

Royal Person, and the Succession of the Crown in your illustrious Family. Given under our common Seal March 10, 1726-7.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Nottingham, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Sutton Knight of the Bath and Knight of the Shire, and Sir Robert Clifton Knight of the Bath, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and Lord-Lieutenant of the County. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Nottingham, at their Assemble held the 17th Day of March, 1726.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

IT is with the utmost Pleasure and Satisfaction that we embrace this Opportunity of assuring your Majesty of our unalterable Zeal and Affection for your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and of our Readiness to support your Majesty's undoubted Right to the Crown of these Realms, and the Maintenance of Port Mahon and Gibraltar against all Invaders whatsoever.

And we cannot sufficiently express our Indignation and Resentment at the Treaties entered into between the Courts of Vienna and Spain, so contradictory to former, and so destructive to the Trade and Tranquility of this Nation.

But if they flatter themselves with the vain Hopes of spiriting up a Party here in their Favour by those seditious Libels, Letters and Memorials which they so industriously disperse, calculated purely to influence the Minds of your Majesty's faithful loving Subjects, they will soon be convinced how much they are deceived and imposed upon.

For we are too sensible of the many Advantages we enjoy under your Majesty's most auspicious Government, not to desire a Continuance of the same in your Majesty's Royal Person, and your Issue.

Indeed we are very much surpriz'd to meet with so ungrateful a Return from the Emperor, a Prince whom our victorious Arms and Treasure raised to the Power he now enjoys; but let him take Care how he exasperates a Nation whose Valour he has experienced, and whose Service he owns (tho' his Actions shew he has forgot) lest we convince him, that we can as easily humble as elevate.

For when we consider the Power of your Naval Force, and the wise Distribution of it, your brave Troops and formidable Alliances, joyn'd to the Hearts of a most dutiful and affectionate People, we don't in the least question but such a Bulwark will be sufficient

to deter them from any Attempt against your Majesty or your Dominions: Which that you may long enjoy in the greatest Glory and Prosperity, is the sincere Wish of your Majesty's most loyal and affectionate Subjects of this County.

*Stockholm, March 15.* Mr. Poyntz and the Count de Brancas, Ministers Plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain and of the most Christian King, having last Night signed with the Swedish Plenipotentiaries the Accession of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover; the Report of the Secret Committee, with their Opinion upon the said Accession, was this Morning laid before the Dyet. There were some Debates in the House of Nobles, but a vast Majority declared their intire Approbation of it, with all possible Marks of Joy. It was approved by the other Three Orders without any Debate. Mr. Poyntz intends to dispatch his Secretary M. Zollman to Morrow Morning for England; at the same Time the Count de Brancas will dispatch M. Sylva, a French Gentleman who is a Colonel in the Swedish Service, for Paris; with the Instruments of the Treaty of Accession; And Baron Sparre will set out for England in two or three Days, with the Ratifications on the Part of Sweden.

*From on board the Kent, 20 Leagues West from Cape Spartel, Feb. 26, O. S.* On the 17th Instant Sir Charles Wager with a Squadron of Men of War sailed from Gibraltar. The 18th we met with one of the Transports from Ireland, having on board two Companies of Colonel Hayes's Regiment, which had been separated from the rest in bad Weather in the Latitude of 48 the 28th of last Month; Sir Charles Wager caused the said two Companies to be taken into the Men of War. The 21st the Royal Oak, upon Signal given, chased and took a Spanish Ship named the St. Jago, Don Diego de Arifon Commander, of about 300 Tons, 28 Guns, 20 Pattereroes, and 150 Men; laden with Wine, Oyl, Brandy, and some Iron, bound for Cartagena in the West-Indies; for which Parts there were also three Governours aboard. The 23d Sir Charles ordered the two Companies of Colonel Hayes, to imbarck in the said Brize, and sent her to Gibraltar. The 24th the York joyned us from chasing, and brought with her a Genoese Ship named the Jesus Maria, which left Bilboa the 12th Instant, where she was freighted with Timber for the King of Spain's Accompt, for Cadiz; which Genoese Ship Sir Charles has sent to Lisbon.

*Gibraltar, Feb. 25, O. S.* Since the 15th Instant the Spaniards have worked hard to compleat two Batteries, one of 18 Pieces of Cannon, and the other of three Mortars, which on the 22d began to play against our several Batteries, in order to dismount our Cannon; and on our Part we annoy them

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