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Naples, May 12.

ON the 8th Instant at Night came in Captain Falkingham of the Orford Man of War, with the Prince of Lobcowitz, who went away immediately Express for Vienna, to carry the News of the Marquess de Ledes having signed the Convention for the Suspension of Arms and Evacuation of Sicily and Sardinia. On the 10th Instant came in the Dunkirk Captain Hamilton, and To-Day the Newcastle Captain Miles.

Stockholm, May 14. O. S. Admiral Norris, with the British Fleet under his Command and several Merchant Ships, arrived at Elsnab on the 12th Instant, to the great Joy of this Country. The same Day he came to this Place, and the Queen having Notice of it immediately sent an Express to the King, who was then with the Army at Gasse; whereupon his Majesty returned hither, and this Afternoon the Lord Carteret with the Admiral and Mr. Finch waited on his Majesty, by whom the Admiral was very graciously received. He has since had a Conference with the Admiral of the Swedish Fleet, and intends to return on board To-Morrow, in order to go and cruise in the Stations agreed upon.

Berlin, June 1, N. S. The King of Prussia having finished the Review on the 28th past, of the Garrison and other Regiments which were ordered hither, set out the next Day for Potsdam; and will begin his Journey for Clevens on the 5th Instant, to view the Forces in those Quarters.

Whitehall, May 30.

The Answer of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, met at Edinburgh on the 12th Instant, to His Majesty's most Gracious Letter.

May it please your Majesty,

WE beg Leave to return your Majesty our most humble and thankful Acknowledgments for the Honour of your Gracious Letter to us, and your Royal Favour in countenancing our Meeting; and that your Majesty is pleased to take Notice of our firm Adherence to those Principles upon which the Safety of your Government and Happiness of your Subjects do mutually depend, and of the Unanimity and Moderation of former Assemblies, heightens the Satisfaction we have in the Performance of these Duties, to which we own our selves bound by the strongest Obligations.

It hath afforded a most sensible Pleasure to the Ministers and Members of this Church, to hear of your Majesty's Christian and Zealous Concern for the Protestants abroad, in Opposition to the Invasions of Popery; and your Majesty's kind Intimation in your Gracious Letter, that you have some things under your Royal Consideration at this Time, which may very much contribute to the preventing of the Growth of Popery in this Land, affects us with the deepest Sense of Gratitude, and we hope though the Means hitherto used have not been attended with the desired Success, that by the Blessing of God upon your Majesty's wise Counsels and steady Conduct, this growing Evil will be effectually remedied, to the Joy of all your Majesty's good Subjects who are zealously concerned for the flourishing of true Religion and Quiet of your Majesty's Government.

It is an unexpressible Satisfaction to us to have so great Encouragement to exert ourselves to the utmost for obtaining those great Ends, the promoting of true Religion, and the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, that your Majesty has recommended them to us as things you have most at Heart.

We intirely rely upon the Assurances given us, that your Majesty will be always ready to promote the Interest, and inviolably maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

We embrace it as a real Proof of your Majesty's kind Regard to this Church that you have made Choice of the Earl of Rothes to represent your

Royal Person in this Assembly; his many Services to your Majesty, and known Abilities for such an high Trust, together with his constant Zeal for the Protestant Interest, and hearty Concern for our Church, renders him most acceptable to us.

That your Majesty may be long preserved as a signal Blessing to your People and all the Reformed Interest; that the same good Success may still attend all your glorious Endeavours for the Safety and Happiness of your Subjects, and the Peace of Christendom, with which hitherto they have been wonderfully blest of God; that all divine Blessings may be plentifully bestowed upon their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and their Royal Issue, and that after a long and happy Lite upon Earth you may be crowned with immortal Glory, are the most fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient and most loyal Subjects.

The Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Pretence, in our Name,

Edinb. May 14, 1720. and at our Appointment, by William Hamilton, Moderator.

Whitehall, June 3.

On the 30th past Sir Robert Sutton His Majesty's Ambassadour Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the most Christian King, set out for Paris.

Custom-House, London, May 12, 1720.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs being well informed, that great Quantities of Goods which are imported by or on the proper Account and Risque of Foreigners Aliens to this Kingdom, are entered at the Custom-House by several of His Majesty's British Subjects, as well those who are Freeman of the City of London as others, and the Duties due and payable to His Majesty for such Goods are paid only as if imported by and on the Account of His Majesty's Natural Born Subjects or Persons Naturalized, to the great Diminution of His Majesty's Revenue, and to the Detriment of the fair Merchants: And whereas by several Acts of Parliament it is provided, That if any

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Person shall Custom any Goods or Merchandize of any Stranger or Denizen, whereby the King loseth his Custom, Subsidy, or other his Right or Duty, such Person will not only forfeit and lose the Goods or Merchandize so Customed, and the Value thereof, but also forfeit and lose all his own Goods and Chattels Personal for ever, one Moiety of which Forfeiture to be to His Majesty, and the other Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same: Of which this Notice is given, that no Person may through Ignorance incur the aforesaid Forfeitures. And the said Commissioners do hereby further give Notice, That if any Person or Persons will give them, or the Principal Officers of the Customs in any Part, Information of the before-mentioned Frauds, so as the Persons concerned therein may be prosecuted and convicted, he or they shall have and receive for his or their Encouragement, the Officers Share of what shall be recovered, after the Charges of Prosecution are deducted.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That all Persons possessed of any of the said Company's Bonds which fall due on the 25th Instant, may then have their Money for the same of the Company's Cashier, after which Time the Interest on the said Bonds will cease and determine. They likewise give Notice, That the next or second Payment for the 2,250,000 l. South Sea Stock, lately sold by the said Company by Subscription (after the Rate of 300 l. for each Hundred Pound Stock) is to be made on the 14th Instant; and that if any Persons shall make Default in the said Payment, they forfeit their first Payment. They further give Notice, That the Bonds which fall due as aforesaid, will be taken in on the said second Payment for the Stock sold