

icious Practices, and the Publishers of leud, vrosane, and blasphemous Books) doth still prevail among us, and is no less dangerous to the present Peace and Tranquility of your Government, than it is displeasing to Almighty God, and destructive to the Souls of Men. It will be your Majesty's Honour, the Glory of your Reign, to put a Stop to these bold and impious Attempts; and by making us a virtuous and religious, to render us a happy and flourishing Nation.

The bright Examples which shine forth in your Royal Family, and strike the Hearts of your Subjects with Love and Admiration, cannot but add the greatest Weight to your Majesty's good Desires and Endeavours; whilst they observe, with the highest Satisfaction, that what your Majesty requires of your People, is in Effect to follow the Examples of that Piety in their own Conduct, which they there behold with so much Pleasure and Veneration.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will, in our several Stations, employ our utmost Endeavours to excite all those who are committed to our Charge, to be zealous in their Duty to God, and Loyalty to your Majesty. And as we are secure of your Majesty's Care and Concern for the Welfare of your People, to exhort them with all Earnestness, by a constant and conscientious Obedience to your Majesty, and a quiet and peaceable Behaviour towards one another, to contribute what in them lies to make your Reign happy; their highest Interest, as well as Duty.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction that we congratulate your Majesty upon the Hope you have been pleased to communicate to your Parliament, that your Endeavours to put an End to the Troubles and Disorders of Europe, by a general Pacification, are likely to meet with the desired Success: This will render your Majesty still more honoured abroad, and beloved at home.

May the good God prosper all your Majesty's Endeavours for the publick Welfare, and give your Subjects such a true Sense of the Blessings they enjoy under your Government, that they may be as zealous by their Unanimity and Vigour, to make your Majesty a great and glorious Prince, as your Majesty is, by your tender and paternal Care, to make them a flourishing and happy People.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

THIS publick Testimony of your Duty and Fidelity, and the zealous Concern you express for the Support and Honour of my Government, are very acceptable to me: And you may be assured, that I shall always maintain the Constitution of the Church of England, as by Law established; and shall be ready to do my Part towards a vigorous Execution of the Laws against Blasphemy, Profaneness, and Immorality.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 15th Day of February, 1727.

P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint his Grace Peregrine Duke of Ancaster and Kesteven Lord Great Chamberlain of England, to be Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln; and the Right Honourable James Earl of Berkeley to be Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester, the City of Bristol and County of the same, and City of Gloucester and County of the same, their Lordships this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

February 16, 1727-8.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having by an Advertisement in several of the Gazettes, dated the 4th Day of August last, required all Captains and Lieutenants belonging to His Majesty's Navy, who then were, or should be thenceforward unemployed, and in Half Pay on Shore, to transmit to this Office a particular Account of the Places where they then did respectively live, and that as they happened to change the Places of their Abode, they should give the like Account from Time to Time: And several of the aforesaid Officers having not hitherto transmitted to this Office such Accounts, their Lordships do hereby strictly require, that all Captains, Commanders, Lieutenants, and Masters, belonging to His Majesty's Navy, who now are, or shall hereafter be unemployed, and in Half-Pay on Shore, do, as soon as may be, transmit hither, in writing, as particular an Account as may be of the Places where they do now respectively dwell, and that as often as they change the Places of their Abode, they do forthwith give the like Account, on failure whereof their Names will not be inserted in the Lists for Half-Pay, which will from Time to Time be transmitted to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy. By Command of their Lordships,

J. Burchett.

A General Quarterly Court of the Governours of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, will be held at the new Building adjoining to the Banqueting House at Whitehall, on Monday the 4th Day of March, 1727, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank on Tuesday next, the 20th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, upon special Affairs.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, That the Transfer Books for Bank Stock will be shut from Friday the 8th Day of March next, until Friday the 12th of April following.

Trustees-Office, Broad-Street, London,

Feb. 9, 1727.

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for raising Money on the Estates of the late Directors of the South Sea Company, and others, give Notice, That they the said Trustees will expose to Sale by Cant or Auction, at their said Office, on Wednesday the 13th of March next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, an Estate at Shopdown, in the County of Hereford, late the Estate of Sir Robert Chaplin, Bart. one of the said late Directors; a Leasehold Estate at Pleshy, in the County of Essex, late the Estate of Robert Chester, Esq; one of the said late Directors; a Leasehold Estate at Limehouse, in the County of Middlesex, late the Estate of Hugh Raymond, Esq; one of the said late Directors; the Reversion of an Estate at Hollington, in the County of Derby, after the Life of Mr. John Morley, late the Estate of William Morley, Esq; one of the said late Directors;

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