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Whitehall, July 27, 1754.

**W**H E R E A S, on the 17th 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 Encou-

agement 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.

H O L D E R N E S S E.

*Lisbon, Aug. 7.* Orders are given for a considerable Augmentation to be made to the Land Forces of this Kingdom. We have received an Account, that two Ships from Oporto, with valuable Cargoes on board, are fallen into the Hands of the Barbary Corsairs, who have carried their Crews into Slavery.

*Petersbourg, Aug. 21.* The Empress having approved of a Plan for erecting a new Winter Palace, a great Number of Men are now at Work upon the same. This Palace will be much more commodious than the old one, and is ordered to be got ready with all convenient Speed. On Thursday last her Imperial Majesty came from Petershoff to the Summer Palace; and the Great Duke and Great Duchess arrived there also the same Day from Oranienbaum. We are informed, that the King of Prussia has laid a Tax of One per Cent. upon all Merchandize passing through his Dominions into this Country; if this be true, 'tis presumed a Tax of the like Nature will soon be laid on all Merchandize carried through this Country into the Dominions of his Prussian Majesty.

*Milan, Aug. 24.* The Duke of Modena, who left Sassuolo on Tuesday last, arrived here on the Thursday Night following; and Yesterday Morning his Arrival was pronounced to the People by a general Discharge of the Cannon.