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Naples, April 26, N. S.

ON the 20th Instant the Prince d'Ar-dore took Possession in Form of the Government of this City, which was lately conferred on him by the King. On the 21st four Gallies, four Row-Boats, and a Barca-Longa, sailed out of this Port to cruize against the Corsairs of Barbary. On the 22d an Adjutant with a Party of Soldiers of the Limerick Regiment, went to several of the most publick Places of this City, and with the Formalities used here on such Occasions, cited by Beat of Drum the two Captains of that Regiment who lately murdered M. Odea their Colonel, to repair personally to their Regiment within 40 Days: on Failure of which they will be taken by Force out of the Convent of Monte Calvario, the Place of their Refuge, and punished according to their Crimes. Sig. Charny, Captain General of the King's Forces, is dangerously ill of a Dropsy. On the 24th an Extraordinary Courier arrived here from Spain, and among other Dispatches, brought the King of Spain's Orders to Sig. Fuenclara, his Ambassadour at this Court, to set out speedily for Madrid.

Rome, May 1. On the 24th past the Duke of St. Aignan, attended by many Prelates and other Persons of Distinction, presented his Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of France, to the Chiefs of the Orders at the Gates of the Conclave, with the usual publick Formalities. To Day Prince Craon received the Order of the Golden Fleece from the Hands of Prince Santa-Croce; on which Occasion the latter gave an Entertainment of Musick and a Ball, to which resorted a great Number of the Roman, French and German Nobility.

Whitehall, May 19.

His Majesty's Sloop the Swift, commanded by Captain Michell, arrived at Plymouth on the 12th Instant; from whence the Captain writes, that he came from Oporto the 29th past, where he learnt that Nine Spanish Men of War and Three Frigates from Cadiz arrived the 16th of April at Ferrol, where were Nine more Spanish Men of War: That on the 2d Instant he met Vice-Admiral Balchen about 16 Leagues from Cape Finisterre, to whom he gave an Account of the said 18 Spanish Men of War and three Frigates being in the Harbour of Ferrol. The Vice-Admiral having kept him a few Hours, sent Letters by him, advising, that upon this Intelligence he proposed to keep cruising between Cape Finisterre and Ushant with the Squadron of his Majesty's Ships under his Command, consisting of the Ruffel, Norfolk, Grafton, Dunkirk, Deptford, and Severn.

Whitehall, May 20.

His Majesty continues at Sheerness, detained by contrary Winds.

Navy Office, May 12, 1740.

These are to give Notice to all such Persons who have passed their Examinations at Surgeons Hall, with an Intent to serve either as Surgeons or Surgeons Mates in the Navy, and have not at this Time Warrants from this Board, that their Attendance is forthwith required at this Office. And that unless such Persons as have already had, or shall hereafter have Warrants for such Employments, do forthwith repair to their Duties on Board the respective Ships to which they belong, they will be rendered incapable of any further Service in the Navy.

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 intitled 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 intitled 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 Postmouth Mails from Bagshot to London, was set upon and attacked, about One of the Clock this Morning, in the hollow Way coming from Bagshot, by two Highwaymen, who appeared to be lusty jolly Men, in Great Coats, of a whitish Colour, with the Capes button'd 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 tied his Hands and Feet, and rode off with the Horses and Mails.

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 this Robbery; will be intitled 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 Persons, or either of them who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer, upon Conviction of the Party

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