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Whitehall, September 15.

Complaint having been made to His Majesty, by great Numbers of Merchants, Masters of Ships, and others, as well as by the several Governours of His Majesty's Islands and Plantations in the West-Indies, that the Pirates are grown to numerous that they infest not only the Seas near Jamaica, but even those of the Northern Continent of America; and that unless some effectual Means be used, the whole Trade from Great Britain to those Parts will not only be obstructed, but in imminent Danger or being lost: His Majesty has, upon mature Deliberation in Council, been graciously pleased, in the first Place, to order a proper Force to be employed for suppressing the said Piracies; which Force so to be employed is as follows:

A List of His Majesty's Ships' and Vessels employed, and to be employed, at the British Governments and Plantations in the West-Indies.

Place where.	Rate.	Ships.	Guns.	
Jamaica	5	Adventure	40	Now there. Sailed from hence thither the 5th of last Month.
		Diamond	40	
	6	Ludlow-Castle	40	Preparing to carry the Governour. Now there.
		Sloop Swift	6	
Barbados	5	Scarborough	30	Now there. Surveying the Coasts of the West Indies, and then to return home; but during her being at Jamaica, is to join the others for Security of the Trade, and intercepting the Pirates.
		Seaford	20	
	6	Tryal	6	Now there. Order'd home.
		Lyme	20	
Virginia	5	Shorcham	30	Sailed thither from hence the 7th of last Month, and is to cruize about the Capes.
		Pearl	40	
New-York	6	Phoenix	20	Now there.
New-England	5	Squirrel	20	Now there.
Rile		20	Order'd home.	

Those at Jamaica, Barbadoes, and the Leeward Islands, are to join upon Occasion, for annoying the Pirates, and the Security of the Trade: And those at New-England, Virginia, and New-York, are to do the like.

And that nothing may be wanting for the more effectually putting an End to the said Piracies, His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to issue the following Proclamation.

By the King,

## A PROCLAMATION, For Suppressing of PIRATES.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we have received Information, that several Persons, Subjects of Great Britain, have, since the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifteen, committed divers Piracies and Robberies upon the high Seas in the West-Indies, or adjoining to our Plantations, which hath and may occasion great Damage to the Merchants of Great Britain, and others, trading into those Parts; and though we have appointed such a Force as we judge sufficient for suppressing the said Piracies, yet the more effectually to put an End to the same, we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation; and we do hereby promise and declare, that in case any of the said Pirates

shall, on or before the fifth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighteen, surrender him or themselves to one of our Principal Secretaries of State in Great Britain or Ireland, or to any Governour or Deputy Governour of any of our Plantations or Dominions beyond the Seas, every such Pirate and Pirates so surrendering him or themselves, as aforesaid, shall have our gracious Pardon of and for such his or their Piracy or Piracies, by him or them committed before the fifth Day of January next ensuing. And we do hereby strictly Charge and Command all our Admirals, Captains, and other Officers at Sea, and all our Governours and Commanders of any Forts, Castles, or other Places in our Plantations, and all other our Officers Civil and Military, to seize and take such of the Pirates who shall refuse or neglect to surrender themselves accordingly. And we do hereby further declare, that in case any Person or Persons, on or after the sixth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eighteen, shall discover or seize, or cause or procure to be discovered or seized, any one or more of the said Pirates, so neglecting or refusing to surrender themselves, as aforesaid, so as they may be brought to Justice, and convicted of the said Offence, such Person or Persons so making such Discovery or Seizure, or causing or procuring such Discovery or Seizure to be made, shall have and receive as a Reward for the same, viz. for every Commander of any Pirate Ship or Vessel the Sum of One hundred Pounds; for every Lieutenant, Master, Boatswain, Carpenter, and Gunner, the Sum of Forty Pounds; for every inferior Officer the Sum of thirty Pounds; and for every Private Man the Sum of twenty Pounds. And if any Person or Persons belonging to, and being Part of the Crew of any such Pirate, Ship or Vessel, shall, on or after the said sixth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and eighteen, seize and deliver, or cause to be seized or delivered, any Commander or Commanders of such Pirate Ship or Vessel, so as that he or they be brought to Justice, and convicted of the said Offence, such Person or Persons, as a Reward for the same, shall receive for every such Commander the Sum of two hundred Pounds; which said Sums the Lord Treasurer, or the Commissioners of our Treasury for the Time being, are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly.

Given at our Court at Hampton-Court, the fifth Day of September, 1717, in the fourth Year of our Reign.  
God save the King.

And whereas it has also been represented to His Majesty, that in March, 1705-6, the House of Lords did in an Address to Her late Majesty set forth, That the French and Spaniards had twice, during that War, over-run and plundered the Bahama Islands; that there was no Form of Government there; that the Harbour of the Island of Providence might be easily put in a Posture of Defence, and that it would be of dangerous Consequence should those Islands fall into the Hands of an Enemy; wherefore the Lords humbly besought her Majesty to use such Methods as she should think proper, for taking the said Islands into her Hands, in order to secure the same to the Crown of this Kingdom, and to the Security and Advantage of the Trade thereof; But that there were not any Means used, in Compliance with that Address, for securing the said Bahama Islands; and that at this Time the Pirates have a Lodgement with a Battery on Harbour-Island, one of the Bahamas; as also that the usual Retreat and general Receptacle for Pirates is at Providence, the Principal of those Islands: His Majesty has been further graciously pleased to give Directions for dislodging those Pirates who have taken Shelter in the said Islands, as well as for securing those Islands, and making Settlements and Fortification there, for the Safety and Benefit of Trade and Navigation in those Seas for the future.

Vienna,

Turkish Garrison of Belgrade began to march out, and on the 24th had entirely evacuated that Place, there being in all about 60000 Souls who left it, whereof near a third are Soldiers. The whole Number of the Artillery taken in the Turkish Camp and at Belgrade, amount to 456 Brafs Cannon and 209 Iron Cannons, 103 Brafs Mortars and 1 of Iron. On the 28th Count Stirum arrived here with the Standards, Colours, Horse-Tails, and other Trophies taken from the Turks, which are hung up in the Cathedral of St. Stephen. Prince Alexander of Wirtemberg came hither from the Army the same Day, to be cured of the Wound he received in the late Battle, and 'tis said also to solicit the Government of Belgrade. By Letters from the Imperial Camp of the 30th past, we received an Account, that the Body of Turks which took Meadia, had afterwards laid Siege to Vipalanka, but upon the News of their Army's being routed, they retired; of which Major General Spleni, who commanded five Regiments of Hussars towards Caransebes, having Notice, he marched with them over the Mountains, and posted 1000 of his Men on Foot upon the Hills near Orsova, to make the Enemy believe they were the Vanguard of an Army. This took Effect, the Turkish Garrison abandoning, with great Precipitation, both the Island and the Fort upon the Side of the Danube, of which Major General Spleni took Possession, and found there several Pieces of Artillery with Stores of Ammunition; Colonel Nelson is made Governour of Orsova. A Body of Turks and Tartars having made an Irruption into Upper Hungary, Prince Eugene has detached several Regiments against them; but they will come too late, if what the Letters from Eperies bring be true, that Count Esterhazy, has driven them out with the Militia of the Country, and taken from them the Booty they had got, with some Field-Pieces. The last Letters from the Imperial Camp are of the 3d Instant, and relate, that Prince Eugene had passed the Save with the Army, and was encamped near Semlin, as well to be out of the noisome Stench of the old Camp, as for the Convenience of Forraging: They had no News of the Turkish Army, only that they were retired as far as Nissa, and had abandoned Meadia before they quitted Orsova, in which former Place was likewise found some of their Cannon. The Volunteers are all leaving the Army; the Prince of Dombes, with the two Princes of Lorraine, returned hither some Days ago. Count Mercy is gone into the County of Temeswaer, with 12 Battalions and 6 Regiments of Horse; and as Count Thierheim, the Commissary General, is upon the Road hither from the Army, with a Plan for the Distribution of the Troops into Winter-Quarters, it is probable there will soon be an End of this Campaign.

*Paris, Sept 22.* The Prince of Dombes arrived here from Hungary on the 20th Instant, and was introduced by the Duke du Maine to the King, to whom he presented a Bow with some Arrows and other military Furniture which were taken in the late Battle with the Turks; his Majesty received him with great Marks of Kindness, asked him several Questions about the Country and Service he had been in, and appeared extremely delighted with his Present. The Prince, accompanied by the Duke his Father, went afterwards to the Palais Royal, and being admitted to his Royal Highness the Regent, was received and complimented by him on his Campaign, with Expressions of great Esteem and Affection. The Count de Charolois, and the other Volunteers of Quality who went from hence to Hungary, are expected daily.

*Hague, Sept. 21.* On the 20th Instant the Spanish Ambassador declared to the States General the Reasons of the King his Master's Enterprize against Sardinia; adding, That it was probable that Island was already in his Hands, but out of Regard to the King of Great Britain and the States, he would put a Stop to his Arms, and leave the adjusting of the present Differences to the Mediation of His Majesty and the States General.

On the 17th Instant in the Evening the Lord Cadogan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Britannick Majesty, arrived here. 'Tis advised from Brussels, that the Ceremony of the Emperour's Inauguration, as Sovereign of the Austrian Netherlands, was deferred to the 1st of October, because the Preparations for that Solemnity cannot be finished sooner.

*The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, that a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thursday next, the 19th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, to consider of a Dividend; which will be also one of the Quarterly General Courts appointed by their Charter.*

The Subscription at Mercers Hall in Cheapside, for raising a Fund of one or two Millions, in order to incorporate a Company for Insurances of Ships, Merchandizes &c. was opened the 12th of August last; begun by an eminent Merchant of this City, and subscribed by several others; but being desired to be shut till some Alterations were made therein, and till several who intend to subscribe largely thereto, can come to Town to subscribe for themselves: Notice is hereby given, That pursuant to the Desire of several considerable Merchants and others, the following Alterations are made, by and with the Consent of those who have already subscribed, viz. Whereas the Subscription was at first limited to such as are Natives or Naturalized, It is agreed to admit any that are His Majesty's Subjects, Men of Substance and Reputation: And instead of One per Cent. no Subscriber is to pay more than Half per Cent. towards defraying the Charges of Forming the Company, and Obtaining a Charter. N. B. The Subscription will be open'd again on Wednesday the 25th Instant, at Eight in the Morning. No Subscriber is obliged to pay the Half per Cent. nor one Penny on any Account whatever, till the Managers, &c. are chosen, nor then, if he do not like the Company. Abstracts of the Articles are delivered (Gratis) to those that come or send for them to the Hall.

*Advertisements.*

††† The Present State of Europe, containing an Historical and Political Account of the Interests, Pretensions, and Transactions of the several Courts: For the Month of August, 1717. Vol. 28. To be continued Monthly from the Original Published at the Hague. Printed for H. Kibber, at the Corner of Bride-lane in Fleet-Street, and the Assigns of Eliz. Harris.

\* Of the first Invention of Writing. An Essay. Compendiously treating of the whole Art. More particularly of Letters, their Number, Order, and of how many Variations capable. Of their first Invention; by ancient Writers attributed to Adam, and for what Reasons. Of Short-Hand, Of Secret Writing, Decypherable. Of Arithmetick, Printing, &c. Of the Improvement of Writing at Home and in foreign Parts. With an Historical Account of the most eminent Professors of the Art. Also Maxims for attaining Perfection in it, and Observations on the extensive Use and Application of it. Whereunto are added several Pieces of the Hands in Use, not before published. By Rob. Moore, Writing-Master and Accountant, at the Golden Pen in Castle-Street, near the Newgate, Charing-Cross. Sold by the Author. Price 1 s.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Ralph Hutchinlen, of London, Hosiery, and he being declared a Bankrupt; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners intend to meet on the 20th Instant, at Nine in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay Contribution-Money; at which Time the Commissioners will appoint Assignees; and all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint to receive the same, but are to give Notice to Mr. Joshua Hatfield, Attorney at Law, in Freeman's-yard in Cornhill.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Benjamin Ellis, of the City of Norwich, Grocer, intend to meet on the 7th of October next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. William Johnsons, called the Goat and Kid Tavern in Norwich aforesaid, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Jonathan Chalker, late of Aylesham, in the County of Norfolk, Grocer, intend to meet on the 4th of October next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. William Johnsons, called the Goat and Kid Tavern in the City of Norwich, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Francis Rous, late of the Strand, Druggist, give Notice, that they intend to meet at Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 16th of October next, at Three in the Afternoon, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors of the said Rous, who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

