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St. James's, December 27. The following Addresses have been presented to his Majesty.

An humble Address from the President, the Members of the Council, and the Representatives of the People met together in the General Assembly of the Island of Barbadoes; an humble Address from the Clergy of the Island of Barbadoes; an humble Address from the Attorney and Solicitor General, Barristers and Practitioners in the Laws of the Island of Barbadoes; and also an humble Address from the Merchants and Traders of the said Island; presented to his Majesty by James Cambell, Esq; Agent for the Government of Barbadoes, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Smirna, October 30. The 14th of this Month arrived Sig. Bonaventura Minelli, who is appointed to reside here as Consul from the Republick of Venice: But being justly apprehensive that there will soon be a Rupture between the Turks and the Venetians, he judged it behoved him to use the best Precautions he could, for preventing his being seized and imprisoned as a Minister of his Republick when the War shall actually break out: He therefore waited privately on the other Foreign Consuls here, and desired them not to own or treat him as a Consul: And then he notified to the Cady, and other chief Magistrates of this City, on the 15th, that being come hither, not in the Quality of Consul, but to transact Affairs relating to the Consulate only as an Agent till the Senate should dispose of that Employment, he could not take on him a Publick Character, nor consequently offer to make Visits of Ceremony. The Cady and the other principal Officers in the Government of this Place made Answer, that it was indifferent to them in what manner he should act, provided he would take Care to make them such Pretents as they held themselves intitled to by Custom from the Venetian Consulate: And to stop their Mouths, he has thought it safest for him to comply with that Custom. The last Letters from Constantinople, which are of the 20th Instant confirm that great Preparations for War by Sea and Land

are making there; and that it was not in the least doubted the Port will attempt next Spring the Reduction of the Morea (of which the present Grand Vizier is a Native) tho' a Rumour is likewise spread, that the Design is against the King of Sicily. The Naval Forces of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli are expected to join the Ottoman Fleet, being obliged always to attend these Expeditions in time of War. These Letters add, that Vessels were continually employed in transporting Janisaries and others in the Military Service, with Stores of Ammunition, to the Islands of Negropont and Candia, and the Parts adjacent. The 10th of this Month, being the first Day of the Turkish Festival called Bairam, the Janisaries appeared, at the Seraglio, to receive the Sultan's Bounty, which is usually bestowed upon them on Occasion of that Feast: It being also the Custom at that time to distribute among them Rice ready dressed, they refused to touch it, crying out that it was musly and not fit to be eaten: The Grand Vizier dreading the Consequences of the mutinous Disposition he saw them in, sent for the chief Officer of the Grand Signior's Kitchen called Assi l a li, and after having caused a hundred Blows to be given him on the Soles of his Feet, he condemned him to serve at the Oar in the Gallies; he likewise sent for the Steward of the Kitchen, Mamet Aga, and committed him to Prison; which Proceeding appeased the Janisaries.

Vienna, Dec. 10. N. S. The 4th Instant M. Muller, Chancellor of Sweden, arrived here; and being admitted to an Audience of the Emperor, he returned Thank in his Master's Name for all the Orders which his Imperial Majesty had been pleased to give for that King's Reception, in case he had made his Journey publicly thro' the Austrian Dominions, and for the great Conveniency with which the Swedish Troops are furnished in their Passage homewards. Baron Malknecht, Minister of the Elector of Bavaria, will shortly set out from Munich for Gratz, to fetch from thence the Princes Sons of that Elector; who 'tis believed will pass this way, to thank the Emperor for the Care which he has caused to be taken of them during their Confinement