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AT the Court at St. James's the 31st of December, 1760.

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt hath this Day laid before the Council, a Printed Paper, dated the 27th of November, 1760, containing the Resolutions of the Board of Health at Venice; which had been delivered to him by M. Colombo, the Venetian Resident here; whereby it appears, That a Contagious Distemper had broke out at the Town of Sarlaxa, in the Island of Cephalonia, and that thereupon the Quarantine upon Ships coming from the Islands of the Levant, subject to that Republick, had been increased to Forty Days:—Which Paper being taken into Consideration—It is hereby ordered in Council, that the Quarantine at present subsisting upon all Ships and Vessels coming from those Parts, and from, or through the Mediterranean, be duly and punctually complied with: And that the Officers appointed for the Service of Quarantine, do use their utmost Care and Diligence in causing the several Rules and Regulations established for the due Performance thereof, to be strictly pursued and carried into Execution.—Whereof the said Officers, and all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Blair.

St. James's, January 3.

THE following Address of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, has been presented to His Majesty by the most Reverend Father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, humbly beg Leave to express our unfeigned Sorrow for the great Loss, which these Nations have sustained by the Death of our late most gracious Sovereign; and, at the same Time, to offer our most sincere and hearty Congratulations to your Royal Acceptance, on the auspicious Occasion of your happy Accession to the Throne of these Realms: An Occasion, which hath administered great Joy to all Orders of Men, and especially to this Society, as it finds its Designs peculiarly favoured by your Majesty's pious Declarations for the Support and Advancement of true Religion.

This Society was originally formed in the latter End of the last Century, and hath ever since continued to carry on, by the voluntary Subscriptions of

its own Members, and the Charitable Benefactions of others, very extensive Designs for advancing the Honour of God, and the Good of Mankind, by promoting Christian Knowledge both at Home and Abroad.

At Home, we have endeavoured to procure and encourage the erecting of Charity Schools in all Parts of the Kingdom, that the Children of the Poor, being well instructed in the Principles of their Duty, and early inured to Labour and Industry, might become good Christians, faithful Subjects, and serviceable Members of the Community. And to facilitate the proper Means of Instruction, we have annually dispersed many Thousands of Bibles, Prayer Books, and Religious Tracts on the most useful Subjects, in such a Manner, as we have Reason to hope hath greatly contributed to confirm the Faith, and improve the Morals of our Fellow Subjects. And particularly, from a Compassionate and Christian Regard to the Wants of our Brethren in Wales, we have printed and dispersed Thirty Thousand Bibles in Welch, that the Poor Inhabitants of that Country might have the Blessing of the Holy Scriptures in their own Tongue.

Abroad, the Society hath extended its charitable Regards to the Heathens bordering on our Settlements in the East Indies, and established Missionaries, at a great Expence, to preach and distribute Books among them; whose Labours have been attended, through the Divine Blessing, with considerable Success. Other Parts in the East, especially the Greek Church in Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia, Arabia, and Egypt, have likewise been the Object of our Attention; for whose Use, being assisted by a liberal Gift of His Majesty King George the First, our gracious Benefactor on other Occasions also, we printed a large Number of New Testaments, Psalters, and pious Treatises in the Arabic Language, the Remainder of which we are still distributing. And when the Society heard the melancholy Account of the Sufferings of the Protestants in Saltzburg, we not only contributed to their present Relief; but, having first obtained His late Majesty's Permission, did all that lay in our Power to raise Collections for them; and have since continued our Kindness to them, by settling many of them in Georgia, and maintaining Ministers among them.

These are the general Designs of the Society; in the Prosecution of which we have happily enjoyed the Countenance, Encouragement and Munificence of your Royal Predecessors. And as our Views are so correspondent to your Majesty's humane and religious Disposition; and actuated by the same Affection to the Interests of Christianity that glows so honourably in your Royal Breast, we humbly hope to be honoured also with your Majesty's Protection and Favour, which will add at once both Life and Lustre to our pious Undertakings.

May God long continue to animate every good Work, by the Blessing of your Majesty's Authority and Example, and reward your faithful Services to Him, with a happy and glorious Reign on Earth, and a distinguished Crown of Righteousness in Heaven.

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