

Thousands of People in these Hereditary Countries, who are incessantly petitioning for Leave to distinguish themselves in their several Districts for the Service of the Queen.

Berlin, Feb. 27, N. S. It is confidently reported that his Prussian Majesty will soon return to this Place. Yesterday arrived here Prince Louis of Brunswick from Petersbourg.

Copenhagen, Feb. 27. Baron Backhoff set out a few Days ago for Germany, having Permission to attend his private Affairs there for a while before he returns to Petersbourg. M. Czernitzchew has now taken Leave of this Court, and proposes to set out To-morrow for Berlin, where he is to reside as Envoy Extraordinary from the new Sovereign of Russia, in the room of the late Baron Brakel.

Dublin-Castle, February 18.

The 16th Infant his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant of this Kingdom, embarked for England; upon which Occasion the Foot Forces on Duty here lined the Streets, and his Grace was attended by the Dragoon Forces likewise on Duty, together with the Battle-Axe Guards and Officers of State, to the Water Side; to which Place his Grace was accompanied by a great Number of the Nobility, and other Persons of Distinction. And this Day his Grace the Lord Primate, the Lord Chancellor, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, were sworn in Council as Lords Justices of this Kingdom.

Whitehall, February 27.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint his Grace John Duke of Argyll and Greenwich, Field Marshal of His Majesty's Forces, to be Colonel of his Majesty's Royal Regiment of Horse Guards.

Navy Office, the 10th of February, 1741-2.

The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy having received Information, That several wicked and evil disposed Persons had forged Wills and Letters of Attorney of Sailors dying on Board his Majesty's Ships of War, and obtained Probates of such Wills, and by that Means received the Wages due to such Seamen, caused strict Enquiry to be made into the Affair, and found that the Will of one Peter Perry a Sailor, who died on Board his Majesty's Ship the Lancaster, was forged by Dominick Fitzgerald and James Lee, as follows, the Will was a common printed Sailor's Will, and was filled up and signed by Fitzgerald by the Name of Perry, and Lee witnessed the same by the Name of James Welch: For this Offence Fitzgerald and Lee were indicted at the Sessions held at the Old Baily, upon Monday the 7th Day of December last, upon a Statute made in the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, and revived and made perpetual in the Ninth Year of his said Majesty's Reign; whereby it is Enacted, "That if any Person shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause, or procure to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the false making, forging, or counterfeiting any Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing-Obligatory, Bill of Exchange, promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or promissory Note for Payment of Money, or any Acquittance or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person whatsoever; or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged or counterfeited Deed, Will, Testament, Bond, Writing Obligatory, Bill of Exchange, promissory Note for Payment of Money, Indorsement or Assignment of any Bill of Exchange, or promissory Note for Payment of Money, Acquittance

or Receipt, either for Money or Goods, with Intention to defraud any Person, knowing the same to be false, forged, or counterfeited, then every such Person being thereof lawfully convicted according to the due Course of Law, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy." Upon which Indictment the said Dominick Fitzgerald and James Lee were both convicted, and have been since executed for the said Offence. The said Commissioners publish this to inform all Persons whatsoever, that by the said Statute, any Person that falsely makes, forges, or counterfeits, or causes or procures to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, or willingly acts or assists in the false making, forging, or counterfeiting the Will, Letter of Attorney, or Bill of Sale of any Seaman or Seamen, or any Ticket for Seamen's Wages, or that utters or publishes as true, any false, forged, or counterfeited Will, Letter of Attorney, Bill of Sale, or Ticket of any Seaman or Seamen, is guilty of Felony; and being convicted thereof, will suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy: And for the discovering of Persons guilty of these Offences, the said Commissioners do hereby promise to reward any Person or Persons that shall make such Discovery, upon the Conviction of any Person or Persons guilty thereof.

Navy Office, Feb. 25, 1741.

By the Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy.

These are to give Notice, that this Board will be ready to treat with such Persons as are desirous to sell and import the Stores undermentioned for his Majesty's Service, between Nine and Ten of the Clock each Morning, on the Days expressed against the same, that they may attend with their Proposals at those Times, viz.

Monday the 15th of March next for Norway Goods.
Wednesday the 17th, East Country Tar.
Friday the 19th, Iron.
Monday the 22d, Dantzick Plank and Prussia Deals.
Wednesday the 24th, Hemp.
Friday the 26th, Riga Malts

Pay Office, Horse Guards, Feb. 26, 1741-2.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, having directed Six Months Half Pay to the Reduced Officers of his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, to the 24th of December, 1741; these are to give Notice, that upon Tuesday next, the 2d of March, Attendance will be given at the above-said Office for Payment of the same accordingly.

H. Pelham.

East India House, Feb. 19, 1741.

The Court 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 21st of March next, at Two o'Clock: That a Quarterly General Court will be holden at their House in Leadenhall Street on Wednesday the 24th 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 26th of the said Month: That a General Court will be holden at the said House on Wednesday the 7th 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 of the said Company will be opened on Thursday the 8th of the said Month of April.

UNION FIRE-OFFICE.

The Directors of the Union Society for Insuring Goods and Merchandize from Loss by Fire, give Notice, that the Half Yearly General Meeting of the said Society will be held at their Office in Gutter-Lane, Cheshape, on Wednesday the 24th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon; where all who are Insured are desired to be present.

