the same were Part, on Pain of Forfeiting the Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate so brought in, without such Notice or Certificate, and treble the Value thereof, together with the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package whatsoever containing the same.

That any Officer or Officers for the said Inland Duties, may in the Day-time enter into all and every the Warehouses, Storehouses, Rooms, Shops, Cellars, Vaults and other Places made use of for keeping or making any Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, by any Druggist, Grocer, Chandler, Coffee-house-keeper, Chocolate-house-keeper, or other Seller of or Dealer therein by Wholesale or Retail, or making Chocolate, and by Weighing, &c. take an Account of the Quantity and Sorts of the said Commodities in their Custody.

That every such Owner of the said Commodities respectively, for refusing or hindering any such Officer, &c. to enter any such Warehouse, &c. or to take such Account, or for not keeping such Scales and Weights, or for keeping any false Weight, or for neglecting or refusing to assist any such Officer in such Weighing, or for hindering or obstructing such Officer, &c. therein, shall for every such Offence forfeit 100 l.

That either the Commissioners for the said Inland Duties, or Justices of the Peace respectively, within their respective Jurisdictions in relation to the said Duties, upon Oath before them respectively made of Suspicion of fraudulently concealing Coffee, Tea, Chocolate or Cocoa-Nuts, may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals respectively, empower any Officer or Officers for the said Duties, either by Day or by Night, but if by Night in the Presence of a Constable, or other Officer of the Peace, to enter all suspected Places, &c. and, as forfeited, to seize and carry away all Coffee, Tea, Chocolate and Cocoa-Nuts there concealed, &c.

Every Person for obstructing or hindering any Officer therein, forfeits 100 l.

That no Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, is to be sold, uttered or exposed to Sale, either by Wholesale or Retail, but when in some entered Warehouse, &c. or in some Warehouse approved by the Commissioners of Customs, on Pain of forfeiting all such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts and Chocolate, and the treble Value, and all the Canisters, Bags, Jars, Tubs, Boxes, Casks and other Vessels or Package containing the same.

That Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts or Chocolate, exceeding the Quantity of six Pounds Weight, removed or carried from one to another Part of this Kingdom, by Land or by Water, without a Permit or Certificate from one or more Officers, &c. for the said Inland Duties, shall be forfeited.

The Officer, &c. granting such Permit, &c. is therein to limit the Time, &c. for such Permit, &c. to continue in Force.

Chocolate.

That Entries upon Oath of all Chocolate made after the 24th of June 1724, must be made at the next Office for the said Duties, within the Times hereafter mentioned, (that is to say,) if made within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, then such Entries to be made Weekly; if made in any other Part of the Kingdom, then to be made every six Weeks, on the Forfeiture of 50 l. for every Neglect of making such Entry.

The Duties for Chocolate so made, to be paid at the Times following, viz. within the said Weekly Bills to be paid Weekly, in any other Part of the Kingdom every six Weeks, on the Forfeiture of 50 l. for every Neglect of so paying.

That all Chocolate made after the said 24th of June 1724, must, at the Place where the same ought to be entered, be produced in Papers, each containing one Pound and no more; and such Papers must be stamped with such Stamp as shall be appointed by the Commissioners for the Inland Duties.

Chocolate Stock in Hand.

That all Chocolate which shall or ought to be entered on or before the 24th of June 1724, must, within the Times hereafter mentioned, be brought to be stamped, viz. within the Weekly Bills in 14 Days, in any other Part of the Kingdom

within six Weeks next after the said 24th of June 1724.

That every Maker and Seller of Chocolate, forfeits all Chocolate not so stamped, found in his, her or their Custody, &c. after the End of the said last mentioned six Weeks, and also 20 s. for every Pound of such Chocolate.

After the Expiration of the said six Weeks, Chocolate found removing without such Stamp is forfeited.

That for either Counterfeiting the said Stamp, or for Uttering, &c. Chocolate with a Counterfeit Stamp, the Party shall forfeit 500 l. and suffer 12 Months Imprisonment.

Chocolate for private Use in private Families.

That an Officer for the said Duties, on having three Days Notice in Writing, may give to private Persons, &c. Permission to make Chocolate for private Use only, provided, that if in three Days after the finishing thereof, such Chocolate is not entered, brought to be stamped, and the Duty thereof paid, the Party shall forfeit the Chocolate, and treble the Value.

Not less than 100 l. Weight of Cocoa-Nuts shall be at each time made into Chocolate for private Use.

Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts imported after the 24th of June 1724.

That after the 24th of June 1724, all such Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts as shall be imported, shall be entered at the Custom-House, put into a Warehouse to be provided by the Importer, &c. and approved by the Commissioners of Customs: And of such Part as is sold to be consumed in Great Britain, an Entry shall be made with the Collector, &c. for the Inland Duties, which shall be paid down; and on producing to the Warehouse-keeper a Warrant or Certificate that the same have been paid, the Warehouse-keeper shall deliver out so much, and give a Permit for so much.

As to such Part of such Cocoa-Nuts put into such Warehouse, as are intended to be made into Chocolate within this Kingdom, the like Method to be observed.

Such Part of Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts put into such Warehouse, &c. as is intended to be exported, may be delivered out upon sufficient Security to export and not re-land the same; and such Securities are to be discharged on such Certificates as are mentioned in the Act.

That Coffee, Tea, or Cocoa-Nuts imported after the 24th of June 1724, not entered at the Custom-House, and brought into such Warehouse as before is directed, shall be forfeited, together with the Package thereof, and the Horses and Carts, &c. used in carrying thereof.

On Disputes whether the Customs or Inland Duties have or have not been paid, the Proof of Payment lies on the Claimer.

That Keepers of such Warehouses, &c. must in Books enter all brought in and all carried out, and at the End of every six Months, or sooner if requested, transmit Accounts to the respective Commissioners of Customs and of the Inland Duties.

That if it shall appear that more of such Coffee, Tea, or Cocoa-Nuts have been delivered out, or otherwise than as before is directed, the Warehouse-keeper to be incapable of any Office, and to forfeit 100 l.

Proprietors of such Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts, and such Warehouse-keepers, each to have Locks and Keys to such Warehouses.

Roasting of Coffee.

That the Commissioners for the Inland Duties may appoint Houses for roasting Coffee-Berries, and Officers to attend them, who are not to demand more than 8 s. per hundred Weight, and proportionably for roasting Coffee-Berries.

That

That Dealers, &c. in Coffee, may by themselves or Servants Roast their Berries at such Roasting-Houses, paying 3 s. per hundred Weight, and proportionably.

That if during the Continuance of such Roasting-Houses, Coffee-Berries are roasted elsewhere, the Coffee so roasted is forfeited, and 5 s. per Pound.

That such Officer or Roaster for not duly attending, shall forfeit for the first Offence 10 l. for the second 20 l. and to be incapable of farther Employment.

Not less than 100 Weight of Coffee, Tea, or Cocoa-Nuts respectively, shall at each time be taken out of such Warehouse, unless where the Importation was in less Quantities.

That all Sellers of, and Dealers in Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa-Nuts, all Makers of Chocolate, and all Keepers of Coffee or Chocolate-Houses, shall keep Accounts of all Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate respectively, in small Quantities under six Pounds respectively each Day sold or consumed, and in every Night shall in Books, to be provided by the Commissioners for the said Inland Duties, set down the respective Totals of the respective Quantities being under six Pounds each of the said several and respective Commodities each Day sold or consumed.

That each Parcel of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts, or Chocolate respectively, being six Pounds, or more, each Day sold or consumed, shall be in like manner set down in other Books (to be provided as aforesaid.)

And that such Parcels of six Pounds, or more, shall not be removed without a Permit to be signed by the Officer.

That no such Seller of or Dealer in such Coffee, &c. shall, at the same time, have more than one such Book of each Sort, and such Books, when filled up, to be upon Oath delivered back, and in the mean time to lye open to be perused by the Officers.

That for refusing to keep such Books, or therein to set down or make such Entries, or to permit the Officers to inspect such Books, or for not delivering back such Books, or for making false Entries therein, the Party offending shall forfeit 100 l.

And whereas there is now in Warehouses Coffee and Tea for which there hath not yet been paid such Duties as do and will belong to the Crown, though the same be exported, if such Coffee and Tea remain in such Warehouses on or after the 24th of June 1724, such Coffee and Tea shall then be charged with the Inland Duties, and shall be entered at the Custom-House either within a Month next after the 24th of June, or upon the delivering out thereof, if delivered out sooner; and if such Duties are not paid or secured, such Coffee and Tea shall be forfeited.

But if such Duties having been paid or secured, such Coffee and Tea or Part thereof is exported, then upon such Exportation, the Exporter to have a Drawback for so much as is so exported, and on paying the said Duties for so much thereof as is not so exported, the Security for paying the Duties is to be delivered up.

That Officers for the Inland Duties may after the 24th of June 1724, enter such Warehouses, and take Accounts of the Coffee and Tea therein, and the Commissioners for the Inland Duties may appoint Keepers of such Warehouses, and such Keepers of such Warehouses shall keep Books and transmit Accounts to the Commissioners for the Inland Duties, under the like Penalties and Forfeitures as before.

That if any Seller of, or Dealer in Coffee, Tea or Cocoa-Nuts, or any Maker or Seller of Chocolate, doth hide or conceal Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts, or Chocolate, the Offender shall forfeit such Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts, and Chocolate, and treble the Value.

That every Person who either assaults, resists, opposes, molests, obstructs, or hinders any Officer, &c. either of Customs or for the said In-

land Duties in seizing and securing any Coffee, Tea, Cocoa-Nuts, or Chocolate, or shall by Force, or Violence rescue or cause to be rescued any of the said Commodities after being seized, or shall attempt or endeavour so to do, or shall slave, break, or otherwise destroy or damage any Vessels or Package wherein the same shall be contained; shall forfeit 50 l.

All Penalties and Forfeitures as well Specifick as Pecuniary in the said Act, may be sued for, &c. either by the Laws of Excise or in the Courts of Westminster, or in the Court of Exchequer in Scotland respectively, one Moiety to be to the Crown, the other Moiety to the Informer.

The Commissioners for the Inland Duties granted by the said Act, are to have the like Powers, &c. as the Commissioners of Excise.

The Governour and Court of Directors of the Royal Academy of Musick do hereby give Notice, That they have appointed a General Court to be held on Wednesday next, the 27th Instant, at Eleven a-Clock in the Morning, at their Office in the Hay-Market: All the Subscribers belonging to the Corporation are desired to be present at the same Time.

Admiralty-Office, May 19, 1724.

His Majesty's Ship the Mermaid, commanded by Captain Joseph Laws, sailed from Port-Royal in Jamaica the 5th of March last, in order to return to England; but springing a Leak the same Day, she was obliged to put back; and was the 8th of the same Month at Port-Royal-Point with her Guns out; preparing for the Careen, in order to the Stopping her Leak, and putting her in a Condition to prosecute her homeward-bound Voyage.

South-Sea-House, May 22, 1724.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That the General Court of the said Company, which was held at Merchant-Taylors-Hall in Toredneedle-street, London, on Wednesday the 20th Instant, stands adjourned to Wednesday the 3d of June next, at Nine a-Clock in the Forenoon, at the South-Sea-House in Broad-street, London, for taking the Ballot for determining the following Question proposed at the said General Court, viz.

That this Court doth agree to and confirm the Resolution of the General Court taken the 1st of September 1721, giving full Power to the Court of Directors to employ from Time to Time such Money as they shall see necessary, effectually to promote and carry on the Greenland Trade.

Which Ballot will be closed the same Day 'tis taken, at Six a-Clock in the Evening: And the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be shut that Day.

Trustees-Office South-Sea-House, May 22, 1724.

Notice is hereby given, That the East-India Stock and South-Sea Annuities, Part of the late Estate of John Turner, Esq; (one of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company) will be exposed to Sale by Cant or Auction, in the Hall of the South-Sea-House, on Friday the 5th Day of June next, at Ten in the Forenoon.

Trustees-Office South-Sea-House, May 21, 1724.

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Raising Money out of the Estates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others give Notice, That they intend to expose to Sale by Cant or Auction, to the best Bidder, in the Hall of the South Sea-House, on Wednesday the 17th Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, the several Estates following, viz. A Farm and Lands at Osmington in the County of Dorset, and three Houses in Durbefter in the same County, late the Estates of Sir Theodore Janssen, Kt. and Bart. (one of the said late Directors.) A Farm at Itham in the County of Northampton, late the Estate of Francis Hawes, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) Two Freehold Houses in Swithin's-Lane Lombard-Street, London, late the Estate of Richard Houlditch, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) A Parcel of Land at Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, late the Estate of Robert Chester, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) A Copyhold Farm in Mayland and Sudminster, in the County of Essex; several Freehold, Copyhold, and Leasehold Lands and

Tenements in Bow, Bromley, Stratford, and Poplar, in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex, late the Estates of Ambrose Page, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) The Fountain Tavern in Stock's-Market, London; the Mannor of Stoke in the County of Kent; a House in Gravesend in the same County, late the Estates of Jacob Sawbridge, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) Two Copyhold Farms at East Meon, in the County of Southampton, late the Estates of Edward Gibbon, Esq; (one of the said late Directors.) The Mannor of Liver's Cleve, in the County of Hereford, late the Estate of Sir Robert Chaplin, Bart. (one of the said late Directors.) A Dwelling-house, Sugar-house, and Warehouses on College-Hill in the City of London, late the Estate of Mr. Robert Knight, (late Cashire of the South-Sea Company.) The Mannor of Gibshorpe, in the County of Lincoln, with the Lands and Tenements thereto belonging; and a Farm at Reepham, in the said County, late the Estates of Mr. Robert Surman, (late Deputy-Cashire of the said Company.) Particulars of the said Estates may be had at the Trusteis said Office.

The Directors of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance-Office do hereby give Notice, That Attendance will be given at their Office in Hatton-Garden, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in every Week, for the Space of one Month, from the 5th Day of June next, for Payment of Claims, Holidays excepted.

Advertisements.

Whereas all the Real and Personal Estate late of Charles Wiles, of Lavenham, in the County of Suffolk, Chapman, was on the 21st of May Instant, sold before the Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt against the said Wiles pursuant to Notice in the London Gazette of the 18th of April last; This is to give Notice, that the said Commissioners intend to meet at Guildhall, London, on the 18th Day of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, to make a Dividend of all 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, otherwise they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend, which will be forthwith made, without further Notice.

To be sold to the best Bidder, before the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt lately issued against Henry Cowling, of St. Margaret's-Hill, in Southwark, Vintner, on Wednesday, the 10th Day of June next, at Guildhall, London, at Four in the Afternoon, The Lease of the King's-Arms Tavern at St. Margaret's-Hill aforesaid, of which are about 12 Years to come, either with or without the Goods and Wines in the said Tavern: And the Goods and Wines in the said Tavern will be also then sold to the best Bidder; and all Persons are at Liberty to view the said Goods and taste the said Wines in the mean time.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt issued against Henry Bartholomew, late of St. Paul Shadwell, in the County of Middlesex, Brewer, intend to meet on the 4th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to dispose of the Freehold and Copyhold Estate of the said Henry Bartholomew, lying in Thorpe, in the County of Surrey, consisting of a Mansion-House, a Malt-house, two other Houses, with Outhouses, Stables, Gardens, and Orchard, and about 40 Acres of Land: Further Particulars may be had of Mr. Joshua Hinton, Attorney at Law, in Dittaff-Lane, Friday-street.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Nathaniel Cleaveland, of Balinghall-Street, London, Blackwell-Hall Factor, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 1st, 8th, and 22d of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second 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 of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but to give Notice to Mr. Hurdman, Attorney, in the Old-Jury, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against George Paybody, of Seething-Lane, London, Wine-Cooper, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 1st, 8th, and 22d of June 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 of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the

Commissioners shall appoint, but to give Notice to Mr. John Cock, Attorney, in Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Thomas Serles, of Fleet-street, London, Sadler, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 1st, 8th, and 22d of June 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 Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but to give Notice to Mr. Thomas Fell, Attorney, in Bolt-Court in Fleet-street, London.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Caleb Hughes, of Grace-Church-street, London, Haberdasher, having made an Assignment of the said Bankrupt's Estate to Mess. Richard Durmford, Sen. of London-Bridge, and Edward Bliss, of Gravel-Lane, Southwark; all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are forthwith to pay and deliver the same to the said Assignees, or they will be sued.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Edward Morn, of Bassingtoke, in the County of Southampton, Vintner, intend to meet on the 5th Day of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, 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, which will be forthwith made.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Charles Browne, near Fleet-Bridge, London, Upholsterer, intend to meet on the 11th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, 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 their 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 Bankrupt awarded against Bridget Meritt, of St. Martin's in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Glass-Seller, intend to meet on the 10th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, 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 Richard Fenton, 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 8th of June 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 object, if they think fit, against the Commissioners signing his Certificate in order for his Discharge.

Whereas John Nicks, of St. Paul's Church-Yard, London, Bookseller, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 25th 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 to object, if they think fit, against the Commissioners signing his Certificate in order for his Discharge.

Whereas John Jepson, of the Strand, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, Sadler, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 8th of June 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 assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas Thomas Hutton, and John Hattob, Jun. late of Warrington, in the County of Lancaster, Maltsters and Partners, have surrendered themselves (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that they will attend the Commissioners on the 4th of June next, at Twelve in the Forenoon, at the House of Randle Jolly, Innkeeper, at the Red-Lyon in Warrington aforesaid, to finish their 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 their Certificate.

Whereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Williams, late of Trinity-Lane, London, Baker, have certified to the Right Honourable Thomas Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said James Williams 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 12th of June next.