

on, especially when we consider that one of the Powers concerned in this Attempt owes his present Grandeur to the Arms, Blood and Treasure of these your Majesty's Dominions.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will, with the greatest Readiness, devote our Lives and Fortunes to the Defence of your Majesty and your Royal Family's undoubted Rights, and to the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, against all your and our Enemies both at Home and Abroad.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and Freeholders of the County of Sligo, has been presented to His Majesty by his Excellency the Lord Carteret Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Freeholders of the County of Sligo, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden at Sligo, the 12th Day of April 1727.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High-Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and Freeholders of the County of Sligo, beg Leave in the humblest Manner to offer up our hearty Thanks to your Royal Majesty for your princely Care of these Kingdoms, at this Time, when the most solemn Treaties entered into by neighbouring Powers are most unjustly violated.

It is with the greatest Pleasure we see your Majesty sending out your Fleets to command the Seas, and protect our Trade, which, we doubt not, will be as successful as the Cause you are engaged in is just and honourable.

We have lately read a libellous Paper, intitled, the Emperour's Memorial to your Majesty, with the highest Resentment and Abhorrence, the Falsity of which the Memorialist must have known, and that it could have no other Tendency but to raise a Distrust of your sacred Majesty in the Minds of your People, though it must have a quite different Effect upon all your faithful Subjects, who have any Regard for their Religion, Liberties, and Properties; in maintaining whereof, your great Zeal hath brought upon your most sacred Majesty the Wrath and Indignation of those Princes who would destroy them, enraged that their Schemes for setting up a most exorbitant Power, are by your Majesty's Wisdom

and Vigilance discovered and rendered abortive.

We do therefore sincerely, unanimously and cheerfully assure your Majesty, that we will upon this and all other Occasions, exert the utmost of our Abilities, and contribute whatever lies in our Power for the Preservation of your sacred Person and the Succession in your Royal House, in Opposition to all your Enemies; and we will take particular Care in all our several Stations to preserve the Peace of the Country, by keeping a watchful Eye over the Popish Inhabitants, who are the only Persons of this Country who can even be suspected of Disaffection to your Majesty's Person and Government.

From on board the Torbay, 20 Leagues from Cape St. Mary's; April 13, O. S. Sir Charles Wager with the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, sailed Yesterday from Gibraltar to cruise, with this Ship, the Sterling-Castle, Burford, Kent, Royal Oak, Canterbury, York, and the Pool Fireship. We left at Gibraltar, the Tyger, Winchester, Lyme, Solebay Bombship, Thunder Bombship, Cruizer and Hawk Sloops, and they are to be joined by the Portland from Lagos, and by the Dursley Galley from Lisbon: They are to remain at Gibraltar, and cruise on the Back of the Hill, and off Cabrita Point; to intercept Spanish Imbarkations; and secure our Merchant Ships against Half Gallies, and one of them will be generally going to Tetuan or Tangier. Sir Charles Wager ordered the Colchester and Swallow to sail from Gibraltar to Port Mahon, to clean there. We had a great deal of blowing Weather and Rain while we lay at Gibraltar: And two Days before we came away the Solebay arrived there with the Detachment of 500 Men from Port Mahon. By all we observed at Gibraltar, the Spaniards seem to have undertaken a Work there that is more than they are able to go through with, having made so slow a Progress in two Months, that they have done little or no Damage to the Works, and have killed but very few Men since the Siege began; whereas Deserters from them reported their Army was diminished extremely by Sickness, Desertion, and killed or wounded: The Rains fill their Trenches with Water, and put them to great Difficulties. The Conde de las Torres was ill of an Ague.

Lisbon, May 5, N. S. On the 27th past several Merchant Ships from London enter'd this Port, having been convoyed as far as the Rock of Lisbon by the Prince Frederick and Yarmouth Men of War; who were the same Day seen passing by St. Ubes, to the Southward, with

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