

pesch to purchase for them the Lordship of Vianen belonging to the Count de la Lippe, he has made a Contract for it which is approved. The Archduchess being arrived at Brussels, the Notification of it is expected from her, and then a Deputation from this State will be sent to compliment her Highness.

Brussels, Oct. 13, N. S. The Archduchess Governess of the Austrian Netherlands, having on the 3d Instant passed through Maestricht, where all Honours were shewn her by Prince William of Hesse Governour of that Place, was attended by a Guard of Horse detached from that Garrison to the Limits of the Territories of the States General. Her Highness was received on our Frontier the 4th Instant by a Guard of Horse and conducted to Tullemont, where Count Daun introduced to her Highness the Principal Nobles of these Provinces, and the Deputies of Brabant made her their Compliments. The Archduchess arrived at Louvain the 5th, where she staid the three following Days; the Ladies of the chief Rank in these Provinces paying their Duty to her there. The 9th in the Afternoon, her Highness made her Entry into this City, being received by the Magistrates and Burghers, as she had been in the other Towns, with such Honours and Ceremonies as were settled and prescribed conformably to those observed on the like Occasions; particularly at the Reception of the Cardinal Infante Don Ferdinand Brother of King Philip IV in 1634: The whole being performed with the greatest Magnificence and Splendour, and Demonstrations of publick Joy. It is said that the Marshal Count Harrach is to come hither, to command the Forces as Captain of Arms after the Marshal Count Daun's Departure, which is said to be fixed to the 24th Instant.

Hanover, Oct. 1, O. S. To-morrow the King and his Royal Highness Prince Frederick set out for the Gohre in order to take the Diversion of Hunting there; the Lord Viscount Townshend will attend his Majesty; and several other Persons of Distinction will follow to the Gohre. The Lord Finch, Comptroller of His Majesty's Household, arrived here the 28th past from England; and intends likewise to go to the Gohre, and to remain there during the Hunting Season.

South-Sea-House, Oct. 7, 1725.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That the Warrants for the Half-Year's Interest, due at Michaelmas last on the South-Sea Annuity Stock, will be delivered out at the said Company's Office in Threadneedle-Street behind the Royal Exchange, London, on Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th of November next, from Nine a-Clock in the Forenoon till One in the Afternoon, and afterwards (Holidays excepted) between the same Hours on every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

General Post-Office, Oct. 7, 1725.

Whereas upon a strict Examination of the Rider, together with the Circumstances, which are since found to agree with his Relation, it does appear that the Cross-Road Mail which constantly goes between Chester and Exeter, was really taken away from the Rider upon Sunday the 26th of September last, about Three a-Clock in the Morning, by two Men on Horseback, near Peniford, a Village about seven Miles from Bristol, in the Road to

Wells, who carried off the entire Mail, which had in it the Bills of Letters of the several Towns of Chester, Whitburch, Strewsbury, Bridgnorth, Bewdley, Kidderminster, Worcester, Tewksbury, Gloucester, Wotton Underidge, Bristol, Wells, Bridgewater, Taunton, Wellington, Exeter and Exeter; and Expresses having been immediately, the very same Morning, sent away from Bristol to Chester and Exeter, to give Notice of the Accident to the several Post Towns mentioned, and their Dependancies, and no Notice having been as yet sent to the General Post-Office at London, of any Bank Notes, or other Notes, or Bills, that were in the said Mail, with Endorsements upon them, according to the Method proposed in the Advertisement so long published in the Prints, it is to be presumed that there were no such Notes, or Bills in the said Mail. This is to advertise, that whoever shall apprehend the Persons who stole the Mail, or either of them, so that they, or either of them, be convicted of the Robbery, that over and above the Money they will be entitled to from the County where the Robbery was committed, they will also be entitled to the Reward of 200 l. for each of them. And also, if either of the said Persons who have committed the said Robbery, or any of their Accomplishes, shall come in and make a Discovery of the said Robbery, so that they or either of them be apprehended and convicted thereof, such Person will not only be entitled to the Rewards above-mentioned, but also to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon, as formerly published in the Gazettes by His Majesty's special Command.

The Clause in the Act of Parliament made in the 4th and 5th of Queen Anne, against Earning of Briefs.

And whereas there hath been an evil Practice in Farming and Purchasing for a Sum of Money the Charity Money that should or might be collected on any Brief or Briefs, to the very great Hindrance and Discouragement of Alms-giving on such Occasions; Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, and it is hereby declar'd, That all Farming and Purchasing of such Charity Money is unlawful; and that if any Person or Persons shall purchase or agree for any Charity Money to be collected on any Briefs or Letters Patents, or by any Instrument of Covenant or Agreement by way of Farming, shall or may pretend to appropriate such Charity Money, or any Part thereof, to his or their Use, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this Act, such Purchase and Instrument of Covenant and Agreement shall be void, and each Person agreeing to purchase the Benefit of such Brief, shall forfeit the Sum of 500 l. to be applied for the Benefit of the Sufferers in such Letters Patents mentioned, and to be recovered as before last mentioned.

Whereas it has been industriously reported, and very much credited by many Persons throughout the Kingdom, that an evil Custom has obtained of Farming all Briefs or Copies of Letters Patents granted under the Great Seal of Great Britain, for the Collecting Charity Money for Sufferers by Fire or otherwise, which Report hath tended to the manifest Detriment of such Collections: It has therefore been thought proper, for the obviating this Objection, to publish at large the Clause above-mentioned in the Act of Parliament made in the 4th and 5th Years of her late Majesty Q. Anne against such Custom of Farming the said Briefs. And to the End a due Discovery may be made of such irregular Practices, and the Imputation of Farming the said Briefs be effectually removed for the future, Notice is hereby given, That if any Person or Persons to whom such Letters Patents have been granted, or who have been any Way concerned in suing out the same, shall make full Proof of, or produce any Contract for the Farming any such Brief or Briefs, such Person will not only be intitled to the
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