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AT the Court at St. James's the 16th Day
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P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

*Whereas there was this Day read at the
Board a Report from the Right Honour-
able the Lords of the Committee of Coun-
cil, dated the Twenty Fifth Day of
February last, which Report is in the
Words following, viz.*

“ YOUR Majesty having been pleased
“ to refer unto this Committee,
“ several Petitions from the Mer-
“ chants, Owners of Ships, and
“ Traders to Parts beyond the Seas, from the
“ Port of London; and also from the Out-
“ Ports of this Kingdom, complaining of the
“ heavy Burthen brought on the Trade of
“ this Kingdom, by the Fees taken upon the
“ frequent Renewal of Mediterranean Passes,
“ and humbly praying to be relieved there-
“ in; the Lords of the Committee have in
“ Obedience to your Majesty's Commands,
“ taken the said Petitions into their Consid-
“ eration, and have been attended by the Pet-
“ tioners, and heard all that they had to of-
“ fer in Support of their said Petitions; and
“ their Lordships have thereupon consulted
“ with the Lords Commissioners of the Ad-
“ miralty, and the Commissioners of your Ma-
“ jesty's Customs, and do agree humbly to re-
“ port to your Majesty; that it appears, that
“ upon a Representation made to your Majesty
“ by the Lords Commissioners of the Admi-
“ ralty, that several Passes of the old Form
“ might have fallen into the Hands of Fo-
“ reigners, who under Colour of such Passes,
“ might carry on their Trade, to the Preju-
“ dice of your Majesty's Subjects; your Ma-

“ jesty was pleased, on the 31st of Decem-
“ ber last, for putting a speedy Stop to such
“ indirect Practices, to issue your Royal Pro-
“ clamation, directing that all Passes of the
“ old Form, should not continue in Force
“ longer than Twelve Months, to be com-
“ puted from the first of March next, except
“ such as had been granted to Ships gone or
“ going remote Voyages; where they can-
“ not be timely furnished with new Passes;
“ and requiring all your Majesty's Subjects,
“ who had any old Passes in their Possession,
“ to return the same within Twelve Months
“ from the said First of March, to the Admi-
“ ralty Office of Great-Britain, or to the
“ Collectors of the Customs at the Out Ports
“ of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the
“ Governors of your Majesty's Plantations,
“ in order to their being cancelled; and
“ that they should furnish themselves with
“ Passes of a new Form in lieu thereof, for
“ their several Ships and Vessels, according
“ to the Treaties subsisting between your
“ Majesty and the Governments on the Coast
“ of Barbary, and the Regulations made by
“ Order of His late Majesty in Council on
“ the 14th of June 1722, and the Instruc-
“ tions given to the Lords Commissioners of
“ the Admiralty thereupon.

“ The Hardships principally insisted on by
“ the Petitioners were these.

1st. “ That the Fee demanded at the Ad-
“ miralty Office for each Pass is Five and
“ Twenty Shillings.

2^d. “ That at the Out-Ports, when the
“ Officers of the Customs have delivered
“ Passes from the Admiralty Office, they have
“ taken additional Fees over and above the
“ said Twenty Five Shillings.

3^d. “ That the like Fee of Twenty Five
“ Shillings had been taken by the Admiralty
“ Office, and the additional Fees by the Of-
“ ficers of the Customs at the Out-Ports, up-
“ on the renewing of any such Passes, altho'
“ no Alteration had been made in the Pro-
“ perty,

[Price Two Pence.]

“ perty, Name, or Description of the
“ Ship.

“ Whereupon the Lords of the Committee
“ beg Leave to inform your Majesty, that a
“ like Complaint was made to your Majesty’s
“ Royal Predecessor King Charles the Second,
“ on Account of Fees taken at the Admiralty
“ Office, upon issuing Mediterranean
“ Passes; which having been examined into
“ by his Majesty, an Order in Council was
“ issued, bearing Date the 23d Day of March
“ 1676, for moderating the said Fees: By
“ which Order it appears, that the Fee of
“ Twenty Five Shillings was allowed to be
“ taken by the Admiralty Office, upon the
“ issuing a Mediterranean Pass, tho’ at that
“ Time there was no Stamp Duty in being.

“ And their Lordships further humbly in-
“ form your Majesty, that an Order in Council
“ was issued in the Reign of your Majesty’s
“ late Royal Father, bearing Date the
“ 13th of July 1717, whereby the Office of
“ Admiralty was allowed to take the like
“ Fee of Twenty Five Shillings upon the
“ issuing such Pass; in which Fee are included
“ the Stamp Duties, payable by Act of Par-
“ liament.

“ Upon considering which Orders, and
“ in Regard that Twenty five Shillings was
“ allowed so long since as the Year 1676,
“ as a moderate Fee, their Lordships are of
“ Opinion, that it may be reasonable to al-
“ low the like Fee to be continued to be
“ taken, for every new Pass that shall be
“ issued from the Admiralty Office, inclu-
“ ding the Stamp Duties, and all other De-
“ mands of the said Office.

“ But their Lordships are of Opinion, that
“ no Pass should be deemed a new Pass, but
“ where the Property, Name, or Description
“ of the Ship is altered from what it was
“ in the old Pass; or that there is no old
“ Pass produced, in order to be cancelled,
“ upon the delivering a new one.

“ Yet as the frequent Occasions of renew-
“ ing such Passes (for the better preventing
“ their falling into the Hands of Foreigners)
“ may bring too heavy a Burthen on the
“ Trade of your Majesty’s Subjects, their
“ Lordships are of Opinion, that the Mer-
“ chants should not be obliged to renew
“ their Passes in less Time than Twelve
“ Months, unless they shall find it for their
“ Convenience sooner to renew the same;
“ and that no more than Fifteen Shillings be
“ taken upon the renewing of any such Pass;
“ Ten Shillings whereof as the Fee to the
“ Admiralty Office, and the other Five Shil-
“ lings for the Stamps, Parchment, Printing,
“ &c.

“ And it having been alledged by the Pe-
“ titioners, that further Fees have been taken

“ of the Merchants by the Officers of the
“ Customs at the Out-Ports of this King-
“ dom, upon Pretence of extraordinary
“ Trouble in taking the Oath and Bond,
“ and giving a Certificate, in order to ob-
“ tain the said Pass from the Admiralty Of-
“ fice: Their Lordships do therefore agree
“ humbly to report to your Majesty as their
“ Opinion, that the Merchants residing there
“ ought to be put upon as easy a Footing
“ in this Respect, as those residing in Lon-
“ don. And to that End, that the Officers
“ of the Customs at the Out-Ports should be
“ strictly enjoyned, upon the Delivery of
“ any such Pass, to demand no more than the
“ said Fee of Twenty five Shillings for a
“ new Pass, and Fifteen Shillings for a re-
“ newed Pass, according to what is before
“ proposed to be taken at the Admiralty
“ Office; and that they do take the Oath
“ and Bond, and send the proper Certifi-
“ cate, in order to obtain the said Pass for
“ the Merchant, without any other Fee or
“ Demand whatsoever.

“ And whereas it appeared that the said
“ Officers of the Customs at the Out-Ports
“ have hitherto transmitted their Certificates
“ to the Custom House in London, in order
“ to be sent from thence to the Admiralty
“ Office for the obtaining a Pass; and that
“ such Pass, when signed by the Lords Com-
“ missioners of the Admiralty, hath been sent
“ from the said Admiralty Office to the
“ Custom House in London, to be transmit-
“ ted from thence to the said Officers at the
“ Out-Ports; which Method may have been
“ attended not only with unnecessary De-
“ lays, but also with an Addition of Ex-
“ pence to the Merchants: Their Lordships
“ are therefore of Opinion, that for avoid-
“ ing the same for the future, the said Of-
“ ficers at the Out-Ports should be required
“ to send their Certificates, together with
“ the Affidavit, and what else is required
“ for the obtaining such Pass, directly to the
“ Admiralty Office, who should be likewise
“ required to transmit the Pass directly to the
“ said Officers at the Out-Ports, to be deli-
“ vered to the Merchants.

“ And it having further appeared to this
“ Committee, that some of the Surveyors at
“ the Out-Ports have demanded a Fee of
“ Five Shillings, and others a Fee of Two
“ Shillings and Six Pence, for their extraor-
“ dinary Trouble in going on board and
“ measuring the Ships, and afterwards in cer-
“ tifying a particular Account thereof to
“ the Collector of the Customs, in order to
“ obtain a Pass; their Lordships are therefore
“ of Opinion, that all the Surveyors at the
“ Out-Ports should be strictly required not
“ to demand more than Two Shillings and

“ Six Pence for every Ship they shall so survey and certify for.

His Majesty taking the said Report into Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the several Matters therein proposed be duly observed and complied with: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Edward Southwell.

Seville, March 2. Their Catholick Majesties have taken their Resolution to set out on the 6th Instant for Marchena, a Village about nine Leagues distant from hence, where they intend to pass a few Days in Hunting, and from thence the Court will proceed to Granada. This Day Count Kinigsbeck, his Imperial Majesty's Ambassadour at this Court, set out for Madrid on his Return Home, accompanied by Count Kinigsbeck Erps, his Nephew. His Excellency intends to take Barcelona in his Way, and thence to proceed to Lyons.

The Directors of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a perpetual Assurance Office do hereby give Notice, That all Members of the said Society who shall be Five Quarters in Arrear at Lady Day next, will be excluded at the next General Court, unless they pay their Arrears on or before the 24th Day of April next.

Tho. Hodgson, Secr.

Advertisements.

PU suant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of John Lowman, late of St. Mary at Lambeth, in the County of Surry, Starch-maker, deceased, are forthwith to prove their Debts before Samuel Burroughs, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Chancery-lane, or they will lose the Benefit of the said Decree.

TO be sold together or in Parcels, on Thursday the 26th of March Instant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Mitre Tavern in Old Brentford, several Copyhold Messuages or Tenements, with Gardens, Backsides, and Orchards thereunto belonging, late the Estate of John Sirtt, of Brentford aforesaid, Tallow-Chandler, a Bankrupt. Particulars of the said Estate may be had of Mr. Robert Henshaw, Attorney, in Salters-Hall-Yard, London.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against George Mason, late of the City of Bristol, Clothier, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 24th and 31st Instant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Dwelling House of

John Tudsbury, in All-Saints-lane, within the City of Bristol, commonly called the Elephant Coffee house, and make a full Discovery of his Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay Contribution Money, and at the first Sitting the Commissioners will appoint 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 are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Temple, at Mr. John Mason's, a Glover, in High street, Bristol.

THE Commissioners in a renewed Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Nicholas Taverner, late of Peterborough in the County of Northampton, Woollendrapery, intend to meet on Friday the 17th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the Bull-Inn in Stamford, in the County of Lincoln, 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.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Wiburd, late of the Parish of St. Leonard's Shoreditch, in the County of Middlesex, Mealman, intend to meet on the 10th of April next, at Ten in the Forenoon, 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.

THE under-mentioned Persons claiming the Benefit of the Act lately passed for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, the following Notices have been brought to the Printer of the London Gazette, to be inserted in this Paper, and are herein inserted in Obedience to the said Act.

The following Person being a Prisoner in the Fleet Prison, London, gives Notice, that he intend to take the Benefit of the late Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the City of London, or the Adjournment thereof, that first shall happen next after 30 Days from the Date hereof, viz. William Hopper, late of Agmondesham alias Amersham, in the County of Bucks, Yeoman.

The following Person being a Fugitive for Debt, and having surrendered himself to the Keeper of the Marshalsea Prison in Southwark, in the County of Surry, gives Notice, that he intends to take the Benefit of the late Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of Surry, or the Adjournment thereof, that shall first happen next after 30 Days from the Date hereof, viz. William Scott, late of Deptford in Kent, Mariner.

N. B. If any Person in the foregoing List of Prisoners shall find on the Perusal of this Gazette that there is any Error, such Error shall upon Notice be rectified in the next Gazette, Gratis.