

portance in the present Conjunction. It is impossible, when all the Courts of Europe are busy and in Motion, to secure to themselves such Supports, as Time and Occasion may require, for me to sit still, and neglect Opportunities, which, if once lost, may not only be irremediable, but turned as greatly to our Prejudice, as they will prove to our Advantage, by being seasonably secured; and which, if neglected, would have been thought a just Cause of Complaint. This necessary Confidence, placed in me, has given great Weight to my Endeavours for the Publick Good.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Accounts and Estimates to be prepared and laid before you, of such extraordinary Expences, as were incurred last Year, and of such Services, as I think highly necessary to be carried on and provided for; and whatever additional Charges shall be found necessary, shall be reduced, as soon as it can be done consistently with the common Security.

And as the Treaty with the Crown of Denmark is attended with an Expence, I have ordered the same to be laid before you.

I make no Doubt, but I shall find, in this House of Commons, the same Zeal, Duty, and Affection, as I have experienced through the whole Course of my Reign; and that you will raise the necessary Supplies with Cheerfulness, Unanimity, and Dispatch.

The Sense of the Nation is best to be learned by the Choice of their Representatives; and I am persuaded, that the Behaviour and Conduct of my faithful Commons will demonstrate to all the World the unshaken Fidelity and Attachment of my good Subjects to my Person and Government.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is our Happiness to have continued hitherto in a State of Peace; but whilst many of the principal Powers of Europe are engaged in War, the Consequences must more or less affect us; and as the best concerted Measures were liable to Uncertainty, we ought to be in a Readiness, and prepared against all Events; and if our Expences are in some Degree increased, to prevent greater, and such, as if once entered into, it would be difficult to see the End of, I hope my good Subjects will not repine at the necessary Means of procuring the Blessings of Peace, and of universal Tranquillity, or of putting ourselves in a Condition to act that Part, which it may be necessary and incumbent upon us to take.

At the Court at St. James's, the 22d Day of January, 1734.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint the following Sheriffs,

viz.
Cheeshire **Trafford Barnston, Esq;**

Dorsetshire, **Thomas Skinner, of Dewlish, Esq;**
Hertfordshire, **Thomas Rolt, of Sacombe, Esq;**
Leicestershire, **Robert Willson, of Heythorp, Esq;**

Hague, Feb. 1, N. S. The Prince of Orange left this Place Yesterday Morning to go for Amsterdam, in order to embark in the Evening for Friesland, and the Wind having been favourable all Night, it is supposed his Highness landed there this Morning. His Highness will reside in Friesland about three Weeks during the Meeting of the States of that Province. Her Royal Highness his Consort was blooded two Days ago by Way of Precaution. The States of Holland separated on Friday last, and are to meet again To-morrow Seven-night. The Marquês de St. Gilles delivered Yesterday his Credentials as Ambassadour from the King of Spain to the States General, and notified this Morning his Arrival to all the Publick Ministers whose Masters are in Amity with Spain. We have this Morning had an Account from Breda, that M. d'Avroux, Drossard of that Place, was dead; which Employment is in the Disposal of the Prince of Orange. The Minister from Sardinia has delivered to the States a Letter of Notification from the King his Master, of the Death of her Sardinian Majesty.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 7, 1734.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being informed, that, notwithstanding His Majesty's Pleasure, signified to his Consuls residing in Foreign Parts, several Masters of Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects which have come into the Ports where they the said Consuls reside, have upon their Demand, refused to produce to them the Passes which they have received, in order to their endorsing the same in the Manner they are required to do: Their Lordships do therefore hereby give Notice, that it is expected all such Masters of Ships or Vessels coming into any Port where there is any such Consul, do, at their Peril, strictly comply with his Majesty's Pleasure, by producing to them the Passes in their Possession; and that when any Ship or Vessel belonging to his Majesty's Subjects shall be sold at any Port abroad, where a British Minister or Consul doth reside, their Masters do deliver to such Minister or Consul their Pass; or if no such Minister or Consul, transmit them as soon as possible they can to this Office, in order to their being cancelled, that so they may not, to the Prejudice of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects, fall into the Hands of Foreigners, otherwise their Bonds will be put in Suit with the utmost Severity of the Law. And their Lordships do hereby give Notice to all Masters of Ships or Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects who may receive Passes, either from this Office, or from any of the Governors of His Majesty's Foreign Islands or Plantations, that by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of his present Majesty, it is made Felony, without Benefit of the Clergy, if any Erasure or Alteration whatsoever shall be found made in any such Passes. By Command of their Lordships,
J. Burchett.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 17, 1734.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby direct, that all Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Ship the Duke, at Portsmouth, do forthwith repair to them on board the said Ship, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. By Command of their Lordships,
J. Burchett.