

Ecclesiastical Affairs, which Baron St. Odil has been so long treating at the Court of Rome, from which Place there was not the least News by the last Letters; and the Promotion of Cardinals still extremely uncertain.

Madrid, Sept. 24. Yesterday being the King's Birth-day, the same was celebrated with great Magnificence: In the Morning their Majesties received, as usual upon this Occasion, the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, &c. After which M. de Carvalgal, Minister of State, gave a grand Entertainment at his House to above forty Persons; and at Night the new Opera of Semiramis was performed at the Theatre in the Buen Retiro. Their Majesties, who were present at it, were pleased to express themselves highly satisfied with the Performers, (several of whom had never appeared upon this Stage before) as well as with the Decorations, which were very magnificent, and entirely new.

Vienna, Sept. 26. Their Imperial Majesties, who, since the 22d of this Month, have resided at Hollitich, where they have taken the Diversion of Hunting, are expected this Evening to return to Schonbrun. Since the breaking up of the Encampments, which the Imperial Troops had lately form'd, as well in Moravia, as in Bohemia, several Officers of Distinction arrive daily in this City. Count d'Ulfefeld, Grand Master of the Empress's Household, returned hither lately from Bohemia.

Ratisbon, Sept. 26. M. de Pfeil, who has resided here for some Time with the Character of Minister from the Duke of Wirtemberg, set out last Wednesday on his Return to Stutgard. The Chevalier Follard, Minister from France to the Diet of the Empire, is daily expected to arrive here from the Courts of Bareith and Anspach.

Brunswick, Sept. 28. The Duke our Sovereign, and the Hereditary Prince his Son, return'd hither last Sunday Evening from the Court of Berlin.

Hague, Oct. 7. We learn from Soestdyk, that Fjeld Marshal Duke of Brunswick Wolfembutte, who lately went thither to pay a Visit to their Royal and Serene Highnesses, left that Place on the 5th Instant, to return to his Government of Bois-le-Duc.

Whitehall, October 12, 1753.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That an Incendiary Letter, was sent, on the 16th of September last past, by the Post, from London, to Hale Wortham, Junior, of Royston in the County of Cambridge, Gentleman, requiring him to lay One Hundred Pounds, at the Outside of his Gate, on the Monday, then next following, by Two o'Clock in the Morning, and threatening, in Case of Failure, to murder him, or fire his House; and also, that a second Incendiary Letter was likewise sent, on the 7th of this Instant October, by the Post, from London, to the said Mr. Wortham, threatening him with Death, if he did not lay the said Sum of One Hundred Pounds, in the Highway, by One o'Clock on the Monday Morning, then next following; and that, if he set any Body to watch his whole Family should be murdered; His Majesty, for the better discovering, and bringing to Justice, the Persons, concerned in writing, and sending, the said two Incendiary Letters, is, hereby, pleased to promise his most gracious

Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person, or Persons, that actually wrote, and sent, the said Letters.) who shall discover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended, and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I do, hereby, promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person, or Persons, making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid, upon the Conviction of the principal Offender or Offenders, by me,
H. Wortham, Junr.

Custom-House, London, Oct. 12, 1753.

The Receiver General of his Majesty's Customs gives Notice, That he will be ready, on the 23d of October Instant, and the four following usual Days of Payment, to pay all Out-Payments for Duties that were presented to the Commissioners between the 10th of March 1752, exclusive, and the 20th of the same Month inclusive, and which became due between the 10th of June 1752, and the 20th of the same Month, together with Interest thereon to the said 23d of October, at 3 per Cent. per Ann. pursuant to an Act 26 Geo. II. and that Interest will cease thereon from that Day.

Navy-Office, September 26, 1753.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31st of December 1752, to the 30th of June 1753, 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, on Monday the 15th of next Month, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the same Hour. That all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit 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 Sea 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, March 17, 1753.

General Post-Office.

Whereas a Person of about Six Feet high, Fifty Years of Age, of a Swarthy Complexion, much pitted with the Small Pox, and wearing a darkish coloured Coat, and a brown Bold Wig, came last Night, about Six of the Clock, to the Shop of Mr. Thomas Harding, Goldsmith in the Minories, and bought of him a straight bodied Silver Tankard, Weight 25 oz. 18 dwt. with the Letters C. D. marked, by his Desire, on the Handle thereof; and the said Person having given, in Payment, for the said Tankard, a Bank Post Bill, which was taken out of the Cirencester Mail, which was robbed on the 18th of April, 1751, and endorsed the said Bank Post Bill by the Name of Charles Drawl.

This is therefore to give Notice to all Goldsmiths and others, to whom the said Tankard may be offered in Sale, that whoever apprehends, or causes to be apprehended the Person above described, who is strongly suspected of having been a Principal, or an Accomplice in the said Robbery, shall, upon Conviction, be entitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen.

By Command of the Post-Master-General,
George Shelvocke, Secretary.