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Whitehall, October 31.

Yesterday, the Prince of Wales's Birth Day, being Sunday, the Celebration of it at Court was deferred to this Day, when His Royal Highness received the Compliments of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction, who made a very numerous and splendid Appearance: And at Night there were Illuminations and other publick Demonstrations of Joy.

Madrid, Oct. 21, N. S. The Marquess de los Balbafes who was appointed some Months ago his Catholick Majesty's Ambassadour to the King of Portugal to demand the Infanta of Portugal for the Prince of Asturias, has received Orders to be in a Readiness to set out for Lisbon, and accordingly he is sending thither his Coaches and Equipage, which are very rich and magnificent. The Marquess de Abrantes, his Portuguese Majesty's Ambassadour to this Court, for making the Demand of the Infanta of Spain for the Prince of Brasil, is to set out from Lisbon the Beginning of the next Month; the greatest Part of his Equipage is already arrived. His Catholick Majesty has been pleased to grant to Don Francisco Casado the Title and Appointments of Councillour of the Council of the Indies, in Consideration of the Services and Merit of his Father the Marquess de Monteleon. The Articles of Marriage between the said Don Francisco Casado and the eldest Daughter of the late Marquess de Campo Florido being already agreed, they are to be married in a few Days. This Day their Catholick Majesties came from St. Ildefonso to the Escorial, where they will reside for some Weeks. The Duke of Bournonville is expected here To-morrow from the Escorial; there is a Report that his Journey as Ambassadour to Vienna is put off for some Time. The Three Dutch Ships of Admiral Somersdyck's Squadron lately put into Cadiz, have been forced out of that Harbour by virtue of the Orders sent by this Court to all the Governours of the Sea-Ports in Spain, not to admit any Dutch Men of War. Letters from Cadiz of the 15th Instant advise, that a 60 Gun Ship is arrived there from Genoa, being one of the three bought by the Marquess de Mari, who is to come to Cadiz with the other two himself; they write, that the said Ship is very slight, and her Guns so old that they are not fit for Service; that two Advice Boats are ready to sail, one for the Havana, and the other for Carthagen; they only wait for their Dispatches.

London, October 29.

Yesterday Sir John Eyles, Kt. Lord Mayor Elect for the Year ensuing, was Sworn at Guildhall, and Sir Francis Forbes, Kt. the late Lord Mayor, surrendered to him the Chair and other Ensigns of Mayoralty in the Manner accustomed.

This Day the new Lord Mayor, accompanied by the late Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs in their Scarlet Gowns, went in their Coaches to the Water-Side, the Sword and Mace being carried before them, and the City Officers [Price Two Pence.]

attending; and from thence proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective Barges adorned with Streamers and Pendants to Westminster; and having walked round the Hall and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer-Bar, and the Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water to Black-Friers, and from thence in Coaches with the usual Solemnity to Draper's-Hall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided, at which were present the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, the Judges, and other Persons of Quality and Distinction.

Whitehall, Oct. 29, 1726.

Information having been given to His Majesty, that on Saturday the 20th of August last, between Three and Four a-Clock in the Morning, a Fire broke out in an uninhabited House belonging to Ball, Widow, situate near Bayndam Ferry in the County of Essex, at a considerable Distance from any other House, and the said House, together with a Barn thereto belonging was thereby wholly destroyed; and that upon Inquiry, there is Ground from several Circumstances to suspect that the said House (which was Insured in the Sun Fire-Office at 500 l.) was wilfully set on Fire: His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any Person or Persons concerned in the said Crime (except the Person that actually burns the said House) who shall discover all or any the Actors or Accomplices therein, so as they may be prosecuted and convicted thereof by due Course of Law.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

We do promise to give a Reward of Fifty Pounds to the Discoverer or Discoverers of any of the Persons concerned in the wilful burning the said House, on the Conviction of such Criminal or Criminals; which Sum of Fifty Pounds shall be paid at the Sun Fire Office in Threadneedle-Street, London.

Rob. Daltzell.
Osw. Hoskyns.
Tho. Watts.

Goldsmiths-Hall, Oct. 19, 1726.

The Company of Goldsmiths, London, give Notice, That notwithstanding the several Advertisements by them published in the Gazette and other publick Papers, in order to prevent the selling of Plate that is not mark'd with the Marks appointed by Law; There hath lately been considerable Quantities of wrought Plate sold and exported beyond the Seas which may justly be suspected to be of a coarser Alloy than the Standard, not being mark'd as aforesaid, (and yet Affidavit was made that the same were so marked) in Contempt of the known Laws, to the great Prejudice of the fair and honest Trader, the defrauding the Publick of the Duties by the Drawback, and to the great Dishonour of the Nation in general, when such Plate shall be found of a coarser Alloy in foreign Parts, which must necessarily tend to the Ruin of so noble a Manufacture.

The said Company therefore do again caution all Persons not to buy any Gold or Silver Wares that are capable of bearing the Mark, unless stamped with one or more of the Marks following, viz. The Figure of a

Woman

