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Whitehall, December 12.

THE following Address has been presented to His Majesty, who received it very Graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Governors of the Charity for relief of poor Widdows and Children of Clergymen, with the Stewards, and the rest of the Sons of the Clergy, at their Annual Feast of Charity in London, December the fourth, 1683. Being in number about Seven hundred.

Dread Sovereign,

ALL other Loyal Societies in the Kingdom having dutifully laid at Your Majesty's Feet their zealous Acclamations for the miraculous Deliverance of Your Majesty, and your Dearest Brother the Duke of York, from the late damnable Conspiracy of Fanatical and wicked men, Enemies alike implacable to Monarchy and to the Church of England; We the Sons of the Clergy might justly be condemn'd of extreme ingratitude to God and the King, if we should neglect to express our unfeigned joy and Congratulations upon this most happy occasion; since we have not only the same obligations of Duty and Fidelity to Your Majesty, with all Your other Subjects, in that we plentifully enjoy the blessings of Heaven and Earth under Your most merciful and benign Reign; But we are a Corporation entirely Your Majesty's, framed and created by Your Royal Goodness into a Body of Men, in whom Loyalty and Obedience to the Crown is natural and inbred, derived to us from our Fathers, confirmed by our Education, encouraged by Your Majesty's Patronage and Protection, and immovably fix'd in us by our Holy Religion. We have therefore unanimously made use of this first return of our Solemn Annual Feast of Charity, to declare our vows of inviolable affection and zeal for the safety and honour of Your Majesty's Sacred Person, (whom God Almighty long preserve;) and to publish to all the World our utter detestation of all Rebellious Principles and Practices, under whatsoever pretence of Liberty, Property, or Religion, they would recommend themselves: And we take the boldness humbly to assure Your Majesty that we are firmly resolv'd to serve and defend (if need be) with our Lives and Fortunes, the just Prerogatives of Your Imperial Crown and Dignity, the right of Lineal Succession in the Royal Family, and the happiest Government upon Earth; as under Your Majesty it is by Law established in Church and State.

Our particular relation to and zeal for the best of Reformed Churches, make us join in devout Prayers, that God would be pleas'd to turn the hearts of all Your misguided Subjects to their bounden Duty and Allegiance, and incline them to judge of the Truth of the Protestant Religion, not by the Schismatical or fallow Tenents of any evil Sect or Party that usurps its name, but by that steady Loyalty and Primitive Christian subjection to Kings, which has been always own'd and practis'd by the Church of Christ, and remarkably by this of England.

In Testimony whereof the Court of Assistants of the said Corporation, have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed December the Fifth 1683. and Thirty fifth Year of Your Majesty's Reign;

Vienna, December 5. Our Letters from Hungary inform us, that Prince Ragozi having absolutely refused Count Teckley a retreat into his Fortress of Monkarz, notwithstanding all the sollicitation of his Mother; who is now married to that Count; He was retired no body knew whither, but wherever he is, we understand he has written to several of the Nobility of Upper Hungary, exhorting them to remain firm, and promising them great assistances in the Spring. We are told that by reason of the great scarcity of Provisions at Newsol, the Imperial head quarter will be removed from thence to Presbourg. General Rzbata is marched with several Regiments from Newsol to possess himself of divers Castles which are still possessed by the Rebels. The Ambassadors which the Emperor is sending to the Meeting appointed between the Poles and the Mo'covites for the determining the differences about their Limits, are hastning their departure.

Lintz, December 7. The Duke of Lorraine arrived here the first Instant from Hungary, and has since had several Conferences with the Emperor concerning the preparations to be made against the next Campaign. The Troops that blocked up Canista, not being able to subsist any longer by reason of the bad weather, are gone into their Winter-quarters, whereof Count Leslie who was on his way thither, being appointed by the Emperor to command them, has given his Imperial Majesty an account. The Count of Starenberg has received the Order of the Golden Fleece. We seem here very confident that the Venetians will come into the League against the Turks.

Ratubonne, Dec. 9. The Emperor has received very considerable Supplies from Spain and Italy to enable him to make the necessary preparations against Spring; the Letters from Lintz telling us that 180 thousand Ducats, 300 thousand Crowns, and 60 thousand Spanish Doppio's have been lately sent thither. The Duke of Lorraine is now at Court; several Councils have been held, and orders have been sent to the several Officers to raise their Recruits with all possible diligence. The Letters from Italy say, That the Ambassador of Moscow at Constantinople is very ill treated, the Caimacan being very much incensed at his demanding at this time the restitution of Czechebin, and several other places; and that the King of Persia has offered to attack the Turks with all his Forces.

Evanstort, December 10. Our Letters from Lintz inform us, That the Emperor hath sent Orders to all the Colonels to recruit their Regiments, and hath assigned them the moneys necessary for that service; and seeing they are like to meet with difficulties in raising their said recruits, for that the States of the Empire will not suffer any Levies within their respective Territories because they themselves may have occasion to raise men, the Emperor has resolved that the 5000 men which the States of Silesia constantly maintain at their own charge for the defence of that Country, shall be made use of for the recruiting the said Regiments, and that moneys shall be given to those States to levy

lety others in their room. The Emperor hath made four new Privy Councillors. The Prince of *Schwartzenburg*, the Count *de Thurn*, the Count *Coloredo* Captain of his Guards, and Monsieur *Straetman* Chancellor of the Court of *Austria*. The Duke of *Saxe Lawenburg*, Count *Leslie*, and Count *Caprara*, have received Commissions to be Feldt-Marschals. The Duke *de Croy* to be General of the Artillery, Prince *Louis of Baden* and Count *Rabata* Generals of Horse, Count *Palfi* Feldt-Marschal-Lieutenant, and the Duke of *Wurtemberg*, Count *Serini*, Count *Souches*, and Count *Scarffenberg* Major-Generals. There are Letters from *Hungary* which say, that the Grand Signior had put off his intended journey to *Adrianople*, it having been represented to him, that his being so far off may endanger the loss of all *Hungary*.

Brussels, Decemb. 17. This day was published here a Declaration of War against *France*; by which all Generals, Governors, Commanders in Chief, and other Military Officers and Soldiers, and all other Officers and Subjects of his Catholick Majesty, are commanded to attack and fall upon the Troops and Subjects of *France* wherever they are, and to treat them as Enemies of his Catholick Majesty; and all Vassals and Subjects of His Majesty, which are at present in any place within the Dominion of *France*, are required to retire from thence within fifteen days after the Publication thereof, and not to hold any Correspondence or Commerce with the Subjects of *France*; and all Officers and Soldiers, being Subjects of his Catholick Majesty, who are in the Service of *France*, or any other Foreign Prince, are to return, within a Month, under his Majesties Colours, on pain of Death and Confiscation of Goods. And all the Goods Moveable and Immoveable, Rents, Revenues, Rights, Debts, and all Effects belonging to the Subjects of *France* in these Countries, are declared Confiscated for the use of His Majesty. And all the Subjects of *France*, being within these Countries, are commanded to depart the same, with their Wives, Children, and Families, within eight days after Publication thereof, on pain of being made Prisoners of War. And if any of the Subjects of his Catholick Majesty shall conceal in their Houses or elsewhere any Subject of *France*, they shall pay for the first time 1000 *Parascons*, for the second 2000, and for the third shall suffer Confiscation of their Goods, and other Arbitrary Punishment according to the Exigency of the case.

Brussels, December 17. Yesterday the French plundered 4 or 5 of the best Villages of the *Chastellenie of Aeth*, the Governor whereof upon notice of it sent out a strong party, of Horse and Dragoons, but they came too late, the French having done their business and being retired. They have likewise plundered several Villages towards *Mons* and *Charleroy*. Many of the Dutch Officers whose Regiments are in Garrison here and in other places of these Countries, are gone for the *Hague* to receive the Prince of *Orange's* Orders for making their Recruits. We are told that the Marquis *de Grana* our Governor is treating about some German Troops.

Paris, Dec. 15. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* arrived here on Thursday last; He intends to return in a very short time to *Chologne*. The Spanish Ambassador at this Court is called home. What was said of the Grand-Children and Equipage of Monsieur *d'Opede* late Ambassador from this Crown in *Portugal*, their being taken by the Algerines, proves a mistake.

The Lent-Preachers appointed to Preach before His Majesty this ensuing Lent, are as follow.

- Febr. 13. *Ashwednesday*, Dean of the Chappel.
 15. *Friday*, Dean of *St. Pauls*, Dr. *Stillingfleet*.
 17. *Sunday*, Bishop of *Durham*.
 20. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Cleggast*.
 22. *Friday*, Dean of *Worcester*, Dr. *Hicks*.
 24. *Sunday*, Bishop of *Peterborough*.
 27. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Keen*.
 29. *Friday*, Dean of *Norwich*, Dr. *Sbarpe*.
 March 2. *Sunday*, Bishop of *Rochester*.
 5. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Hooper*.
 7. *Friday*, Dean of *Winchester*, Dr. *Megott*.
 9. *Sunday*, Bishop of *Worcester*.
 12. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Tennison*.
 14. *Friday*, Dean of *Sarum*, Dr. *Pearse*.
 16. *Sunday*, Bishop of *Oxford*.
 19. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Montague*.
 21. *Friday*, Dean of *Canterbury*, Dr. *Tillotson*.
 23. *Palm-Sunday*, Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*.
 26. *Wednesday*, Dr. *Cradock*.
 28. *Good-Friday*, Dean of *Westmin*, Dr. *Stratt*.
 30. *Easter-Day*, Lord Almoner.

ARLINGTON

ON Monday last His Majesty and his Royal Highness were pleased to do Sir William Jennings the honour to see his new erected Baghio in Long-Acre, and very well to approve thereof.

Advertisements.

A Discourse concerning the Trial of Spirits; wherein inquiry is made into mens pretences to Inspiration for publishing Doctrines, in the Name of God, beyond the Rules of the Sacred Scriptures. In opposition to some Principles and Practices of Papists and Fanatics; As they contradict the Doctrines of the Church of England, defined in her Articles of Religion, established by her Ecclesiastical Canons, and confirmed by Acts of Parliament. By Thomas Pittis, D.D. one of His Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary. Printed for E. Vize, at the Bishop's head over against the Royal Exchange in Cornhill.

These are to give Notice, That His Majesty hath been graciously pleased by His late Charter to the City of Coventry, to grant to the said City three Horse-Markets to be kept there every Year. The first of them to be kept the three first Fridays after Twelfth day; The second to be kept the three first Fridays after Easter; And the third to be kept the three first Fridays after Michaelmas; and also to alter the Fair which was formerly kept there the sixteenth day of August yearly, to the 22. day of March yearly.

The Publick Sale now held in the Sunb Square, or Kings-square, in the House wherein the Lord Grey lately dwelt in, and in the next House adjoining, of divers rich Goods and Furniture for Houses, as Velvet, Damask, Mohair, Cambr, and Field-Beds, with Indian Cabinets, Tables, and Stands, Looking-glasses and Screens, with several Sorts of Tapistry Hangings, and Persian Carpets, &c. will continue until the remainder of the Goods shall be disposed of; hoping to close the Sale before Christmas next.

Whereas William Colegrave, Charles Hinton, Francis Knollys Esqrs, Charles Hickford, and James Supples Gent: have at the request of divers of the Creditors of John Staley Goldsmith, deceased, undertaken the management of all that business, on the behalf of themselves and the rest of the Creditors, and have some of them constantly met three days a week for these 7 Months last past, by which they have made a very considerable progress therein. It is therefore desired that those that have not yet subscribed, will repair to the Italian Coffee-house in Fleet-Street, on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, at three of the Clock, between this and Candlemas day next, and let their Hands without paying any Money, after which time the abovesaid Persons will attend no longer, but will use their utmost endeavours for the benefit of those that have subscribed, to the best advantage and lawful.