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St. James's, April 24.

AN humble Address of the Mayor, Justices, Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, and other the Inhabitants of His Majesty's Corporation of Berwick upon Tweed, was presented to His Majesty, upon the Proclamation of the War against Spain, by Grey Neville and John Barrington, Esqs; Representatives in Parliament for that Borough, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and they had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

An humble Address of his Grace John Duke of Atholl Lord-Lieutenant, the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Freeholders, and other Gentlemen of the County of Perth, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord James Murray, Representative in Parliament of the said County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The following Addresseſſes having been transmitted by his Grace the Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, have been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

An humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury and Gentlemen of the County of Downe, at an Assizes held for the said County in Down Patrick, the 21st of March 1718.

An humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen Freeholders of the County of Antrim, at an Assizes held at Carrickfergus the 26th of March 1719.

An humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Grand Jury and Commonalty of the Corporation of Carrickfergus, the 26th of March 1719.

Which Addresseſſes His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Admiralty-Office, April 20.

Extracts of Accounts received from Captain Gordon Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Pearl, and Captain Brand of His Majesty's Ship the Lyme, dated at Virginia in February 1718-19.

There being Advice that one Thach, alias Black-Beard, had, since his pretended Acceptance of His Majesty's Gracious Pardon, committed several Pyracies; and some in the adjacent Colony of North Carolina, where the Ships of War could not come to attack him with his Crew, Captain Gordon and Captain Brand consulted with Colonel Sportwood, Governour of Virginia, and Manned out Two Sloops from the Ships under their Command, which were sent in Quest of the aforesaid Pirates; one of them under Lieutenant Maynard of the Pearl, and the other under a Midshipman belonging to the Lyme. On the 22d of November they had Sight of the Pyrates Sloops on the Coast of North-Carolina, and row'd up to them, when Thach himself hailed them, and asked from whence they came, and who they were; to which he was answered, that he might see to whom they belonged by their Colours: Whereupon he drank Damnation to them, and said, that he would neither take nor give Quarter; to which they answered, that they did not expect, nor would give any; upon which he fired upon them with Four three Pounders, and Four Swivel Guns, loaded with small Shot, which he brought to bear on them on one

Side, the Sloops which were fitted out against him having no other than small Arms. The Fire continued between them for the Space of an Hour, in which Time he killed or wounded great Part of the Sloops Companies; but at length they clapp'd him on board with both Sloops, and behaving themselves gallantly, killed Thach himself, and Nine of his Men, and took Nine others Prisoners, who were most of them wounded. After the Action was over, Lieutenant Maynard ordered Thach's Head to be cut off, which he hung under the Boltsprit of his Sloop, and carried it in that manner to Virginia, where those Pyrates who had been taken were hanged.

Lisbon, April 11, N. S. On the 5th Instant one of the Transports which sailed with the Spanish Fleet from Cadiz, came into this Port, as did the next Day another with French Colours, which the Master says was forced into the Service at Cadiz; and on the 8th arrived two more. The two first are of about 200 Tun each, and the other two of about 140 Tun each. All the four have not above 300 Soldiers and 54 Horses on board, one of them having thrown over-board all the Horses that were embarked in her, and all of them threw over-board their Guns, Casks of Water, and Provisions; yet they received no Damage in their Masts or Rigging, except one of them whose Main-mast is split, the Master of which named Richard Spartman, an Englishman of Bursfelton near Southampton, reports, that being Mate to one Martin a Quaker, and made Prisoner at Cadiz with his Master, the Day before that Fleet sailed he was carried on board and kept close confined 24 Hours, and then they gave him Charge of the Ship as Master. He further says, that they sailed from Cadiz the 23d of February, O. S. and steered West South West to the Latitude of 34 Degrees 50', and then changed their Course till they were 130 Leagues West of Cape St. Vincent, when they stood for Cape Finisterre: That the 18th of last Month, O. S. about One in the Morning, being then about 50 Leagues West of Cape Finisterre, they met with a violent Storm which lasted 48 Hours, and 24 Hours after he saw the Commodore carrying 64 Brass Guns, which had lost all her Masts, and thrown over-board the Guns of her Upper and Quarter-Deck, steering South West, being then about 80 Leagues to the West from Cape Finisterre, in the Latitude of 42 Degrees 30'. When they came from Cadiz they were in Number 29 Sail (of which a Sloop and another Vessel went for the West Indies): Besides the Commodore, they had another Man of War, and a French Ship, of 50 Guns each, the Greyhound (now called the Andalusia) of 20 Guns, and the Ferrer: All the Ships carried Soldiers; the whole Number of Soldiers was about 5000.

Hague, April 28. On the 26th Instant Prince Kurakin in a Conference with the Deputies of the States General, presented two Memorials; the one to renew a Declaration he made in the Czar's Name some Months ago, that if the Swedes could not be brought to allow a free Commerce to the Ports of Livonia and Ingria, his Czarish Majesty should be obliged on his Side to seize all neutral Ships that he should find trading to the Kingdom of Sweden: The other is to acquaint the States with the Czar's Pretensions on the Duchy of Courland, and the Concert he had made with the King of Prussia, for settling the Succession of it on the Markgrave of Brandenburg-Swet, in Consideration of his Marriage with the Dutchess Dowager of that Province. On the 19th Instant

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