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Brussels, January 11.

ON Saturday Evening a Courier arrived here from Paris, with the Account of an Attempt made, on the 5th Instant, on the French King's Life; the Particulars of which are as follow: On the above-mentioned Day, the King went from Trianon to Versailles, to visit Madame Victoire. About Six in the Evening, as his Majesty was just stepping into his Coach to return to Trianon, a Man who had concealed himself between the Hind Wheels, rushed forward, with his Hat on, made his Way to the King's Person, thro' the Guards, (one of whom he even shoved against the Dauphin) and struck his Majesty in the Right Side, of which however the King only complained by saying, *That Man has given me a violent Blow, he must be either mad, or drunk.* But having perceived that his Hand, which he clapped to his Side, was bloody, he said, *I am wounded; seize that Fellow, but don't kill him.* His Majesty was immediately carried to his Apartment. The Wound, (which from the very first was not thought dangerous) was given with a sharp-pointed Knife, which glanced upwards between the 4th and 5th Rib, and is not of any considerable Depth. And, at the first Dressing, it was even judged that the Cure would be speedy. That Night the King slept an Hour and a Quarter. The Villain, who committed this Attempt, is named *Damien*, and is a Native of Arras. The Weapon he made use of was found upon him, and proves to be a common Clasp Knife with two Blades. At first it was feared it might have been poisoned, but he assured the contrary, and the Experiments that have since been made with it, on several Animals, have made good his Assertion. Another French Courier arrived here on Sunday Night, with an Account, that the Wound was so slight, that his Majesty had been able to assist, on Saturday Morning, at a Council that was held at Versailles.

War-Office, Nov. 30, 1756.

WHereas it has been represented to the King, that there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Corps in His Majesty's Service; His Majesty hoping, that such Deserters may be hereby induced to return to their Duty, and that this Instance of His Clemency will have a due Influence on their future Be-

haviour, is pleased to grant His most Gracious Pardon to all Deserters from His Majesty's Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves on or before the last Day of January next to the respective Corps to which they belong; or who shall within the same Time surrender themselves to any other Corps in His Majesty's Service, to the Intent they may either be sent to their proper Corps, or serve in any other, according as His Majesty may be pleased to direct; this Pardon not to extend to any Persons now in actual Custody for their Desertion, nor to such, who may at any Time before the said last Day of January next, be apprehended or challenged as Deserters, unless upon their being so apprehended or challenged, they do immediately make known the Corps from which they have deserted.

And whereas several of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Corps, and be now serving therein, His Majesty is likewise graciously pleased to grant His Pardon to all such Offenders, (not being in actual Custody for the same) and also to declare, It is His Royal Intention, that they shall continue to serve in the Corps in which they now are, without being molested or reclaimed by the Officers of the respective Corps to which they did formerly belong.

By His Majesty's Command,
BARRINGTON.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 12, 1757.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice to such Lieutenants in His Majesty's Navy, who are now unemployed, that they forthwith transmit to this Office their respective Places of Abode, with their Reasons for not offering to serve at this Time; and that whoever shall not comply herewith, on or before the 31st Instant, will be struck off the List.

J. Cleveland.

Navy Office, January 5, 1757.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are desirous to contract for the Stores undermentioned for His Majesty's Service on the Days express against the same, that they may attend with their Proposals accordingly, viz.

<i>Iron,</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>on Friday the 21st</i>	} <i>Instant.</i>
<i>Hemp,</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>Wednesday the 26th</i>	
<i>East Country Tar,</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>Friday the 28th</i>	
<i>Dantzick Plank and</i>	} <i>Wednesday the 2d</i>		} <i>February.</i>
<i>Prussia Deals,</i>			
<i>Norway Goods,</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>Friday the 4th</i>	
<i>Riga Masts,</i>	<i>— — —</i>	<i>Wednesday the 9th</i>	

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