

jeity, upon visiting your Hereditary Countries, saw some Branches of your Royal Family in Health, so upon your Return from them, you found your Kingdoms in Peace and Tranquillity, by the prudent Administration of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, under your Majesty; and her Royal Highness the Princess recovered from a Danger, which gave all your Majesty's good Subjects the utmost Anxiety and Concern.

We take Liberty to return your Majesty our most dutiful Thanks for those Privileges which we enjoy in common with the rest of your Subjects, under your Government; by which the Honour, Commerce and Credit of this Nation are so far retriev'd and improved, and its Security so much advanced; and also for the Steps which your Majesty has been pleas'd to take towards repairing the Damages, which several of our Persuasion suffered by the late rebellious Tumults, pursuant to the Address of the honourable House of Commons, and your Majesty's most gracious Answer.

We unfeign'dly wish your Majesty as entire a Possession of the Hearts of all those of your Subjects that have been so unjustly and violently set against you, as your Majesty has of the Affections of all of our Persuasion throughout your Dominions. Among us we know not that you have an open, a secret, or a suspected Enemy; nor any, who, notwithstanding what they have suffer'd from your Majesty's Enemies, or the Neglect they have hitherto met with from others (for whole Sakes and with whom they have been always content to suffer) can be brought to the least Degree of Indifference about any thing that concerns your Majesty, your Family, or your Administration. We reckon it our peculiar Glory, that during the late unnatural Rebellion there was not any of our Principles, who did not express the utmost Zeal for the suppressing it in their several Stations and Capacities.

Your Majesty's Penetration will, we doubt not, easily lead you to discern, that such a Body of your faithful Subjects deserve to be distinguished in another Manner than by Marks of Infamy: Their Consolation is, that they were put under some of them for what was hoped at that Time would have been for your Service: Had your Majesty and the Nation found it so, we had been the more easy.

We think it the particular Honour of the Protestant Dissenters, that their strict Adherence to the Interest of your Illustrious Family before your Majesty's Accession, and their Loyalty to it since, have drawn upon them so much of the Fury of some of their Fellow-Subjects. We are not conscious what else could render us obnoxious to them; our Principles being, as we hope, the most Friendly to Mankind; and amounting to no more, than those of a General Toleration to all peaceable Subjects, universal Love and Charity for all Christians, and to act always in Matters of Religion, as God shall give us Light into his Will about them.

We do not so much as expect or desire any thing, that ought to give any one the least Disturbance. We only wish, that under your Majesty, as the Common Father of all your Loyal People, those of our Persuasion might not want a Capacity, as we hope your Majesty will find they never want an Inclination, to promote the true Interest of the Protestant Religion and of their Country.

May the Great God continue to multiply his Blessings upon your Majesty, and every Branch of your Royal Family; and after you have many Years rul'd faithfully for God on Earth, may you reign gloriously with him for ever in Heaven.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

I Thank you for your dutiful and affectionate Address. I am fully convinc'd of the Loyalty and Zeal of the Protestant Dissenters.

I will give Order for the speedy Payment of the Damages they sustained in the late Tumults.

And they and you shall always have my Protection.

Hague, May 9. The States of the Province of Holland, resolv'd in their last Assembly a few Days ago, to send an Ambassadour Extraordinary to France; and M. Buys is talk'd of for that Ambassy. The extraordinary Assembly of the Deputies of the several Provinces, have written a Letter to their respective Principals, in which they propose to them the reducing of the Forces of this State to 30000 Men, and set forth their Reasons for that Reduction, to which they

desire their Consent, that the Council of State may fix the Estimates for the War accordingly. On the other Hand, the Council of State disapproving this Reform, have written Circular Letters to the States of the several Provinces, in which they acquaint them with the Objections to it which they had at several Times laid before the said extraordinary Assembly. So that 'tis doubtful yet whether the Provinces will agree to the Reform, as propos'd by the said Assembly. The Czar continues at Amsterdam.

St. James's, March 4. This Day his Excellency Signior Tron, Ambassador in Ordinary from the most Serene Republick of Venice, having finish'd his Ambassy, had a private Audience of Leave of His Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable Paul Methuen, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrill, Master of the Ceremonies.

He was afterwards conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies, to take his Leave of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in their respective Apartments.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to give Directions for Translating the Right Reverend Father in God Dr. John Sterne, Bishop of Drummore in the Kingdom of Ireland, to the Bishoprick of Clogher in the said Kingdom.

His Majesty has been likewise pleas'd to promote Dr. Ralph Lambert, Dean of Down, to the Bishoprick of Drummore.

His Majesty has been pleas'd to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Henry Bateman, Esq; of Queen-Square.

Whitehall, March 4, 1716-17.

Information being given, that several Ships laden with Corn, are lying in the River of Thames, ready to take the first Opportunity of Sailing for Gottenbourg or some other Port belonging to Sweden; This is to give Notice, that no Ships laden with Corn for any Part of the Swedish Dominions, will be permitted to pass the Buoy of the Nore.

Robert Townsend, late Master of the Salisbury Prize, was Convicted this last Sessions at Hicks's-hall of publishing a false Indenture, whereby to have received the Wages of William Sutherland in the same Ship, for which Offence he was fined the Sum of 100 l.

James Watson, and Elizabeth his Wife, were convicted this last Sessions at the Old Baily, of publishing a forged Will, whereby to have received a Seaman's Wages; for which Offence they were fined 6 s. and 8 d. each, and to stand on the Pillory.

Navy-Office, March 4, 1716.

The Persons abovemention'd having been convicted at the last Sessions held at the Old Baily and Hicks's-hall for the several Frauds there express'd; These are to give Notice thereof, to deter others from the like evil Practices.

Wine-Licence Office, Feb. 26, 1716.

His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Duties arising from Wine Licences give Notice, that constant Attendance is given at their Office in Arundel-Street in the Strand, for the dispatch of the Business thereof, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the Forenoon (except on such Days as may happen to be publick Holy-Days) And whereas His Majesty's said Commissioners have received certain Information of divers Persons presuming to retail Wine without Licence, and to whom Letters have been sent, advertising them of the Penalties incurred thereby; these are also to give Notice, that unless such Persons do forthwith apply themselves to the said Commissioners, the Laws in such Cases made and provided will be forthwith put in Execution.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be holden at the East-India House in Leaden-Hall-Street, London, on Friday the 8th of this Instant March; at Ten in the Forenoon, on special Business, pursuant to the Order of the last General Court.

Advertisements.

A Pearl Necklace, containing threescore and ten Pearls of theraabouts, five in the Middle weighing six Grains each, six more weighing five Grains and an half each, was lost on Sunday Night last the 3d Instant from a Lady's Neck. Whoever brings it to the Right Honourable the Lord Sandowne's in St. James's-Square, or to Mr. Van Neck, Jeweller, in Piccadilly, shall have Ten Guineas upon Delivery; and no Question asked.