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**T**HIS Day the Lord-Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London, waited in a Body on His Majesty, with the following humble Address.

To the King'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,*

**I**T is with great Concern we observe, that the Peace of Europe, and the particular Interests of your Majesty's Kingdoms, are threatned with new Dangers, at a Time when we had Reason to hope they would be settled upon the firmest Foundations.

And we cannot heat without a just Indignation, that Gibraltar and Port-Mahon (those important Acquisitions which were gained by the victorious Arms of Great-Britain, under the auspicious Reign of our late most Glorious Queen, and yielded and confirmed by solemn Treaties) are now demanded from this Nation; and that our Trade is invaded in many valuable Branches (in Violation of publick Faith) by a Prince so highly obliged to the British Nation.

We beg Leave also to express our highest Resentment at the Engagements which the Emperour and the King of Spain have entered into in Favour of the Pretender.

Whether the great Advantages gained for the Trade of your Dominions by former Treaties; or the unrivalled Superiority of your Fleets, or your paternal Love in preserving the Rights and Privileges of your People, have raised the

Envy and Jealousy of foreign Powers; or to whatever Cause their desperate Designs may be ascribed, we know not.

But when we reflect on the Strength of your Naval Force, sufficient alone by the Situation of your Dominions not only to frustrate their Enterprizes, but even to deter them from attempting to invade us; when we consider the brave Troops your Majesty has by Land, and the Strength, Harmony, and Union of your Allies (conducted by your Majesty's consummate Wisdom, and supported by the Zeal and Affection of your People) we doubt not, but to our great Comfort, your Majesty (by the Blessing of God) will be undisturbed on your Throne, and the Freedom of Commerce (so necessary and essential to the Good of all your Subjects) be again restored to its ancient and most flourishing Condition.

We therefore (who are more immediately interested in those valuable and darling Benefits of Trade) are in a particular Manner obliged to return our most dutiful Thanks to your Majesty, for that prudent Care which has hitherto rendered abortive the chimerical and unjust Designs of your Enemies; and to assure your Majesty, that your Loyal City of London will be always ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Royal Person and Government; and our Excellent Constitution both in Church and State, against all your Enemies whatsoever.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

**T**HIS very Dutiful and Loyal Address from my City of London, is truly acceptable to me; I return you my kindest Thanks for the Resentment you express at the Engagements entered into in favour of the Pretender, and for the affectionate Assurances you give me

