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EARLY in the Morning on Tuesday the 22d Instant, the King set out from Kew for Portsmouth; and being arrived at Portsea Bridge between Ten and Eleven the same Morning, was received by a Royal Salute of Twenty-one Guns. His Majesty then proceeded to the First Barrier, where Major General Parker, who commanded the Garrison during the Royal Residence at Portsmouth, delivered the Keys of the Garrison to the King, who was pleased to return them. On His Majesty's entering the Land Port-Gate, he was saluted by a triple Discharge of 232 Pieces of Cannon mounted on the Ramparts of Portsmouth, at Blockhouse Fort, and at South-Sea Castle.

His Majesty proceeded through the Town out at the Water-Gate to the Dock-Yard, and arrived at the Commissioner's House ten Minutes before Eleven o'Clock, where He was received by the President of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, the First Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, the Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Treasurer and Commissioners of the Navy, the Three Admirals of the Squadron at Spithead, and the Master and Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance. The Artificers and Workmen belonging to the Yard, being all assembled before the House, gave Three Cheers as His Majesty entered, and then immediately dispersed, and returned to their several Employments.

After His Majesty had taken some Refreshment, He went to the Governor's House in the Town, attended by the Nobility and Persons of Distinction, and had a Publick Levee; at which a great Number of the Officers of the Navy and Army were present, as also many Gentlemen of the Country, who on this Occasion came in to pay their Duty to His Majesty.

The Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town waited on his Majesty, and presented the following Address.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Town of Portsmouth, humbly beg Leave to pay our Duty to your Majesty, and to congratulate your Majesty upon your Arrival in this Town.

Nothing can give us greater Joy and Satisfaction, than to see your Majesty shewing so much Attention, and doing so much Honor, to the Glory and Bulwark of these Kingdoms. We desire to express the warmest Affection for your Majesty's Person and Government; and to offer our earnest Prayers, that the Fleet may ever prove victorious under the Auspices of your

Majesty, and your Royal Family; and redound to the Glory of the Sovereign of the British Empire.

They were all received very graciously, and had the Honor to kiss the King's Hand; after which His Majesty was pleased to confer the Honor of Knighthood on John Carter, Esq; the Mayor of Portsmouth.

When the Levee was over, His Majesty returned to the Dock-Yard, and at Half an Hour after One o'Clock embarked in a Barge, in which His Royal Standard was immediately hoisted. The Earl of Sandwich, First Commissioner of the Admiralty; the Earl Delawar, Gold Stick; and Lord Robert Bertie, Lord of the Bed-Chamber in Waiting, embarked in the same Boat with the King.

His Majesty then proceeded to Spithead, attended by the Barge of the Board of Admiralty, with the Flag of their Office, the Three Admirals with their Flags, and all the Captains of the Fleet with their Pendants in their Barges.

As His Majesty passed the Garrison, he was saluted by a Royal Salute of Twenty-one Guns from Blockhouse Fort, Saluting Platform, and South-Sea Castle.

When the Royal Standard was seen from the Fleet at Spithead, which consisted of Twenty Ships of the Line, Two Frigates, and Three Sloops, moored in two Lines abreast of each other, the Whole manned Ship, and saluted with Twenty-one Guns each.

The King went on Board the *Barfleur* of 90 Guns, where he was received by the Board of Admiralty, the Captain being at the Head of the Accommodation-Ladder, and the Side manned by the Lieutenants of the Ships. As soon as His Majesty passed the Guard of Marines on the Quarter-Deck, the Flag of the Lord High Admiral, which was then flying, was struck, and the Royal Standard hoisted at the Main-top-mast-head, the Lord High Admiral's Flag at the Fore-top-mast-head, and the Union Flag at the Mizzen-top-mast-head: On Sight of which, all the Ships, except the *Barfleur*, saluted with Twenty-one Guns each. The Ship being cleared the same as for Action, and the Officers and Men at their respective Quarters, His Majesty, after the Nobility who came off upon this Occasion, and the Flag-Officers, had paid their Duty to Him on the Quarter-Deck, walked fore and aft on the Lower Gun Deck, and took a View of the Whole.

At Half an Hour after Three o'Clock His Majesty sat down to a Table of Thirty Covers, at which many of the Nobility, and Persons of Distinction, as well as Officers of the Navy and Army of the Rank of Colonel and upwards, were admitted to the Honor of Dining. After Dinner, the Queen's Health being drank, the whole Fleet saluted with Twenty-one Guns; and, upon His Majesty's retiring from Table, the King's Health was likewise drank with the like Salute. And the same was repeated every Day during His Majesty's Continuance at Portsmouth.

At Six o'Clock His Majesty went into His Barge, attended by the Board of Admiralty, the Flag Officers