

*Admiralty Office, May 26.*

His Majesty's Ship the Salisbury, commanded by Captain Peter Osborne, having Vice-Admiral Leftock, who took his Passage in her, on board, arrived the 24th in the Morning at Spithead from the Mediterranean, with nine Ships for London, and one for Bristol, under her Convoy. Capt. Osborne, in his Passage from Mahon to Gibraltar, met off Cape de Gat, a French Ship from Marseilles bound for St. Domingo, laden with all Sorts of Merchandize, and carried her into Gibraltar.

*Kensington, May 23.*

This Day the Baron d'Ehrthall, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of Mentz, had a private Audience of Leave of his Majesty; to which he was introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Carteret, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Courell Dormer, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

*Admiralty-Office, April 30, 1744.*

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrent Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Thomas Corbett, Esq; as the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them, on the 31st Day of May next: This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, by the 31st of next Month, the Affidavit required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

*Navy-Office, May 16, 1744.*

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st of July 1743, to the 31st of December last, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that behalf: These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, at Nine of the Clock in

the Morning, the following Days, to wit, on Monday the 28th Instant for the Captains, Tuesday the 29th for the Lieutenants, and Wednesday the 30th for Masters and Surgeons, that all Persons concerned may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavits required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his present Majesty. And in Case any of the said Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

*London, May 12, 1744.*

Whereas it is the Intention and express Meaning of the Act now in Force, for the speedy and effectual recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, that those Regiments should be the sooner compleated with able-bodied Men, and such, as from their Age, Size and Strength, were fit to serve his Majesty and the Country as Soldiers;

Nevertheless several Colonels, and commanding Officers of Regiments, having represented to the Field-Marshal Earl of Stair, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in South Britain, that the Commissioners, at some of their Meetings for putting that Act in Execution (mistaking the true Meaning and Intention of it) have insisted on Officers taking Men, that appeared, on account of their Age, Size, and Infirmities, unfit for the Service, particularly at St. Albans, where Colonel Chalmondely, after a strict Inspection and Examination, in which he was attended and assisted by two Surgeons, discharged Six and thirty Men, turned over by the Commissioners, being absolutely unfit for the Service; the insisting such Men being as he said, that if not immediately stop'd, would prove highly detrimental to his Majesty's Services, my Lord Stair finds it therefore absolutely necessary to order; and does hereby order the Officers employ'd in Recruiting, to refuse to accept of any Boy that is too weak to carry Arms, or that is turned of Forty Years, unless he is strong, active, and other Ways fit for his Majesty's Service. They are likewise to refuse any Press Man for the Maxims that does not measure full Five Foot four Inches high, or upwards.

And whereas the Regiments at Gibraltar, Minorca, the West Indies, and also those of Marines, are already near compleated, his Lordship orders, that in such Places where there are no Officers belonging to the Corps above-mentioned, attending the Meetings of the Commissioners, that the Officers of the other Corps employed in Recruiting, on inspecting Recruits, are not, for the future, to receive any Man, but what are Five Foot four Inches high, or upwards, and fit for the Regiments of Foot now in Great Britain.

Whatever extraordinary Expences may arise from subsisting the Men received, or other Incidents, the Field Officers, in their several Districts, are (notwithstanding any former Order) to grant Bills on the Agent of the Regiment of Foot or Marines to which they belong, who has Orders to pay the same.

His Lordship not doubting but every Commissioner for executing the Act now in Force for the speedy and effectual recruiting his Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, acting with Zeal for the Publick Service, will co-operate