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AT the Court at St. James's, the 24th Day of February 1758,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council, of the Thirteenth of January last, For paying the respective Bounties therein mentioned, to all Able and Ordinary Seamen, and also to all Able-bodied Landmen, who should voluntarily enter themselves in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and likewise for paying the Rewards to Persons discovering Seamen who should conceal themselves, will expire upon the Twenty Eighth Day of this Instant February: And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, That the Bounties and Rewards thereby given, should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, be continued to be paid to such Seamen and Landmen respectively, who shall, on or before the Tenth Day of April next, enter themselves in the Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by His Majesty's Proclamation of the Fourth Day of January 1757: And likewise, That the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be continued to be paid to any Persons who shall, on or before the said Tenth Day of April next, discover any Seaman or Seamen who shall conceal themselves, so as such Seaman or Seamen be taken for His Majesty's Service. Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

F. Vernon.

Extract of a Letter from a French Officer, dated Paderborn, March 7.

I set out from Hamelen on the 5th Instant, the News then was, that, in the Night between the 3d and 4th, some Companies of Grenadiers had had a Skirmish between Hamelen and Hildesheim, which ended without Advantage on either Side. Nothing passed the Night following, and the Enemy did not appear: It is imagined that they have formed a new Plan, and that our Retreat is not yet over. Our Troops have been encamped near Steinbeck, and the Equipages are still sent off with the utmost Hastè; the Tents, and what is most necessary,

being only kept. 'Tis lamentable to see the great Number of Waggons and Coaches stuck fast in the deep Roads, and abandoned. All the Horses in the Country which could be come at, have been carried off. They make them draw, without Feeding, till they drop down. Our Sick, who are recovering, have no Subsistence on the Road: Considerable Numbers of them have died since they left Hanover, Brunswick, and Hildesheim. It is absolutely impossible that this Army, though fully recruited, should ever have Succeeds, unless better Discipline be established in it.

Extract of a Letter from Osnabrug, dated March 8.

We are now, to our great Satisfaction, delivered from the numerous and bad Company we have lately had. Yesterday Morning M. de St. Germain began his March towards Melle and Herford, in order to draw towards Minden, and assist that Garrison by this Time blockaded by the Hanoverians. As the Black Hussars appeared at Half a League's Distance from this City, the French took the Precaution to shut all the Gates, and afterwards to permit none of them to be opened, but that through which they were to pass. They left in their Hospital 32 dead, and 64 in Extremities. We are every Moment expecting the Arrival of the Hussars and Hanoverian Hunters. If all the French Troops are in the same Condition as that Body of them which I saw here, and which I had Time to observe particularly, the Hanoverians cannot fail of demolishing them; there is more Misery and Discontent, and a greater Want of Discipline among them, than can be conceived. The Regiment of Alface, of three Battalions, consisted of about 600 Men; that of Usingen of about 140; and the others were not more compleat. The National Troops, however, are in a better Condition; but all the Foreign ones are ruined. The Regiments which were in, or near, Bremen, have lost all their Tents and Baggage Waggons. The Plate of Mess. de St. Germain, la Valette, and St. Chaman, has fallen into the Hands of the Black Hussars: In short, their Retreat has been a Flight and entire Rout. Stragglers come in here daily, almost naked, and cruelly treated by the Countrymen. Those who have fallen in the Way of the Hussars have been much better used; the latter have only disarmed them, desiring them to acquaint their Officers, that such Soldiers as they, did not deserve to be made Prisoners; which Language enrages them. A Rumour is just spread, that the City of Minden had been evacuated, and that M. de St. Germain's Corps was gone to join the Prince de Clermont, (who is very strong at Hamelen) in order to march afterwards to meet Prince Ferdinand, and give him Battle; but