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Naples, February 10, N. S.

ON the 4th Instant the Queen was taken with a violent Head-ach and Fever, which lasted all that Night. The 5th in the Morning it was judged from several Symptoms to be the Small Pox. The Marquês de Montalegre, Secretary of State, immediately informed the King of it, and advised him to retire to Portici for 40 Days; but his Majesty rejecting that Advice, the Marquês de Montalegre called together the Council of State and the Physicians of the Court, who all agreed in the Advice given by the Marquês de Montalegre, judging, that though his Majesty was of Opinion he had had the Small Pox at Pisa, and for that Reason refused to leave the Queen, yet that Distemper was not really the Small Pox. The Result of this Conference having been laid before his Majesty, he set out on the 6th in the Morning for Portici, with great Regret for so sudden a Separation. On the 7th it became manifest that the Queen had the Small Pox, but of the favourable Sort.

Leghorn, Feb. 13, N. S. Extraordinary Preparations are making here against the Arrival of the Great Duke, who is expected in the Beginning of March. The British Merchants are making a Firework, representing a Garden, upon the Sea. The Dutch and the French are making other Preparations, as are the Jews likewise. Orders have also been given to illuminate the whole City on that Occasion.

Warsaw, Feb. 18, N. S. On the 7th Instant there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance at Court to celebrate the Czarina's Birth-Day, and after Divine Service Baron Ehrénron, the new Swedish Minister, had his first Audiences of the King and Queen and of the Princess Royal. Afterwards the foreign Ministers, with some of the chief of the Nobility, were admitted to their Majesties Table, and other Persons of Distinction dined at two other Tables; the Cannon firing, and Kettle Drums and Trumpets sounding at the drinking of the several Healths. At Night a Firework on the Vistula was played off, and there was a Ball at Court. On the 15th the Court went into Mourning for a Month, for the Death of Duke Ferdinand of Bavaria, and for that of the Princess Louisa of Saxe-Barby. On the 16th a Solemn Service for the Repose of the Soul of the late King was performed in the Church of the Capuchins, where his Entrails were deposited. The Frosty Weather is returned, and to Day there is so much Ice in the Vistula,

that it is expected it will be frozen over again. By our Accounts from Petersbourg they have had harder Weather in those Parts this Winter than for several Years before; and the like is advised from the Frontiers of the Ukraine.

War Office, Whitehall, Feb. 24, 1738-9,
Whereas great Frauds have been committed at this Office by Persons receiving Pensions granted to Officers Widows by Means of forged Assignments, Letters of Attorney, Certificates and Affidavits, and by Persons pretending to be and personating Widows as aforesaid: And two Persons being now committed to Newgate on Account of the said Frauds, Notice is hereby given, that no future Payment will be made at this Office by Virtue of any Assignment, or Letter of Attorney already entered at the said Office, without further Satisfaction given thereupon. And such Widows of Officers as are entitled to the said Pension, and who reside within the Bills of Mortality, are hereby required to appear in Person at the said Office, in order to be examined as to their respective Pretensions, for which Purpose Attendance will be given from the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till Two, on Wednesday and Friday in every Week during the Month of March next; and such Widows residing without the Bills of Mortality as aforesaid, as are desirous to make Assignments of their Pensions, or grant Letters of Attorney for the future, are required to execute the same in the Presence of Two of the Clerks in the said Office, to be by them attested. Those Officers Widows that reside at a Distance, are likewise required forthwith to authorize some Person of Credit to appear for them, and to give Satisfaction as to their being living, and as to the Validity of any Letter of Attorney or Assignment already made or to be made for receiving their respective Pensions. N. B. That if any Person will come to this Office, and give Information of the Death of any Officer's Widow whose Name still continues in the Books, as intitled to her Pension, or shall discover any other Frauds relating thereto, on Application to Mr. Edward Lloyd, they shall be well-rewarded for their Trouble, and their Names concealed if required.

Ed. Saintbill, Paymaster to the Widows.

East India House, February 21, 1738,
The Courts of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut up on Thursday the 15th of March next; That a Quarterly General Court will be holden at their House in Lendenhall-street, on Wednesday the 21st of the said Month, at Eleven in the Forenoon. That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at the said House on Friday the 30th of the said Month; That a General Court will be holden at the said House on Wednesday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty Four Directors for the Year ensuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning till Six in the Afternoon of the same Day; after which Time no Lists will be taken in; And that the Transfer Books will be opened on Thursday the 12th of April aforesaid.