

the most perfect Harmony, and to cement and strengthen, if possible, the Ties of our ancient Union and Friendship, in such a Manner, as may render the Peace secure and durable.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

My particular Thanks are due to you, for the ample Provision you have made for the Service of the current Year. Nothing could have contributed so much to the putting an End to the Calamities of War, and reducing our future Expences, as these well-judged Supplies. The most prudent Oeconomy shall be made Use of in the Application of them; and you may be assured, Nothing will give me more real Pleasure, than to take the first Opportunity of lessening the present Burdens of my People.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I cannot sufficiently express my entire Satisfaction in your whole Conduct, during this Session; and I must recommend it to you, to promote in your several Countries a right Sense of those Measures, which have been so necessarily taken for the Security and Ease of my People. As it is the earnest Desire of my Heart, to see the Crown of Great Britain maintain that Figure, Strength, and Weight, in making War and Peace, which justly belong to it, it is equally so, to see my good Subjects enjoy the Blessings of Tranquillity and Prosperity.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It is his Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the Thirtieth Day of June next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Thirtieth Day of June next.

St. James's, May 12.

This Day his Excellency Signior Il Cavaliere Capello, Ambassador in Ordinary from the most Serene Republick of Venice, had a private Audience of Leave of his Majesty, to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Dormer, Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, May 14.

Yesterday about Four o'Clock in the Afternoon the King set out from St. James's for Gravesend, where his Majesty embarked at Half an Hour past Seven on board the Royal Caroline for Holland.

Whitehall, May 14.

The King has been pleased to grant unto the Right Honourable Henry Arthur Baron Herbert of Chirbury, the Dignities of a Baron, Viscount and Earl of the Kingdom of Great-Britain, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Powis of Powis Castle in the County of Montgomery, Viscount Ludlow in the County of Salop, and Earl of Powis in the said County of Montgomery.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Henry Ibbetson, of Leeds in the County of York, Esq; the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great-Britain.

Whitehall, May 14.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Charles Lyttleton, Doctor of Laws, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, the Deanry of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in Exeter, void by the Death of Dr. William Holmes.

Admiralty-Office, April 30, 1748.

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 Warrant 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 Mr. Thomas Riley Blanckley, at 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, 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, April 29, 1748.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Wednesday the 18th of next Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, they