

mentioned, or by any other Acts, or any Part of them, now subsisting, are directed and enacted; and in case of Neglect or Refusal, he or they shall be subject and liable to the same Penalties and Disabilities as, by the Laws and Statutes aforesaid, are enacted.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the First Day of August, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six, the same Oath of Abjuration by this Act appointed to be taken in Great-Britain, shall be the Oath of Abjuration to be taken in the Kingdom of Ireland, and the rest of His Majesty's Dominions, and no other; and that the Benefit of the Indemnities given by the said first mentioned Act of the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, shall continue and be in Force, as to the said Kingdom of Ireland, in like Manner as if this Act had never been made; any Thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, entitled, *An Act for improving the Union of the Two Kingdoms*, it is enacted, That from and after the Decease of the Person who pretended to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, and, since his Decease, pretended to be King of Great-Britain, and at the End of the Term of Three Years after the immediate Succession to the Crown upon the Demise of Her said late Majesty should take Effect, when any Person is indicted for High Treason, or Misprision of Treason, a List of the Witnesses that shall be produced on the Trial for proving the said Indictment, and of the Jury, mentioning the Names, Profession, and Place of Abode, of the said Witnesses and Jurors, be also given, at the same Time that the Copy of the Indictment is delivered, to the Party indicted; and that Copies of all Indictments for the Offences aforesaid, with such Lists, shall be delivered to the Party indicted Ten Days before the Trial, and in Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing contained in the said recited Act, shall in any way extend to any Indictment of High Treason for counterfeiting His Majesty's Coin, the Great Seal or Privy Seal, His Sign Manual, or Privy Signet, or to any Indictment of High Treason, or to any Proceedings thereupon against any Offender or Offenders who, by any Act or Acts now in Force, is and are to be indicted, arraigned, tried, and convicted, by such like Evidence, and in such Manner, as is used and allowed against Offenders for counterfeiting His Majesty's Coin.

From the VOTES of the IRISH House of Commons, June 5.

THE Right Hon. Lord Beauchamp informed the House, that he was commanded by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint them, that his Majesty has been pleased to return a most Gracious Answer to the Address of this House, which was Read, and is as followeth:

G E O R G E R.

His Majesty has received the Address of the House of Commons, on the Subject of a Bill some Time since transmitted, for Limiting the Duration of Parliaments.

The Sentiments of his Faithful Commons were already known to his Majesty, by their passing the Heads of that Bill; nor can any Solicitation add Weight to that Ancient and Constitutional Way of signifying their Desires on the like Occasions.

His Majesty will always have the highest Satisfaction in complying with the Wishes of his Faithful Commons; but no Consideration can prevail with his Majesty to swerve from that indispensable Duty which the Constitution prescribes to him, of concurring in such Provisions only, as, on mature Deliberation, and Advice of his Council, appear to him, at the Time, calculated to promote the true Interest and Happiness of his People. G. R.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, to return his Majesty our most humble Thanks for his most Gracious Answer to the Address of this House; and to lay before his Majesty the strongest Assurances of the Duty and Loyalty of his Faithful Commons of Ireland, of our intire Reliance on his Majesty's Goodness, and of our constant Regards to the Constitutional Rights of the Crown.

Resolved, Nem. Con. That an humble Address of Thanks be presented to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, for his prudent, just, and wise Administration; and humbly to express the high Sense we retain of the many excellent Laws returned to us, during his Excellency's Administration; and earnestly to beseech him, upon his Return into the Royal Presence, to represent us as a faithful and loyal People.

Dublin, May 20. The Merchants, Traders, Freeholders, and Citizens of Dublin, have presented the following Address to their Representatives in Parliament:

"GENTLEMEN,

"Having authentic Intelligence, that the Bill, upon which the Protestant Interest and Freedom of this Kingdom greatly depends, is dropped in Great Britain; and finding that every Attempt made by the Commons of Ireland, strengthened by the united and general Voice of all Ranks and Denominations of Protestants, to obtain a Law for limiting the Duration of Parliaments, has hitherto proved ineffectual; we cannot but think that the Commons of this Kingdom will stand justified, in following the Example given them by the Commons of England, on a similar Occasion, at the late Glorious Revolution, **THE GRAND ERA OF BRITISH LIBERTY**. We, therefore, as Citizens and Freeholders of this Metropolis, thinking ourselves bound to stand foremost in all National Measures, have taken the earliest Opportunity to declare our Sentiments upon this most interesting Event, and to intreat that you will never give your Assent to any Money-Bill of longer Duration than Three Months, until a Law passes in this Kingdom for a Septennial Limitation of Parliament."

[Signed by W. Rutledge, and Richard French, Esqrs. High-Sheriffs, and upwards of 600 Merchants and Traders.]

L O N D O N, May 15.

General Paoli, Chief of the Corsicans, has wrote a genteel Letter to Mr. Wilkes, inviting him to Corsica, and offering him a Regiment, merely from his Regard to the Friends of Liberty.

June 8. Last Tuesday a Motion was made in the House of Commons, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to express the earnest Wish and Desire of this House, that his Majesty would suspend any Prorogation of his Parliament, until positive Assurances shall be received from the several Governors of the respective Provinces of North-America, that the People are returned to a due Sense of their Duty and Obedience to the Laws: That this House is the more earnest in their pressing Solicitations to his Majesty, to grant this their humble Request, as they may apprehend many of the fatal Consequences of the rebellious Disposition of his Majesty's Subjects in those Parts might have been prevented, if the Parliament had been called last Year, as soon as the Accounts of the disorderly and tumultuous Conduct of the Americans came to the Knowledge of his Majesty's Ministers: To assure his Majesty that this House is determined to support the legal Authority of the Crown, and the just Rights of the British Legislature, over all Parts of his Majesty's Dominions; and when permitted to offer their Advice, to guard the Honour of his Crown and Government, from any Insult whatsoever.

It passed in the Negative.

June 24. Her Majesty is so far happily advanced in her Pregnancy, that it is expected she will Lie-in in September or October.

It is reported that the Right Hon. the Earl of Holderness will be appointed to Conduct his Majesty's Sister to the King of Denmark.

We hear that her Royal Highness has particularly desired that her Wedding-Clothes, and her Royal Highness's other Dress, shall be made of the Manufacture of England.

It is said that Commodore Byron, in his late Expedition, settled a Colony at the Isles of Malonines, or Falkland-Island, almost opposite to the Mouth of the Strait of Magellan, in the Atlantic, about Five Degrees from the Continent. This Island was first discovered Anno 1706, and may be of great Use to Britain, in any future Rupture with Spain; as Ships may Sail from that Island to the South Sea in a few Days.

The gigantic Inhabitants of the Island discovered by Commodore Byron, had not, it is said, a single offensive Weapon amongst them, but (tho' dressed in Skins) had, almost generally, Bracelets of Gold upon their Arms; and were attended each with a Dog of an uncommon large Size.

July 1. Yesterday a Cause, which took up Five Hours in hearing, that greatly affects Mankind in general, was tried at Guildhall, before Lord Camden, against a late Commodore of a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships of War, for impressing from a Merchantman, a Free-born Englishman, on board his Ship, and turning him before the Mast for Fifteen Months; when the Jury, which was a Special one, brought in a Verdict for the Sailor of 400 l. it appearing in the Course of the Trial, that the honest Mariner was kept from his own Ship, an East-Indiaman, and left at Batavia, in the East-Indies, in 1763, from which Island, it is well known (since its being in Possession of the Dutch) it is very difficult for an Englishman to escape.

Same Day, between Six and Seven in the Evening, there was a most violent Storm of Thunder and Lightning, attended with such incessant Rain, as to render many of the Roads about London for some Time impassable. Highgate Hill, quite down to Halloway, appeared as if it had never been a High-Road; and great Damage was done in several Parts of London, by the Water running into Houses, Cellars, &c.

July 5. A few Days since died at Worcester, Mr. Baker, by Trade a Baker; supposed to be a larger and more corpulent Man than the late Mr. Edward Bright. His Coffin measured Seven Feet over at the broadest Part, was bigger than an ordinary Hearse, and was so large that Part of the Wall of the House was obliged to be pulled down in order to get it out: It is supposed to be able to contain Twenty Bushels Measure, and was carried to the Grave by Twenty stout Men.

July 15. Last Thursday the following odd Adventure was discovered at Poplar. Two Persons had cohabited together as Man and Wife for upwards of Thirty-six Years, and kept a Publick-House in that Parish; but a short Time ago, the Wife being in a Decline, went to her Brother's in Essex for the Benefit of the Air, and, after some Stay, finding herself near her End, told her Brother, that the Person she cohabited with, was not her Husband, but a Woman; that they were Partners in the Business, by which they had acquired between 3 and 4000 l. Part of which was in Bank-Stock: As soon as the supposed Wife was dead and buried, her Relations set out for Poplar, to claim her Share of the Effects; but the pretended Husband refused to account with them; however, being hard pressed, owned that what the Deceased had declared was true; but early on Saturday Morning, having obtained Women's Apparel, absconded. The supposed Husband had served most of the Parish Offices, &c. The Cause of their living together in the above Manner, was owing to a Disappointment each had met with when young, in Affairs of Courtship.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 25.

Thursday Evening last, Departed this Life at his House in Town, JOHN ROSS, Esq; a Gentleman who had served the Public with unblemish'd Reputation, in numerous Stations. At the Time of his Death he was one of the Aldermen of this City, and Lord Baltimore's Deputy Agent, having given up his other Public Employments some Years ago, on an Attack of the Apoplectic kind, a Renewal of which now carried him off, in the LXXIth Year of his Age. Mr. Ross had been a Widower above Twenty Years, was a tender Parent, indulgent Master, and kind Neighbour.

We have just now received the melancholly News of the Death of JOHN BRICE, Esq; of this City, at the House of Mr. Samuel Hanson, in Charles County, Yesterday Forenoon. He was Chief Justice of the Province, an Alderman of the City, and one of the Judges of Assize for the Western Shore, and Died on the Circuit. By his Death his Family has lost a good Head, as Husband, Father, and Master. His Body is expected in Town this Evening.

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