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Petersbourg, January 26.

L E T T E R S from Constantinople advise, that the Grand Signior, in an extraordinary Divan which was lately assembled, and very numerous, confirmed the Declaration that he had made before of the Continuance of his good Disposition towards Peace, with the only View of procuring Ease and Quiet to the People of his Empire. He then acquainted them with his Resolution to go and take upon himself the Command of the great Army, in case he could not come to an Accommodation with the Christians before the Opening of the next Campaign: That he had determined to take with him all the Janissaries of his Guard, excepting a Detachment of that Corps, which he will leave for the Security of Constantinople, and will reinforce that Detachment with 20,000 Men of the Troops that are now raising in Asia. That as he perceived there were great Difficulties in raising the Subsidies ordered, he would supply out of his own Treasure what was wanting. And that Prince Ragotzi is to make the Campaign with him. These Letters add, That the Tent for the Grand Signior was actually preparing. That the Augmentation of the Fleet to serve on the Black Sea was hastening with all possible Expedition; and that the Grand Signior has lately sent express Orders to his two Armies to continue the War during the Winter, if possible, or at least to begin again their Operations as soon as the Snow is melted, that they may not be prevented by the Enemies.

Hague, Feb. 21, N. S. The States of Holland separated last Night; after having at last delivered their Consent to the State of War for this present Year, their Difficulties which had retarded the same being removed. They are to meet again within 15 Days:

Whitehall, Feb. 4, 1737-8.

Whereas on the First Day of this Instant February, several scandalous, seditious, and treasonable Papers, were found pasted up in different Places in the Town of Leicester: His Majesty is pleased, for the better Discovery of the Authors and Dispersers of the said wicked and treasonable Papers, or any Persons concerned

therein, to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof. And as a further Encouragement, His Majesty is pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Person that shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of any one of the Offenders; or in Case there shall be more than one Person discovered and convicted, His Majesty is pleased to promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds for every one of the said Criminals, to be paid upon the Conviction of them, or any of them.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Whitehall, February 10, 1737-8.

Whereas two anonymous Letters were sent to John Berington, Esq; in March 1736, threatening to burn his Houses, Barns and Stables, &c. if he did not lay certain Sums of Money in the Places therein described and another Letter, dated January 9, 1737, was sent by the Post, directed to Mr. Benning, at his House at Beenham near Kiff in Berkshire, forthwith, threatening, that every thing he had should be burned, in case he did not get William Barnatt out of Goal, who had been committed on Suspicion of being concerned in writing and sending the Letters above-mentioned. And whereas a Letter dated April 23, 1737, and directed to the Rev. Mr. Deen, living at Woolhamton, Berks, was found in Kiff-Green on the 25th of the said Month, threatening the Life of the said Mr. Deen, in case he did not send Forty Pounds to a Place therein described: His Majesty, for the better discovering the Persons concerned in writing and sending the said Letters, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except John Wingfield, now a Prisoner in Reading Goal, who is suspected to have been concerned therein) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as they or any of them may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a further Encouragement, I do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

John Berington,

Whitehall, January 31, 1737-8,

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that a Merchant Ship called the Britannia, was, between the 23d and 24th Days of December last past, stranded at Moshcombe in the Port of Plymouth and County of Devon, and plundered and robbed of divers Goods and Effects: and that a threatening Letter has been lately thrown into the Yard of John Pollexfen, Esq; at Moshcombe aforesaid, in the said County, which said John Pollexfen has been aiding and assisting in procuring Satisfaction to the Owners of the said Ship and Goods