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THE following humble Address of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Court of Assistants, and whole Body of His Majesty's Artillery Company of the City of London, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Sir Gerard Conyers, and Sir Charles Peers, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Court of Assistants, and whole Body of your Majesty's Artillery Company of the City of London.

Great Sir,

WE cannot but observe with the greatest Concern the present Situation of the Affairs of Europe, and the Menaces and Threats used by the Spaniards and the Emperour, against your Majesty, your Dominions, and our Liberties and Properties.

Therefore we take this Opportunity to wait on your Majesty in Arms, to assure your Majesty, that we are ready at this Time, (and shall be at all Times) to defend your Majesty and your Royal Family against all your Enemies, and the Enemies of our Laws, Liberties and Properties, and all those that dare attempt to invade or disturb them.

Signed by Order of the Court of Assistants,

John Blackwell, Cl.

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

I Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Address, in which you Express so much Zeal and Affection for my Person and Government.

On this Occasion the Artillery Company made a very fine Appearance in Arms, and passed in Review before the King, and the Prince of Wales their Captain-General, in St. James's Park.

The following humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Daniel Dolins,

Kt. Chairman of the Sessions, accompanied by several other Justices of the Peace for the said County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Middlesex. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and all the Gentlemen had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Deputy Lieutenants and the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, being deeply sensible of the many great and valuable Blessings we enjoy under your wise and happy Administration, and of the tender Regard your Majesty hath always had to the Civil and Religious Rights of all your Subjects, cannot sufficiently express our Repentment and Indignation at the Conjunction of the Emperour and the King of Spain, to invade our Trade in its most valuable Branches, to wrest from us Gibraltar and Port Mahon (Places of the utmost Importance to these Nations, with respect to their Trade and Naval Power) acquired in the Course of a long expensive and bloody War, and yielded to us by the most solemn Treaties; and their Designs to place upon the Throne of these Kingdoms the Pretender to your Majesty's Crown; and thereby to impose upon us the Yoke of Superstition and Arbitrary Power, in Exchange for the full Enjoyment of our pure Religion, our most excellent Laws, and enjoyed Liberty.

We humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will, to our utmost Power, not only most cheerfully and readily exert ourselves in enabling your Majesty to shew a just Repentment for any Injuries done, or Indignity offered to your Majesty and your People; but are ready, at all Hazards, to Support your sacred Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious Family; the only Means, we know, of preserving our Constitution; and expressing our Gratitude to our late Deliverer, King William the Third, of Glorious and Immortal Memory.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the

he City of Hereford, has been presented to His Majesty by their Representatives in Parliament James Wettfalling and Herb. Wallwyn, Esqrs; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Chandos, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously; and the Gentlemen who presented it, had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of Hereford, do humbly beg Leave to present to your Majesty our hearty Address of Thanks for those gracious Expressions of Care and Concern for the Trade and Welfare of your People, which you have been pleased to make from the Throne. It lies not within our Sphere to judge of the Reasons and Motives which induce Foreign Powers to threaten the British Nation with a War, and an Invasion in Favour of the Pretender: But we cannot but be surprized and sorry to observe, that the greatest Apprehensions of Danger are from a Quarter, from which it might least have been expected. The Violation of our just Rights, with Regard to the most valuable Branches of Trade, and the forming an Alliance with a View of proceeding to Hostilities against us, are but ill Returns from a Potentate, who, 'tis well known, owes his former Safety, and his present Greatness, to the Victorious Arms of Great Britain. The dutiful Address of the Lords, the vigorous Resolution of the Commons, for supporting and defending your Majesty against the Attacks and Insults of your Enemies, are an ample Testimony to us of the Justice of the Cause, in which you are engaged, for the good of your People: And as the constant Tenour of your Conduct, whilst we have enjoyed the Happiness of your Majesty's Government over us, gives us the most undeniable Assurance of your steady Purpose to preserve the Laws, Liberties, and Religion of our Country, as they are at present established; we should think ourselves wanting in Duty, as far as our Influence or Example can reach, if we did not, on this Occasion, signify our Abhorrence of all Designs either at Home or Abroad, which may tend to lessen or hazard the Dignity of the British Crown, or the Prosperity of the Nation. And if it were possible for us to lay ourselves under greater Obligations than we are already under by our Oaths to your Majesty, we should readily give any further Evidence of our Loyalty and Fidelity, by the sincerest Offers of our Lives and Fortunes, in Maintenance of the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious Family, against the Attempts of those who are for introducing a Popish Pretender to these Realms.

May your Majesty's Reign be long and prosperous! And, when it shall please God to remove you from us, that your Memory may be as dear and precious among us, as your Endeavours have always been for the Publick Good, is our most ardent Desire and Prayer.

In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto put our Common Seal, the 24th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Magistrates, Common-Council, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Pattee Byng and William Chetwynd, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Manchester. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Magistrates, Common-Council, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly crave leave to assure your Majesty upon this Occasion, of our most affectionate Concern and hearty Zeal for the Protestant Religion, the present most happy Establishment in Church and State, the Liberties of Europe in general, and of Great Britain in particular, the Preservation and Security of Trade and Commerce, and the Welfare and Prosperity of ourselves and our Posterity; all depending on the Safety of your sacred Person, and the Continuance of the Succession of the Crown of these Realms in your truly Protestant Line.

Were any one of these attempted singly, it could not but be a heinous Provocation; but when all of them are threatened and struck together, when a Popish Pretender (well known to be an irreconcilable Enemy to them all) is endeavoured to be obtruded upon us, it must necessarily warm the Breast of every true Briton, and kindle in it the utmost Resentment and Indignation.

We cannot sufficiently admire that great and early Care and Vigilance which hath appeared so conspicuously and extensively in all your Counsels and Measures; and doubt not, but that since your Majesty hath so timely and happily discover'd the evil Designs of your Adversaries, the Mischiefs of them will be effectually prevented.

The Naval Strength of Great Britain (its real Security and happy Ornament) so prudently directed and beneficially employed to its proper Use, together with the wise and potent Alliances which your Majesty hath entered into, must, we humbly conceive, convince your Adversaries of the Weakness and Folly of their ill-concerted Schemes and Projects, and make them see, however unwilling, impatient, or malicious, the Necessity of doing Justice, and observing publick Faith and Treaties. But should Obstinacy shut their Eyes, we trust that the Blessing of the Almighty upon a just and righteous Cause, and upon the Arms of your Majesty and your high Allies, will soon make them feel it. And we crave Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall most willingly and heartily joyn with our Fellow-Subjects, and most readily contribute all that is dear and valuable to us, to enable your Majesty to withstand and oppose both the secret Engagements and open Violence of all your Enemies.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Merchants, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Leeds in the County of York, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir William Milner, Bart. introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Burlington, Lord-Lieutenant of the West-Riding of the County of York. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Merchants, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Leeds, in the County of York.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN we reflect on the Blessings we have long enjoyed under your Majesty's auspicious Government, we are justly alarmed at the least attempt to disturb us in the Enjoyment of them; but when our Trade, our Properties, and what is more valuable to us, our Religion, is struck at (for who can hope for this under a Popish Pretender,) when these are attempted by Princes under the strictest Ties of Gratitude for Benefits purchased with our Blood and Treasure, and when no less than the dethroning of your Majesty and the Destruction of your Royal House, are to be the Means of effecting their formidable Projects, we are astonished at these projected Scenes of Horror. We are full of Repentment, and blame the Defect of our Language to express our Indignation.

Your Majesty's Subjects of this Place are very sensible of the happy Influences of Peace on their Trade in the Woollen Manufacture, yet we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that whenever a War shall be necessary for the supporting the Honour of your Kingdoms, or preserving the Rights or Commerce of the Nation, we will not only cheerfully give up the Advantages of a present Peace, but readily contribute to the Expence of such War, and sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, against all your Enemies whatsoever.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses, Assistants and Commonalty of the Borough of Wareham, in the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by Joseph Gascoigne, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses, Assistants and Commonalty of the Borough of Wareham, in the County of Dorset.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

THE many Instances of great Wisdom and Care your Majesty has lately shewn in detecting the secret Designs of our Enemies, cannot but fill our Hearts with the greatest Gratitude and Duty. We therefore beg Leave to address your Majesty, both to express our Thanks for your unwearied Endeavours to preserve the Peace of Europe; and our ut-

most Detestation of those secret Measures entered into, contrary to all solemn Treaties and Engagements to the Peace and Commerce of your People.

The wise Dispositions of your Majesty's Fleets, the Steadiness and Unanimity of your Parliament, and the sincere Love and Affection of your Subjects to your sacred Person and Family, will, we hope, effectually convince your Enemies, that all their united Combinations to wrest out of your Hands those valuable Acquisitions of our Trade and Commerce, gained by English Blood and Treasure, and made Part of our Constitution by solemn Leagues and Treaties, will prove vain and ineffectual.

But should the Pride and Ambition of your Enemies, in Violation of all the sacred Ties of Honour and Gratitude, push them on in their unjust Demands, their usurped Exercise of Trade, and their secret Engagements to impose upon this Kingdom a Popish Pretender; these vile Proceedings must raise in our Breasts the greatest Indignation, and justly call upon us not only to expose our Persons, but also our Fortunes, and all that is valuable, in Defence of your most sacred Person, our Laws, Religion, and Liberties.

The Glory acquired in the late War by the British Arms, speaks loudly for itself, and must lay a lasting Load of Ingratitude upon those who have reaped the Benefit of it; and as the same Spirit remains in every true Protestant Briton, so we hope our Enemies will soon feel the Effects of it, if ever they dare provoke us to War.

That the like Glory and Success may always attend your Fleets and Armies, and your Majesty's pious Endeavours for the Good of all your Subjects, shall be the earnest and constant Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses and Commonalty of the Borough of Thetford, in the County of Norfolk, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Edmund Bacon, and Robert Iacombe Esq; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord High Chamberlain. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Capital Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Thetford.

May it please your Majesty;

AS your Majesty's just and wise Measures for preserving the Peace of Europe, have been received with deserved Applause in the Great Councils of the Nation, so do they require a Tribute of Gratitude from every Member and every Subject of this Kingdom.

Those who are concerned in carrying on the Trade of this Nation, must be blind to their own Interest if they do not see how much they are indebted to the Prudence and Steadiness of your Majesty's Conduct; and as the poorest Subject in Great Britain has a Property in his Religion and Liberty; and as those have been threatened with Danger by the Conjunction of great Powers, bent to over-

turn and destroy them : There cannot be in this happy Island one so wretched, as not to be affected with a sensible Pleasure when he sees your Majesty's Care and Vigilance to preserve and continue to us these invaluable Blessings.

We were in Hopes we should never again have been called upon to remember the Pretender, or make mention of his Name : He has been long forgotten through the Benevolence of your Majesty's Government, and the Enemies of your Kingdoms are but ill informed of the Sense of this Nation, if they think the espousing of his Interest can be of any Service to their Cause.

But 'tis happy that there is so much want of Understanding, where there is so little Sense of Gratitude ; when a Prince established on his own Throne by your Majesty's Assistance, can so soon and so far forget himself as to attempt to shake yours : 'Tis but a just Infatuation on his Counsels, that he should make Choice of Means the most opposite to his Designs : Such these are, and ever will be, untill we forget that we are Englishmen, and are willing to exchange a free Government, under a wise and gracious Prince, for Tyranny, to be conducted by a Popish Bigot, to give up the Religion of our Country for the Inventions of Rome, and instead of being the Glory of Nations, to become the Scorn and Contempt of the World.

But were these Considerations out of the Question, our Country will ever have too great a Regard for your Majesty's Honour and its own Safety, to give up any Part of the just Acquisitions of our Arms to the angry Demands of such as forget the Title we gained by War, and the Title they yielded by Peace.

Whilst your Majesty thus consults the Interest and Honour of your Kingdoms, you can never want the Hands and Hearts of your Subjects to assist you ; and we doubt not but a little Time will convince even your Enemies, that you are too well beloved by your Subjects at Home to fear the Pretender ; and too well supported by your Allies Abroad, to fear Them.

Given under our common Seal, the 27th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Bailiffs and Freemen of the Town of Kingston upon Thames, in the County of Surrey, has been presented to His Majesty by Nicholas Harding, Esq; Recorder of that Town, 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, The humble Address of the Bailiffs and Freemen of the Town of Kingston upon Thames, in the County of Surrey:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Though your Majesty has more Pleasure in the Happiness of your People than in the publick Testimonies of their Reverence and Esteem, we your Majesty's most loyal Subjects the Bailiffs and Freemen of your

Town of Kingston upon Thames, cannot content ourselves with a silent Gratitude for the Blessings of your Administration, or with a concealed Repentment of their Insolence, who unprovoked, in Contempt of solemn Treaties, by an unjust and pernicious Confederacy, have engaged to assist each other in wresting from Great Britain her dearest and most valuable Rights ; and by Projects in favour of an abjured Fugitive, subservient to their Designs, have threatned her Religion and Liberty.

We already see the Effects of the wise honourable and necessary Measures your Majesty has taken to preserve the Peace of Europe : And if the King of Spain is too much enraged at the Disappointments he has met with, to consider the Rashness of that Enterprize he has undertaken, we have little Cause to fear the impotent Efforts of his Revenge. Nor doubt we, but that other Prince, who owes so much to the personal Bravery of your Majesty, and the Assistance of Great Britain, and yet is not ashamed to repay those Services with Injuries and Affronts, will soon repent him of his usurped Exercise of Commerce, or be convinced, that the English Valour, which raised him to his present Greatness, can restrain his Violence, and set Limits to his Ambition.

And we assure your Majesty, we shall with Zeal and Cheerfulness contribute our Proportion of such Subsidies as shall be granted to enable your Majesty to assert the Honour and Dignity of your Crown; and to perpetuate the Glory and Prosperity of this Nation, the constant Aim of your Majesty's Counsels.

Given under our common Seal, in our Guildhall, this 17th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign, Annoq; Domini 1726-7.

The following humble Address of the Constables, Gentlemen, and others chief Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough of Lewes in the County of Suffex, has been presented to His Majesty by Thomas Pelham, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle 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, The humble Address of the Constables, Gentlemen and others, chief Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough of Lewes, in the County of Suffex.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, who are truly sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most happy Reign over us, humbly beg Leave to offer our Thanks to your Majesty for your great Care and Vigilance, and for the wise Measures you have taken to prevent the wicked Designs of your Enemies at this Time formed against your Majesty and against the Peace and Welfare of your People.

We have been amazed to see a Prince, from whom your Majesty and this Nation might have expected the greatest Returns of Gratitude, enter into Measures to deprive your Majesty of your Crown, and to find him invading

vading Part of our Trade, and joyning with the King of Spain to take from us Port Mahon and Gibraltar.

We have the utmost Detestation of the Pretender and all his Abettors; and shall be ready at all Times with our Lives and Fortunes to defend your Majesty's Person and Government, on which depend our Religion, Liberty, and all that is dear and valuable to us.

We entirely rely, under God, upon your Majesty's Wisdom for our Safety, and most heartily pray that your Majesty's Reign may long continue over us, and that we may never want a Prince of your Royal Family to govern and protect us.

The following humble Address of the Master, Elder Brethren, Wardens and Assistants, and the whole Fraternity of Master Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity-House of Newcastle upon Tyne, has been presented to His Majesty by the Earl of Scarborough. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Master, Elder Brethren, Wardens and Assistants, and the whole Fraternity of Master Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity-House of Newcastle upon Tyne.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, do humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that as it is with the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction we consider the many Blessings we enjoy under your most gracious and excellent Government, for thereby our Liberties and Privileges are preserved and established, and our Trade and Commerce doth greatly flourish and Increase; so we cannot without the utmost Detestation hear of the wicked Designs formed against your Majesty and your Kingdoms, by the Emperour and King of Spain; but the Experience we have of your great Wisdom, leave us no Room to doubt, but that all their pernicious Designs will be thereby rendred vain and unsuccessful.

We do humbly assure your Majesty that we will with our Lives and Fortunes support and defend your Majesty against all your Enemies, and that our most hearty and sincere Wishes and Prayers are, that your Majesty may long and happily reign over us, and that these Kingdoms may always flourish and enjoy their present happy Constitution both in Church and State, under the Government of your Majesty and your Posterity.

In Testimony whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

The following humble Address of the Royal Burrows of Scotland, has been presented to His Majesty by John Campbell, Esq; Colonel James St. Clair, Sir James Dalrymple, Bart. John Murray, Esq; Colonel Robert Monro, and Henry Cunningham, Esq; Members of Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle 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,
The humble Address of the Royal Burrows
of Scotland.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

IT is the greatest Happiness of your Subjects, that to congratulate the success of your Undertakings, is at the same time to acknowledge their own Felicity; so perfectly has your Majesty united the Interest of your Crown and your People.

In some other Kingdoms, the oppressed Subjects have no other Comfort for the lavish wasting of their Blood and Treasure against foreign Enemies, but the ungrateful View of the confirming that Power, which (designed for defending) is unnaturally employed to subdue themselves, and governs free-born Subjects as if they were the miserable Slaves of a conquer'd Country.

But we with Joy behold your Majesty's Fleets putting just Restraints on those haughty Princes who projected to shake your Throne, the establishing of which is the Security of our Religion, Liberty and Property, and the Preservation and Advancement of our Commerce.

All these being now threatned by the Enemies of our King and Country, we cannot but rejoice to see Armies and Navies at your Majesty's Command, who no farther asks nor employs them than the Security and Increase of our Happiness requires. They are our Defence as well as your own, and can only be dreadful to the Foes of your Majesty's Government and People.

The Potentate who owes his present Greatness to the Bounty and Strength of Britain, will find, that the same Valour that raised him, shall, through the Divine Blessing, restrain him from hurting his Benefactors; and that when the sacred Ties of Gratitude and solemn Treaties are broken by his Ambition, your Majesty's Counsels and Arms shall repress and fetter them down.

A King so careful of the Prosperity of your People, could not suffer their Commerce to be undermined and encroached upon, nor permit the Fortresses acquired for securing the Trade and Navigation of your Dominions to be wrested out of your Hands by that Monarch who was glad to yield them up when Britain and its Allies allowed him to reign.

Your Majesty's Enemies, not content with Projects so pernicious, threaten us with their utmost Vengeance, the Popish Pretender to your Crown; and thus they shew, that the Hope of his Cause is founded on the Ruin of the Wealth and Force of Britain, which they are now attempting, and calling upon him as their Assistant to destroy. His being the Tool of Rome, renders his Pretensions inconsistent with the Protestant Religion, the Cause of Heaven. The barbarous and perfidious Treatment of our Brethren at Thorn, and too many other Places, (whose Blood still cries aloud to God and his earthly Vicegerents) are flagrant and melancholly Proofs, that a Protestant People can expect nothing but Tyranny and all its dismal Fruits from Popish Masters.

Our Duty, our Interest, and every thing which can move the Minds of Men who have a Sense of Religion, of social Virtue, or of their



their own Happiness, make us firmly resolved to adhere unalterably to your Majesty's Person, Protestant Family and Government, and to do our utmost to support your Majesty who has the only Title to the Crown of Britain, and none other can ever be acknowledged nor submitted to by;

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most loyal, most dutiful, and most obedient
Elinb. Feb. Subjects and Servants.
21, 1726-7.

The Annual Committee of the Convention of your Royal Burrows of Scotland.

Sign'd in their Name and by their Appointment by

Jo. Drummond, *Preses.*

Madrid, Feb. 24, N. S. Yesterday this Court received Letters by a Courier from Vienna, dispatched by the Duke of Bourbonville on the 4th Instant. He has also brought Dispatches from thence for Count Conigleck the Imperial Ambassadour here, who is now recovered from his late Fit of the Gout.

Lisbon, March 2, N. S. Late last Night his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Dursley-Galley, Captain Purvis Commander, arrived here from Gibraltar, with Letters from Sir Charles Wager and Governour Clayton for the Duke of Newcastle, which have been this Day dispatched for England by Brigadier Dormer the British Envoy: To whom Captain Purvis has given an Account, that the Siege of Gibraltar was begun on the 22d past; that the Brass Cannon sent from Cadiz by Land were not arrived at the Spanish Camp; and that the Cannon expected from Barcelona, were thought either to be lost, or taken by the Algerines: That after the Spaniards had fired on the British Men of War, Sir Charles Wager made a Signal for the Boats and some of the small Ships to scour the Bay, and they took a Settee and a Barcalonga laden with Planks and Provisions for the Camp: That the Spaniards had suffered very much from the Cannon of the Men of War: That Deserters, who came daily into Gibraltar, reported there were near 2000 Men sick in the Spanish Camp; and that neither Officer nor Soldier thought it possible to succeed in this Enterprize. On the 24th past the Marquess de Abrantes set out from hence for Madrid: It is thought he is to make some Stay at Evora, at his Son in Law the Conde de Villanova's, till this Court hears further from that of Spain.

Whitehall, March 3.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Newcastle received an Expres from Sir Charles Wager and Colonel Clayton Lieutenant-Governour of Gibraltar, by the Way of Lisbon; with the following Advices.

Gibraltar, Feb. 12, O. S. On the 2d Instant Sir Charles Wager with His Majesty's Ships under his Command arrived in this Bay, in 14 Days from Portsmouth. Colonel Clayton, Lieutenant-Governour of this Place, came ashore; and the Soldiers Sir Charles Wager brought from Portsmouth were landed, as were also those that Rear-Admiral Hopson had on board the Ships he commanded this Winter; except three Companies, which Sir Charles Wager thought fit to keep on board

the Ships. Governour Clayton at his Arrival found the Conde de las Torres encamped near this Place, with about 15000 Men; and that the Spaniards had raised two Batteries, one in an Island at Algeziras which is on the other Side of the Bay, the other at Theisse within very near Gunshot of this Place, but pointing to the Sea. Sir Charles Wager, at the Governour's Request, furnished him with Ten Cannon 24 Ponders, Planks for Batteries, and other Stores, and some Carpenters to be assisting in the Works. For several Days 20 or 30 Boats and other Vessels daily, were suffered to pass quietly by the British Squadron, to the Spanish Camp. On the 10th, at Night the Conde de las Torres thought fit to begin another Battery within half Gun-shot of our Fortifications, the Embrazures pointing directly to the Works on the King's and Prince's Lines, and the Land-Port: Upon discovering which, early the 11th in the Morning, our Governour wrote the following Letter to him.

Most Excellent Sir,

PERceiving this Morning that your Excellency has opened Trenches in order to attack this Place, which I think is very contrary to all the Treaties between our Masters, and no Declaration of War being yet come to my Knowledge, I give your Excellency Notice, that if you do not immediately desist, I shall be obliged to take suitable Measures.

I send this by my Secretary, to whom I desire your Excellency will please to give an Answer. I am, &c.

Gibraltar, Feb. 22,

Jasper Clayton.

1727.

To which the Conde de las Torres returned this Answer.

Sir,

I Acknowledge yours dated the 22d Instant; and as to Trenches being opened for the Attack of the Town of Gibraltar, I answer, that what has been done hitherto is on our own Ground, fortifying those Places where our Batteries may be of Service; with respect to which, that Place having no other District than that of its Fortifications, according to the same Treaties you alledge, and you having taken Possession of the two Towers within our Jurisdiction, you may be assured, that if you do not quit them, I will act in the very same Manner as you intimate: Giving you Notice, that to lay Siege to that Place, there was no Need to form the Attacks so far off, as you will find when Occasion offers.

I am, &c.

The Conde de las Torres.

Camp at Gibraltar,

Feb. 22, 1727.

The Conde de las Torres not desisting from working; and the Governour having communicated the Contents of the Letter and Answer to Sir Charles Wager, and called a Council of War of all the commanding Officers of the Regiments here, it was unanimously agreed to Fire at the Enemies Works. Accordingly about Four in the Afternoon, we fired one Cannon with Shot, pointed over their Battery, as a Signal that we expected they would leave off working: Our Governour ordered we should wait still an Hour longer, that the Conde de las Torres might have all sufficient Notice. But the Enemy

Enemy continuing to work, we then gave them all the Obstruction we could by great and small Shot, which must have cost them some Men, but the Number we do not yet know. This Morning the Enemy fired from a Battery of 12 Guns which they had erected for that Purpose at the Bottom of the Bay: One Ship only, the Portland, happened to be within their Reach, and they Struck her twice with their Shot; but being at Distance, she received no Damage. Last Night Sir Charles Wager sent the Dursley Galley and Tyger round the Hill, where he thought they might be of some Service; and the Spaniards having lodged a Number of Men in the Night behind the Rock, supposed to be about 2000, they were surprized to find our Ships firing upon them on that Side in the Morning; They cast up a Bank of Sand to secure themselves as well as they could, but 'tis believed the Cannon from the Ships have done some Execution upon them, as well as the small Shot, and Shells thrown down upon them from the Rock; All this Day our Cannon and Mortars have been playing on their Trenches and Batteries, from His Majesty's Ships as well as the Garrison. The Wind being now Easterly, the two forementioned Ships are come back into the Bay; and Sir Charles Wager designs to sail To-morrow, with the Kent, Sterling-Castle, Burford, Royal Oak, Canterbury, York, and Colchester, to cruise near Cadiz and the Straights Mouth. He has ordered the Berwick and Lenox to sail to joyn Vice-Admiral Hosier in the West-Indies. The Dursley Galley is to go to Lisbon, whence she is to return hither. The Lyme is soon expected from Port-Mahon, and the Solebay from Cape St. Vincent where she was ordered to lye: These, with the Tyger, Winchester, Swallow, and Portland, with two Bomb-Vessels, and two Sloops, are to keep in this Bay; to be assistant in the Defence of the Place.

Gibraltar, Feb. 15, O. S. Last Night the Spaniards finished their first Parallel, and cast up another Intrenchment on the Mediterranean Side from the Eastermost Point of the Rock, to defend themselves from the Cannon of his Majesty's Ships, and joined it to their Parallel: They have work'd all this Day at their Battery, and it is judged will be ready to fire to Morrow: We can discover nine Embrazures in it. Besides our Cannon, Mortars, and Small Shot, with which we have annoyed them, we have blown several little Mines we daily make on the Top of the Mountain hanging over their Place of Arms, at the Westwardmost Point of their Intrenchments, with good Success; observing whenever the Stones fly down upon them, they are forced from their Shelter, and exposed to our Musquetry and Cannon, which must be with Loss to them.

Whitehall, March 4.

This Day Mr. Inglis, Marshal and Assistant Master of the Ceremonies, in the Absence of Sir Clement Cotterel Master of the Cere-

monies; went by His Majesty's Order to M^r. de Palm the Emperour's Resident, and acquainted him, that he having, in the Audience he had of the King on Thursday last, delivered into the Hands of His Majesty a Memorial highly injurious to His Majesty's Honour and the Dignity of His Crown; in which Memorial he has forgot all Regard to Truth and the Respect due to His sacred Majesty; and the said Memorial being also publickly dispers'd next Morning in Print, together with a Letter from the Count de Sinzen-dorff to him the said Palm, still more insolent and more injurious, if possible, than the Memorial; His Majesty had thereupon commanded him to declare to him the said Resident Palm, that His Majesty looked upon him no longer as a publick Minister, and required him forthwith to depart out of this Kingdom.

This is to give Notice, That the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to appoint Money to pay all the Ar-rears due to the Pensioners belonging to the Chest at Chatham to Lady-Day 1725; and that the said Pay will begin on Tuesday the 11th of April 1727, at the Hill-House in Chatham.

March 3, 1726-7.

On Thursday the 16th Instant, will be exposed to Sale in the Long Room in the Custom-House, London, Sugar, Cotton, Ginger, &c. from Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands.

Advertisements.

TO be Sold, the Mannor of St. John Baptist, near Cose-rain in Ireland, with the Demesnes and other Lands and Appurtenances, subject to a Rent Charge of 150 l. per Annum. Further Information to be had, and Proposals to be left with Mr. George North, Clerk to the Company of Merchant-Tailors, at their Hall, near the Royal Exchange, London: Where a Committee will sit on the 9th of March Instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to dispose thereof.

TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Bennett, Esq. one of the Masters of the said Court, on Thursday the 16th Day of March next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, to the best Bidder, the Estate of the late Sir John Wittewrong, Bart. dec. p^{re}de; at Stauntonbury, in the County of Bucks, near Newport Pagnell, being above 800 l. per Ann. about 40 Miles from London. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's House in Chancery-Lane, London.

TO be sold, by Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Robert Holford, Esq. one of the Masters of the said Court, a Messuage or Tenement called the Bear Inn, situate in Cheap-Street, in the City of Bath, with the Stables, Coach-houses, Outhouses, Backside, and Appurtenances, of the yearly Value of 128 l. A Messuage and Backside, with the Appurtenances, in Cock-Lane, in the said City, of the yearly Value of 8 l. And a Messuage with the Appurtenances in Stall street, in the said City, of the yearly Value of 30 l. late the Estates of Henry Townsend, Innholder, deceased. Particulars may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane: Which said Estates are peremptorily to be sold on or before the 13th of March Instant.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Mr. John Hooper, deceased, late Purser of an East-India Ship called the Hertford, are to prove their Debts before James Lightboun, Esq. one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn, on or before the 14th Instant, or they will lose the Benefit of the said Decree.

IN pursuance of an Order lately made by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of Great-Britain, the Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Francis Parry, of Mitcham, in the County of Surrey, Dealer in Corn, intend to meet on the 23d Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order for a new Assignee to be chosen in the Place of one of the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate by the Creditors of the said Bankrupt intitled to make such Choice; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to prove the same, and pay Contribution-Money.

Whereas the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain hath enlarged the Time for Nathaniel Barnardiston, of London, Merchant, (against whom a Commission of Bankrupt hath been awarded) for 20 Days to finish his Examination; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners will meet on Thursday the 16th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, where the said Mr. Barnardiston is to come prepared to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to prove Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Robert Johnson, of London, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 10th and 17th Instant, and on the 3d of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Effects of his in their Hands, are to give Notice thereof to Mr. Edward Bowles, Attorney, at his House in Brook-street, Holbourn.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Thomas Sarson, of Hounslow, in the County of Middlesex, Victualler, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 13th and 16th Instant, and on the 3d of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. George Johnson, Attorney, at his Chambers, No 8. in Clifford's-Inn, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Holland, of Walton in Le Dale, in the County of Lancaster, Linnen-Weaver, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 13th and 22d Instant, and on the 3d of April next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the House of John Winder, being the Sign of the White Bull in Preston, in the said County; at the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Sarah Hurton, of the City of Norwich, Spinster, Vintner, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender herself to the Commissioners on the 10th and 14th Instant, and on the 3d of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of William Haskins, being the Fleece Tavern in St. Simon and Jude, in Norwich aforesaid; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

Whereas Abraham Lumbroso De Mattoz, alias Lewis de Mattoz, of London, Merchant, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 20th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas George Walton, of Charing-cross, of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the County of Middlesex, Leatherseller, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 16th Instant, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and object, if they think fit, against the Commissioners signing his Certificate in order for his Discharge.

Whereas William Saunders, late of London, Broker and Chapman, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 22d Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas William Tinsle, of Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Hop Merchant, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 16th of March Instant at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Napton of London, and Jacob Sluce of Spittlefields, Weavers and Partners, intend to meet on the 30th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a further Dividend of the said Bankrupts Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all such of their Creditors who have paid Contribution-Money, and not made full Proof of their Debts, are then and there to come prepared to do the same, or they will be likewise excluded the Benefit of the former, and the then intended Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Pearson, of Stockton, in the County of Durham, Merchant, intend to meet on the 4th of April next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Walter Baldock's, the Post-House in New Malton, in the County of York, to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Downes, of Sheffield, in the County of York, Cutler and Chapman, intend to meet on the 25th Instant, at Eight in the Morning, at the House of Mr. John Horsfield, being the Sign of the Rose and Crown in Sheffield, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Peter Hacker, of Stratton, in the Parish of Evercreech, in Somersetshire, Maltster, intend to meet on the 23d Instant, between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve in the Forenoon, at the House of Mr. James Strode, in Shepton-Mallet, in the said County, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Angelras, of London, Merchant, intend to meet on the 9th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Smallwood, of Long-lane, London, Hofer, intend to meet on the 22d Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

Whereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Matthew Kelly, late of St. Katherine's, near the Tower of London, Dealer and Chapman, have certified to the Right Honourable Peter Lord King, Baron of Ockham, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Matthew Kelly hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 24th Instant.