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Westminster, March 8.

THIS Day the following Address was presented to Her Majesty.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common-Council Assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE Advices of the Preparations made, for the Invading Your Kingdoms, by the Pretended Prince of Wales, supported by the Power of Your Majesty's inveterate Enemy, the French King, create no Terror in the Minds of U., Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subject.

Your Majesty's Administration hath been such, as hath given just Reason to all Your Subjects to be firmly United in steady Principles of Loyalty and Obedience.

For Your Great City of London, We humbly crave Leave to assure Your Majesty, That the repeated Tenders of our Lives and Fortunes are not empty Words; but that we are ready, upon the first Occasion to demonstrate to all the World our unfeigned Loyalty, by exposing our selves, and all that we have, in the Defence and Support of Your Sacred Person and Royal Dignity, and Maintenance of the Protestant Succession, against that Pretender and his Abettors, and all other Your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad.

Which Address Her Majesty was pleas'd to receive very graciously.

*Barbadoes, Decemb. 6.* The Greenwich Man of War, which lately sail'd from hence to Antegoa, return'd hither on the 25th of the last Month with an Express from Colonel Parke, Governor of the Leeward Islands, to his Excellency the Governor, with Intelligence, that a Flag of Truce, which had been sent to Martinico, had brought Advice, That on the 10th of the same Month a Capital Ship of France had arriv'd there; which was follow'd by seven more great Ships the next Day, commanded by Monsieur Ducasse; that there came in also two other French Ships of forty Guns each, and several Privateers of good Force lay in the Road; that the Privateers were all call'd in, and all the Carpenters, with other necessary Artificers belonging to the Island, were summon'd to fit out their flat-bottom'd Boats; and that Monsieur Collet, a French Major-General, was dispatch'd in one of the Ships of forty Guns for Tabago, in order to join eighteen Men of War, which they expected to arrive at that Island. Colonel Parke further added, That before the Arrival of Monsieur Ducasse, the Prisoners taken in a small Vessel of Martinico, by a Privateer of Antegoa, had confess'd upon Examination, that he was impatiently expected with thirty Sail of Men of War, and that they were design'd against Barbadoes. Upon Receipt of these Advices the Governor call'd the Council and Assembly, who upon the first reading of his Excellency's Letters unanimously went into the necessary Measure for their common Safety. Orders were immediately issu'd for repairing the Forts and Breast-Works. All the Militia of the Island is divided into two Bodies, which have alternately come upon Duty, and reliev'd each other for eight Days last past: And for our

further Defence; it is agreed, That there be immediately two Regiments form'd out of our Slaves, each consisting of 2000 Men, commanded by a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, 20 Captains, and an Adjutant; Each Regiment is to be made up of 10 Companies of 100 Men, arm'd with two Launces. The Captain of each Company to have four Negro Lieutenants. The three Men of War appointed for the Guard of the Island are hall'd in, and unrigg'd; 20 of the lower Tire of Guns belonging to the Greenwich are brought ashore, and planted on a Battery, by means of which, and the throwing up new Works, we are as strong as we can make our selves in our Fortifications; and are capable of bringing together 10000 Men at the first Alarm, including the two Regiments of Negroes. In order to make those Slaves in our Interests in the time of Danger, his Excellency propos'd an Act to the Assembly and Council, which was immediately pass'd, that any Slave, who shall kill an Enemy, or otherwise distinguish himself, shall have his Liberty for ever, and the Owner of such a Slave paid his Value by the Publick. In the mean time we have taken four Sloops into the Publick Service, one of which has been, since these Advices, at Tabago, and another at Martinico, but saw no Ships, which makes us believe Monsieur Ducasse has failed to the Spanish Coast. However, it was thought expedient this day to send another Sloop to Tabago, to see if he is not since come thither.

*Berne, March 7. N. S.* The Diet which was appointed to meet on the 11th of this Month, hath been countermanded, and put off to an indefinite time, upon the Refusal of some of the Roman Catholick Cantons to send their Deputies to it. The Pretence upon their Refusal is taken from the general Meetings, which happen to be just at the same time, and will not give them leave to attend any other Affairs: But the true Reason is thought to be a Design to make this Canton weary of the Charge they are at, in maintaining their Troops in Neuchatel; and by that means, either force them to comply with the Project of Neutrality, as it was agreed upon at Baden, and desist from the Alterations they have made in it, or else recall their Troops, and so leave that Country naked and expos'd to the Invasions of the French, whenever they shall think the Conjunction favourable. This Resolution of those Catholick Cantons is suppos'd to be taken in Concert with the French Ambassador: But it's thought the just Occasion the King of Prussia and his Allies have of keeping Troops in that Country during the next Campaign, will soon incline the Adherents to the French Interest to alter their Measures.

*Bristol, March 6.* On the 4th Instant came in the Eugene Gally, John Hort Commander, in five Weeks from Alicant. Yesterday put in the Berkeley Gally, John Hitching Commander; and this day the Mary Gally, James Day Commander, both from Jamaica, having been six Weeks in their Passage. They left that Island very healthy, and in no Apprehensions of an Enemy.

*Pertsmouth, March 9.* Yesterday her Majesty's Ship the Alford sail'd out of the Harbour to Spithead; where also continues the Tortay, Litchfield, Royal Oak, Wolwich, Norwich, Sheerness, Maidston and Bridgewater, with the East-India and West-India Ships, who will sail for the River, as soon as the Wind stands fair.

Whereas