

Lowther Hall, which the Rebels abandoned on the 24th of December, and threw themselves into a Village called Clifton, within three Miles of Penrith, which Village his Royal Highness immediately attacked with the Dragoons dismounted, who behaved extremely well, and drove the Rebels out of it in an Hour's Time, thro' a very strong and defensible Post. The Loss of the Rebels could not be known, as it was quite dark before the Skirmish was over. That of the King's Forces amounted to about 40 Men kill'd and wounded, and four Officers wounded, but not mortally, viz. Colonel Honeywood, Captain East, and the two Cornets Owen and Hamilton. A Captain Hamilton of the Rebels was taken Prisoner much wounded. After the Action, the Rebels retired to four Miles Distance, and his Royal Highness intended to pursue them as soon as possible.

St. James's, Dec. 20. 1745.
 This Day the Baron de Boetelaer, Minister Plenipotentiary from the States-General, had his first private Audience of his Majesty, to deliver his Letters of Credence. He was introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl Cowper, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber in Waiting, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Kn. Master of the Ceremonies.

Navy-Office, Dec. 20, 1745.
 As the Passing the Accounts of the Right Honourable Mr. Clutterbuck, and Sir Charles Wager, late Treasurers of his Majesty's Navy, has likewise the Accounts of William Corbett, Esq; and carrying on at this Office with all the Expedition that may be, it is recommended to such Persons as have had Bills assigned upon them by the Navy Board, and have not received their Money for the said Bills, forthwith to call for the same, and all Persons who have any Imprests standing out against them, and have not any Bills or Accounts in this Office to clear the said Imprests, are desired forthwith to bring in their Bills or Accounts to discharge them, that so the said Imprests may not be brought to Account, and returned into the Exchequer, as otherwise they will be: And such Persons as have passed their Accounts, and have not taken up their Imprests, are required to carry their Perfect Bills to the late Treasurers Office, and to take up their Imprests.

Navy-Office, Dec. 20, 1745.
 The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 13th of January they will begin to recall, at the Pay Office in Broadstreet, the Ships Books paid by the Right Honourable Mr. Clutterbuck and Sir Charles Wager, late Treasurers of his Majesty's Navy, as also those paid by William Corbett, Esq; and carrying on the same from Week to Week, and all Claims shall be satisfied, they therefore desire all Persons who have Demands on the said Gentlemen, to call forthwith apply for the same, that the said Pay Books may be closed as soon as possible.

December 17, 1745.
 The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, give Notice; that a Proclamation bearing Date the 10th of December last, for prolonging the Time for paying the Call upon the said Subscription, and the Discharge of Exchequer Bills; It is ordered, That the said Proclamation for paying in the Call of Twenty Pounds per Centum, upon the said Subscription, be prolonged from the 24th of December instant to the 7th of January next. That the Time for the Subscribers who shall pay in the remaining Seventy Pounds per Centum, or any Part thereof, not less than Twenty Pounds per Centum, be likewise prolonged from the said 24th of December to the said 7th of January. That the In-

terest of Five Pound per Centum, both upon the Call and the voluntary Payments, shall commence from the 24th of December last, and the said Payments shall severally be made.
 Robert Lewin, Secretary.

General Post Office, London, Nov. 12, 1745.
 Whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intitled, An Act for establishing a General Post-Office for all her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Week-Sum of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other her Majesty's Occasions, It is (amongst other Things) enacted to the Purport and Effect following: That there shall be one General Post-Office established within the City of London, and one Master of the said General Post-Office shall from time to time be appointed by her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain, by the Stile of her Majesty's Postmaster General; which said Master, and his Deputies, and their Servants and Agents, and no other, should have the Receiving, Carrying, and Delivering of Letters and Packets to and from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, North America, the West-Indies, and other her Majesty's Dominions, (except as in the said Act is excepted;) And that no Person or Persons whatsoever, or Body Politick or Corporate, in any Part of the said Kingdoms, Plantations and Colonies in the West-Indies and America, other than such Postmaster-General appointed as aforesaid, and his Deputy or Deputies, or Assigns, should presume to receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters (other than as in the said Act is excepted) or make any Collection of Letters, or set up or employ any Foot-Post, Horse Post, or Packet-Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the receiving, taking up, ordering, dispatching, conveying, carrying, recarrying, or delivering any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within her Majesty's Dominions, (other than as in the said Act is excepted) on Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds of British Money, for every several Offence, and also the Sum of a Hundred Pounds of like Money, for every Week that any Offender shall continue to act against the Tenor of the said Statute.

And whereas, his Majesty's Postmaster General have settled and established Packet-Boats, to carry, recarry, and convey, Letters and Packets to and from England, to and from the Islands of Jamaica, Barbadoes, Antegoa, Monserrat, Nevis, and St. Christopher's, in America;
 This publick Notice is hereby given thereof, to warn all Persons whatsoever from presuming to take upon them to act contrary to the Intent and true Meaning of the said Statute, and from presuming, under any Colour or Pretence whatsoever, to collect, receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, (except as in and by the said Act is excepted) that for the future may be directed to, or come from any of the Islands above-mentioned (without a lawful Authority first had, and obtained from his Majesty's Postmaster General for that Purpose) as they would avoid such Prosecutions as may and must ensue for the Recovery of such Penalties as are inflicted by the said Act for all and every Offence or Offences above specified and recited.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,
 George Shelvocke, Secretary.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship Kinsale, that were present at the taking a French Prize called the St. Pierre, that they may receive their several Shares of the said Prize