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AT the Court at *Hampton-Court*, the 25th Day of *July*, 1728.

P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas it hath been represented to His Majesty at this Board, that the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs have some Doubt as to the Extent of the Levant, from whence all Ships are obliged, by His Majesty's Order made at this Board the 4th of this Instant, and Proclamation notifying the same, to perform a Quarentine: His Majesty in Council is thereupon this Day pleased to declare, that the Levant Sea, in this Case, be understood to extend itself, Eastward from the Isle of Corfu on the Borders of Greece in the Ionian Sea, and from Cape Rufata on the Coast of Barca in Africa: Whereof the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to take Notice, and give the necessary Directions herein accordingly.

*Hague*, July 27, *N. S.* The States of the Province of Holland have passed a Resolution to lay a Tax of a Hundredth Penny and a Two Hundredth Penny on all Employments, which 'tis reckoned will produce 150000 Florins a Year: This is to be a Fund for Payment of the Interest, at Three per Cent, of a Capital Sum to be raised by a Loan, towards that Province's Share of the extraordinary Charge this State is obliged to be at in the present Juncture.

*Hampton-Court*, July 25.

This Day the Marquess Riccardi, Envoy Extraordinary from the Grand Duke of Tuscany, had his first Private Audience of His Majesty; to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

He was afterwards introduced to a private Audience of Her Majesty, by the Right Honourable the Earl of Grantham, Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain, and conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.

From thence he was introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies to a private Audience of His Royal Highness the Duke.

And afterwards to a private Audience of their Royal Highnesses the Princess Royal, and the Princess Caroline.

*Whitehall*, July 30.

By Letters from Jamaica of the 17th of May last we have an Account, that Vice-Admiral Hopson, who commanded the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships in the West-Indies, died of a Fever the 8th of that Month; after five Days Illness, on board His Majesty's Ship the Leopard, off the Grand Brue on the Coast of New-Spain; his Body was brought in the same Ship to Port Royal in Jamaica, where it was to be buried the Day these Letters came away. By his Death the Command of His Majesty's said Squadron devolved upon Captain St. Lo, as eldest in Commission. His Majesty's Ship the Lyon, out of which Vice-Admiral Hopson removed into the Leopard the Day before he was taken ill, had been very sickly; but the rest of the Squadron continued in good Health. The Galleons were still at Cartagena, and made no Preparation for sailing. They had not yet received in the West-Indies the Orders for executing the Preliminaries in these Parts, which were sent by His Majesty's Ship the Solebay, Captain Warren Commander, who sailed from Gibraltar the 24th of April, O. S. and by a Spanish Frigate dispatched by the King of Spain's Order, which departed from Cadiz the Day before, as has been formerly mentioned.

John Balchen, Esq; is made Rear Admiral of the Blue, in the Room of Phillip Cavendish, Esq; appointed Vice-Admiral of the White, in the Room of Vice-Admiral Hopson deceased.

Custom House, London, July 29, 1728.

On Wednesday the 7th of August 1728, at Two o'clock in the Afternoon, will be exposed to Sale in the Long Room at the Custom-House, London, a Parcel of refused Wines, which are to be distilled into Brandy or made into Vinegar, and are to be seen at the King's Warehouse, on Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th of August, and all the Morning before the Sale. At the same Time will be exposed to Sale, by Order of the said Commissioners, a one Mast Sloop, River built, Burthen about 50 Tons, about 30 Years old, with Mast, Yards, Sails, Anchors, Cables, standing and running Rigging.