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P R E S E N T

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day his Grace, James Duke of Ormond, took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Grace being Lord Lieutenant of the County of Norfolk, and of the City of Norwich and County of the same.

St. James's, April 15. This Day the following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council of the City of London, being introduced by the Lord High Treasurer.

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!

YOUR Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal City of London, beg leave to Congratulate Your Majesty upon the Success of Your Princely Endeavours, Steady Resolution, and Wise Councils, which have at length obtained such an Honourable Peace, the greatest Glory of Your Reign, and the most desirable Blessing to Your Own People.

The Advantages You have obtained for Your Subjects, and the wise Measures You have taken, to Secure and Improve Our Trade, affect Us in the most sensible Manner.

Your Care of the Protestant Religion and Succession, calls for Our sincerest Acknowledgments, and all possible Returns of Gratitude, whilst You so generously extend Your tenderest Regards to Our Posterity, after having made Us completely Happy: But we cannot sufficiently express Our Indignation against those who have so long obstructed Our Felicity, and whose Attempts to make a Merit by dividing Your Majesty's Interests from those of the illustrious House of Hanover, are not the less Base and Treacherous for being Vain and Ineffectual.

Your Majesty hath so wholly devoted Your Self to procure the Ease and Welfare of Your Subjects, that the strictest Loyalty, and most unalterable Affection, would be an unequal Return, did not Your Majesty assure Us, You want no other Guaranty but That, next to the Divine Providence.

We shall in Our several Stations endeavour to calm Mens Minds, and cultivate the Arts of Peace, suppress the groundless Jealousies and Party-Rage of a Faction, and oppose all their Secret and Open Contrivances: That Your Majesty may pass the length of Days (which Heaven, we hope, hath reserved for You) in Repose and Glory.

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

I Thank You most heartily for this Address; and am very glad God has blessed My sincere Designs, for securing Our Religion, and enlarging Trade, by which My Loyal City of London will receive so much Advantage.

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 the Lord High Treasurer.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, and the rest of Your Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy of the City of London.

M A D A M,

When Your Majesty did vouchsafe, with the greatest Condescension, to communicate to Your People the approaching Prospect of a General Peace, We, amongst others of Your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, were sensibly affected with Your unparallel'd Goodness, and entirely relied on Your Majesty's consummate Wisdom, to bring to Perfection, in its proper Season, so great and happy a Work.

God Almighty having now given Your Majesty the desired Success in that important Affair, and Your Majesty, having by Your great Penetration, not only obtained and secured the Quiet, Safety, and Advantages of Your own People, but likewise procured a reasonable Satisfaction for all Your Allies, notwithstanding the many Difficulties and Obstructions that have designedly been raised by the daring Insolence of a Clamorous and Ungrateful Faction; We do (with just Admiration of the great Abilities and unwearied Application of all those whom Your Majesty hath been pleased to entrust in the Progress of this Negotiation) most joyfully embrace this Opportunity of Congratulating Your Majesty on this glorious Occasion: And do most humbly assure Your Majesty, That We shall ever distinguish Ourselves, by all dutiful Affection and Loyalty to Your Majesty's Royal Person, and a steady Adherence to the Protestant Succession in the illustrious House of Hanover, and on all Occasions render to Your Majesty the grateful Tribute of our Allegiance, in its utmost Extent, as becomes the most Obedient Subjects, to the Best of Princes.

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

Gentlemen,

YOUR Address is very Kind, and I heartily Thank You for it. My Study is the Safety and Benefit of My People; and it is a great Satisfaction to Me, when My Endeavours meet with Success, to the Advantage of such Loyal and Affectionate Subjects.

And as a Mark of Her Royal Favour, Her Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on George Merttins, Esq; one of the Aldermen of the said City.

Madrid, April 3 N. S. His Majesty hath ordered a Decree to be published against the Bishop of Barcelona, forbidding all his Ministers and Councils to have any Communication with him, or to acknowledge him as Cardinal. The Troops designed for Catalonia, have received directions to march thither, but the Duke de Popoli is not so set out till the return of an Express, which hath been dispatched to General Staremberg, to know of him in what manner that Province is to be evacuated. The Duke de Veraguas is commanded by the King to go immediately to his Government of Navarre, in order to assemble the Cortes there, and to demand a Gift of them in his Majesty's Name. A new Council is established, to examine into the Differences between this