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St. James's, June 14.

THIS Day the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of London, presented an humble Address to Her Majesty, being introduced by Mr. Vice Chamberlain.

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 !

IT is with the utmost Gratitude and sincerest Duty, that we presume to approach Your Sacred Majesty, to return our most humble and hearty Thanks for the great Confidence You have been pleased to place in Your Subjects, by condescending to Communicate to them the Terms on which a Peace may be made.

That affectionate Zeal which they have always shewn for Your Majesty's Person and Government, must take still deeper Root in their Hearts, and express it self in all the Instances of Loyalty and Obedience, from the grateful Sense they have of Your Majesty's tender Care in designing principally, and pursuing steadily, the true Interest of Your own Kingdoms.

As there is nothing nearer to Your Majesty's Heart, than the assuring the Protestant Succession, as by Law Established, in the House of Hanover, so there can be nothing more Grateful to Your Subjects, than to find that particular Care is taken to have it acknowledged in the strongest Terms.

We of this City should be utterly regardless of our Interest, as well as unmindful of our Duty, if we did not in a particular manner express our Thankfulness for the Inestimable Benefits we and our Posterity may hope to reap, from the distinguishing Care Your Majesty hath taken of the British Commerce; by securing our Trade in those Parts where it hath been molested, by restoring it where it hath been lost, and by extending it to Places to which it hath not, as yet, reached.

May Your Majesty speedily finish that good Work which Your Great Wisdom hath so far advanced, notwithstanding the Artful Contrivances, and envious Efforts, of a Factious and Malicious Party: And may You long live to reap the happy Fruits of a Safe and Honourable Peace.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to make the following most Gracious Answer.

THIS Address is very Acceptable to Me, and I return you My Thanks for it.

My Aim has been to secure Our Religion, the Protestant Succession, and your Liberties, to provide for the Safety of My Allies, to ease My own Subjects of the heavy Burthen they lie under, and to improve and enlarge Our Trade: All which Benefits, I hope, will be obtained by the Blessing of God on the present Negotiations for Peace.

And at the same time the Lord Mayor and Lieutenancy of the City of London presented the following Address. to Her Majesty, being introduced by Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, and the rest of Your Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the City of London.

Most Gracious Sovereign !

WE humbly beg Leave to Approach Your Majesty, with a just Acknowledgment of Your Majesty's most Gracious Condescension, in acquainting Your People, That France hath (at last) been brought to Offer, upon what Terms a General Peace may be made.

We want Words to express our Gratitude to Your Majesty, for the Care You have taken of the Protestant Succession, as by Law Established, in the House of Hanover, the steady Pursuit of the true Interest of Your Own Kingdoms, and the Satisfaction of Your Allies, maugre all the Difficulties which have Artfully been contriv'd to obstruct the same.

Madam, As we have an entire Confidence, that nothing will be wanting on Your Majesty's Part, in the Progress of this Negotiation; so we humbly depend on Your great Wisdom, for the completing so Great and Good a Work.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to make this following most Gracious Answer.

I Give you my hearty Thanks for this Address. I am satisfied with your Duty and Loyalty, and you may depend upon my steady Endeavours to secure the Protestant Succession, and the Government as by Law Established in Church and State, and to promote the true Interest of all my Subjects.

And as a Mark of Her Royal Favour, Her Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on John Cas, Esq; and William Stewart, Esq; the present Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and Samuel Clarke, Esq;

Anno Regni decimo Annæ Reginae.

By the Act for laying Duties upon Paper, Mildboard, &c.

IT is Enacted, That for all Paper Stock in hand, viz. For all Paper, (whether of Foreign or British Manufacture) and for all Pastboards, Mildboards and Scaleboards which any Merchants, Stationers, Wholesale-Sellers, Retailers, Printers, Paper-Makers, or other Dealers in Paper, or any Persons in Trust for them, shall be possessed of, or interested in, on the 24th of June Instant for Sale; and for all Paper printed, painted, or stained for Hangings or other Uses, which shall be in the Hands of any Persons for Sale on the said 24th of June, there must be paid several and respective Rates: That is to say;

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