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St. James's, February 2.

THE following humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and Principal Inhabitants of the City of Exon, was this Day presented to His Majesty by Samuel Molyneux, Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, together with the principal Inhabitants of the City of Exon, with the utmost Sense of filial Gratitude, return your Majesty our most humble Thanks for your paternal Care and Goodness in your unwearied Endeavours for frustrating and defeating (in a manner so Glorious to this Kingdom) Designs destructive to the Rights and Commerce of the Nation, and those grounded upon the most express and solemn Treaties, owned and ratified by those Powers themselves who contravene them. Treaties which put one of them in Possession of those Countries, and that very Port from whence he so ungratefully invades our Commerce; and secured to the other his Crown, at the same Time when they yielded to us

that most important Place Gibraltar, now so peremptorily demanded from your Majesty. The secret Engagements they have entered into of undertaking to invade these Kingdoms, and place the Pretender on your Majesty's Throne, cannot but fire the Heart of every true Briton with the utmost Indignation and Resentment, against those that can act with such Breach of Faith against their own Guaranties. Strange! they should think, that after the Blood and Treasure which this Nation hath expended to keep him out, we will easily part with those invaluable Blessings of our Religion, Liberty, and Property, together with your Majesty's sacred Person and Government; and the Protestant Succession, for one we have so often abjured.

If their unreasonable Obstinacy and Persistence in this Injustice should at last force your Majesty, against your own Inclination and tender Regard for your People; into a necessary War, we (tho' Inhabitants of a City intirely subsisting by Trade, of which Peace is the Life and Soul,) are chearfully and steadily resolved, as becomes faithful and obedient Subjects, to stand by your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes against all Violaters of Faith whatsoever; praying and trusting the Divine Goodness will bless the Arms of your Majesty and your Allies with Success in your righteous Cause, and crown your Undertakings with a speedy and lasting Peace.

[Price Two Pence.]

Madrid,

