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Whitehall, July 27, 1754.

WH E R E A S, on the 13th Instant, a Written Paper of Verses was dropt in the Market Place at Oxford, containing the most infamous and audacious Expressions of Treason, Sedition, and Rebellion, and such false, wicked, and traitorous Aspersions of His Majesty's Sacred Person and Government, as must raise the utmost Indignation and Abhorrence in all those, who have any Sense of the Duty, and Gratitude, they so justly owe to His Majesty, or the least Regard to the Peace and Happiness of the Nation, under His Majesty's most mild and gracious Government; In order that the Author, or Authors, of the said presumptuous, seditious, and treasonable Paper, or any Person, or Persons, concerned in writing, publishing, or dropping the same, as aforesaid, may be discovered, and brought to the Punishment due to so high and heinous an Offence; These are, in His Majesty's Name, strictly to require and enjoin all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and all other Civil Magistrates whatsoever, to make diligent Search after the Author or Authors, Publisher or Publishers, of the said seditious, treasonable, infamous, and abominable Paper, and that, on discovering him, her, or them, they do immediately apprehend and seize the said Person, or Persons, and carry him, her, or them, before a proper Magistrate, that the said Offender, or Offenders, may be prosecuted for the said Offence, according to the utmost Rigour of the Law. And all His Majesty's loving-Subjects are hereby strictly charged, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover and apprehend the said Offender, or Offenders. And for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and industrious in their Endeavours to make such Discovery, His Majesty does, hereby, promise a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds to any Person, or Persons, who shall discover the Author, or Authors, or Publisher, or Publishers, of the said detestable, treasonable, and seditious Paper, or any of them, so as such Offender, or Offenders, be convicted thereof: For the Payment of which aforesaid Reward, His Majesty hath given the necessary Orders to the Lords Commissioners of His Treasury.

HOT DEEDNESSE

Naples, June 25. The Queen advances happily in her Pregnancy; and as she is near her Time, publick Prayers are constantly put up in all our Churches for her Majesty's happy Delivery. The King has granted Leave to his Sicilian Subjects, to carry Corn to Malta: Notwithstanding which, we do not find that the Differences between this Court and that Order are like to be soon reconciled; and the rather, as this Permission seems only meant as a Benefit to our own Subjects, and not as any Favour to the Maltese. The considerable Augmentations that have lately been made to the Troops of this Kingdom, have raised their Number, as 'tis given out, to 50000 Men; and 'tis even said, that a Scheme is laid before his Majesty for keeping up that Number, without burthening the Subjects with any new Taxes.

Florence, June 29. Count Richecourt, President of our Regency, is returned here from Pisa, where he has been, for some Time past, making Use of the Waters of those Baths for the Recovery of his Health. M. Gaetani, Bishop of Colle, died on Thursday last, in his Diocese, of an Apoplectick Fit, in the 57th Year of his Age. We are informed by our last Letters from Milan, Cremona, Mantua, and other Places, that a considerable Body of Imperial Troops is shortly expected in Austrian Lombardy, from her Imperial Majesty's Hereditary Countries in Germany, and that Count Apremont de Lynden has actually received Orders to prepare Quarters for them.

Prague, July 8. Field Marshal Count Brown, Commander in Chief of the Troops who are to assemble next Month in the Neighbourhood of Kolin, has already marked out the Ground for the Camp, and is now employed in causing the Magazines to be filled with Provisions and Forrage for their Subsistence.

Vienna, July 10.

LIST of the Military Promotion made by her Majesty the Empress Queen, the 29th of June 1754.

Field Marshals of Foot and Horse.

1. Prince Ferdinand de Ligne.
2. Prince Augustus John of Saxe Gotha.
3. Count Charles Palfi.
4. Count Saleburg.
5. Count Linden.
6. General Guadagni.
7. The Prince of Birkenfeld.
8. Count Wenceslas Wallis.
9. The Marquis de Bottz Adorno.
10. Baron Damnitz.
11. Count Chancelor.
12. Baron Molke.
13. Count Leopold Daun.

14. Prince