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AT the Court at St. James's, the Fourteenth of April, 1740.

P R E S E N T,
The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Upon reading this Day at the Board, a Representation from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, proposing that the present Embargo should be taken off: His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order that the Embargo should accordingly be taken off from all Merchant Ships and Vessels whatsoever in the Ports of Great Britain and Ireland outward bound; and that the necessary Orders should be issued for that Purpose.

Rome, March 26. On the 19th returned hither from Portugal the Courier that was dispatch'd thither on Account of the Death of the late Pope; and amongst other Dispatches brought one from the Nuncio at that Court, acquainting the Chiefs of the Orders, that none of the Portuguese Cardinals design to attend the Conclave. It is reported, that Cardinal Coscia, at the End of the Conclave, is to assume the Character of Ambassadors from the King of Naples to this Court. On the 22d arrived here from Florence M. Franchini, Minister from the Great Duke to the Conclave. On the 23d the Prince of Santa Croce, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Emperor to the Conclave, presented, in a publick Manner, his Letters Credential to the Chiefs of the Orders, to whom he made a Speech concerning the Election of a new Pope.

Leghorn, March 30. On the 29th anchored in this Port his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Kennington, Captain Robinson Commander, with four Merchant Ships from Great Britain under his Convoy: The same Evening a Spanish Privateer sailed out of the Port, and soon after was followed by the Man of War; but we are not yet inform'd whether she has been able to overtake the Privateer.

Florence, April 3. On the 1st Instant the Prince d'Elboeuf, in Consequence of the Great Duke's Orders, was invested with the Order of St. Stefano, by Sig. Ricci, President of that Order. This Function was performed by M. Suarez, Bishop of St. Miniato, in the Chapel of the Villa Limbrogiana, where many Knights of the Order were invited to attend. The Prince d'Elboeuf, 'tis said, proposes to set out speedily on a Journey to France. The Prince de Craon has fix'd his Departure from hence for Rome to the 6th Instant, there to be invested with the Order of the Golden Fleece, lately conferr'd on him by the Emperor. The Council of Finances has of late made a Contract to lett, for Nine Years, to commence from the 1st of April 1740, most

of the Farms of the Medici Family in this State, with an Augmentation to the Great Duke above what they hitherto have produced.

General Post Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Post-Boy, who was carrying the Worcester Mail from London to Southall, was set upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Aualey-street End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a lusty Man, in a white Cape Coat, who presented a Pistol to the said Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field against Audley-street End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worcester and Oxford Bags; the Worcester Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodstock Letters.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Persons who committed the said Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of 200 l. besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. Or if any Person, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Persons, or either of them who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, be intituled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

J. D. Barbutt, Secretary.

General Post-Office, April 2, 1740.

Whereas the Post-Boy carrying the Bristol Mail from London to Hounslow, was attacked and set upon between Three and Four a Clock this Morning, a little beyond Knightsbridge, by a single Person on Foot, of a dark Complexion, and a middle Stature, having on a light-colour'd Horseman's Coat with the Cape button'd up, who led him into an adjacent Field, and there took from him the Bath and Bristol Bags, put them into a Green Bag, and rode off with them towards London on the Horse that carried the said Mail.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be intituled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make a Discovery whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intituled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

J. D. Barbutt, Secretary.

General Post Office, London, April 4, 1740.

Whereas the Post Boy carrying the Western and Portsmouth Mails from Bagbott to London, was set upon and attacked, about One of the Clock this Morning, in the hollow Way coming from Bagbott, by two Highwaymen, who appeared to be lusty jolly Men, in Great Coats, of a whitish Colour, with the Capes buttoned up, and light colour'd Wiggs, one of them mounted on a black Horse with a white Snip down his Face, and the other either on a dark Chestnut, or a brown Bay, and who stopping the said Boy, ordered him to dismount, and threatened to shoot him, if he made the least Noise or Resistance, then

