

The following Address of the Bayliffs, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Trade, Art, and Mystery of Weavers, London, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bayliffs, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Trade, Art and Mystery of Weavers, London, in Behalf of ourselves, and the Silk Manufacturers in and about Spital-fields,

Most humbly beg Leave to embrace the first Opportunity, as in Duty bound, to return our most grateful Thanks to your Majesty, for your Majesty's late most gracious Declaration, that in Compassion to the Number of Manufacturers and Traders, who have been great Sufferers by the Length of Court Mournings, your Majesty hath been pleased to give Directions for shortening them in future: Such tender Feelings for the Subjects of a State could only inspire the Royal Breast of a Prince, whose Virtues loudly proclaim the Good of his People to be the first Object of his Thoughts, and the ultimate End of all his Actions.

We beg Leave most humbly to assure your Majesty, that this your Majesty's benevolent Resolution will greatly promote the Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom, give great Spirit to the Trade, tend to the Improvement of it, in many Branches, and be the Means of giving constant Employment to our Workmen; many of whom, owing to the late Mournings, have been out of Employ, and in Want of Bread.

At the same Time that we offer up our Tribute of Thanks to your Majesty, we should think ourselves very ungrateful to your Majesty's Royal Comfort, if we did not humbly express our Sense of the great Obligations we lay under to her Majesty, for her generous Patronage and Encouragement of our Silk Manufacture; and we are bound to make the same Acknowledgement to the rest of the Royal Family, for the distinguished Preference they give to the Wrought Silks of this Kingdom.

That your Majesty's Reign may be happy, long, and glorious, will be the constant Prayer of us your Majesty's most faithful Subjects.

*Weaver's Hall,*

4th Jan. 1768.

*Eb. Briggs, Clerk.*

*Madrid, December 21.* The King returned hither from Aranjuez on Saturday Evening in perfect Health.

*War-Office, January 6.*

Colonel his Royal Highness William Duke of Gloucester is appointed to be Major General of His Majesty's Forces.

3d Regiment of Foot Guards, Major General his Royal Highness William Duke of Gloucester to be Colonel, in the Room of General John Earl of Rothes, deceased.

13th Regiment of Foot, Major General James Murray to be Colonel, in the Room of his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

6th Regiment of Foot, Major General Bigoe Armstrong to be Colonel Commandant of a Battalion, in the Room of Major General James Murray, preferred.

18th Regiment of Foot, Captain Isaac Hamilton to be Major, vice Henry Folliott; by Purchase.

*Ditto*, Lieutenant John Evans to be Captain, vice Isaac Hamilton; by Purchase.

*Ditto*, Ensign Thomas Batt to be Lieutenant, vice John Evans; by Purchase.

*Ditto*, Volunteer Francis Howard to be Ensign, vice Thomas Batt; by Purchase.

62d Regiment of Foot, Thomas Reynell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Allan Cameron, deceased.

3d Regiment of Dragoons, Flewellin Bullock, Gent. to be Cornet, vice ——— Gibbon; by Purchase.

6th Regiment of Dragoons, ——— Milbank, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Henry Bayntun.

10th Regiment of Dragoons, Captain Francis Augustus Elliott, of the 3d Regiment of Light Dragoons, to be Captain, vice Samuel Gibbs, who retires.

20th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant John Stenhouse to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Pringle, preferred.

*Ditto*, John Gainsford Becher, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Lieutenant John Stenhouse.

18th Regiment of Foot, Sir J. Wilmot Prideaux, Baronet, to be Ensign, vice ——— Shaw, deceased.

33d Regiment of Foot, Hildebrand Oakes, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Eyre Mingay, preferred.

66th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Eyre Mingay, of the 33d Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Grierison, deceased.

East-India House, January 7, 1768.

*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 held at their House in Leadenhall-street on Wednesday next the 13th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, on special Affairs.*

Westminster Bridge Office, January 9, 1768.

*This is to give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Commissioners of Westminster Bridge, and for Maintaining, Preserving, and Supporting the same, &c. will be held at the said Commissioners Office in Abingdon-Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 20th of January instant, at One of the Clock, for Electing a new Commissioner, in the Room of a former Commissioner lately deceased.*

Sam. Seddon, Clerk.

Navy-Office, January 2, 1768.

*Whereas by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament Money was granted for paying a Bounty for the Year 1767, of Two Shillings and Six Pence a Day to Fifteen Chaplains, and Two Shillings a Day to Fifteen more Chaplains, who have served longest on board His Majesty's Ships of War; provided it appears, by the Books of the said Ships, that they have been actually borne and mustered thereon for the Space of Four Years during the late War with France and Spain; and provided likewise, that such Chaplains do not enjoy the Benefit of some Ecclesiastical Living or Preferment, from the Crown or otherwise, of the present annual Value of Fifty Pounds.*

*The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice to all such Chaplains as are within the aforesaid Description, that they are forthwith to apply to this Office to be admitted to the said Bounty; and at the same Time to deliver a List of the Ships they have served in, together with an Affidavit made before a proper Magistrate, that they do not enjoy the Benefit of any Ecclesiastical Living or Preferment, from the Crown or otherwise, of the present annual Value of Fifty Pounds, in order that Lists may be made out for the Payment of the aforesaid Bounty.*

**T**O be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Eames, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn, Chancery-Lane, London, on Tuesday the 1st Day of March