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St. James's, January 18.

THIS Day the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London waited on His Majesty, to congratulate Him on his safe Arrival, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household; and Mr. Baron Thomson, their Recorder, made their Compliments in the following Speech.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London most humbly entreat your Majesty's Permission to congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return to Great Britain.

Your Presence, Sir, dispels all those Anxieties and Fears for your Welfare which your Absence occasioned; your People are animated with fresh Joy to find themselves again under your Majesty's immediate Influence and Protection; and nothing could have alleviated the Want of that Blessing, but the mild and prudent Administration of your Majesty's Royal Comfort.

These your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects, being sensible of their Happiness in the full Enjoyment of all their Liberties, Rights and Privileges, during the whole Course of your Majesty's Reign, and having a firm Reliance on your Majesty's Vigilance and Care for their future Welfare and Prosperity, beg Leave to tender their grateful Acknowledgements, and to assure your Majesty of their most affectionate Zeal for the Support of your Royal Person and Government upon all Occasions.

To which His Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

I Thank you for this fresh Instance of your Duty and Affection to my Person and Government. You may depend upon the Continuance of my Care to preserve the Peace and Tranquility, and to promote the Trade

and Welfare, of this great and flourishing City.

They all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand; and his Majesty was pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on George Champion and John Lequelne, Aldermen; and on William Rous and Benjamin Rawlins, the two Sheriffs.

They were afterwards introduced to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Grantham, her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain; and Mr. Baron Thomson made their Compliments to her Majesty as followeth.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the King's safe Arrival.

'Tis with grateful Hearts that these his Majesty's most faithful Subjects presume to offer their humble Acknowledgements to your Majesty, for your just and prudent Administration during his Majesty's Absence.

To your Wisdom and Conduct, Madam, we owe the allaying all Discontents, and the suppressing all publick Disorders. And whatever Divisions may happen, the People still universally confess your Majesty's Goodness, your Piety, and all those Virtues, which make your Royal Example a Pattern to this Age, and must have a happy Influence for the Benefit of Posterity.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to return a most gracious Answer; and they all had the Honour to kiss her Majesty's Hand.

Hague, Jan. 22, N. S. The States of Holland separated on Saturday last, having appointed their next Meeting to be on the 11th of next Month. Preparations are making for the Prince and Princess of Orange's setting out next Week for Leeuwarden: Several Persons of their Court will be going thither some Days before them.

Whitehall

