

to his Majesty; which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty;

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Town of Taunton, in Common Council assembled.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough and Town of Taunton, in Common Council assembled, most humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return into this Kingdom, from a successful and victorious Campaign; acknowledging, with grateful Hearts, the great Goodness of Almighty God to these Kingdoms, in protecting your Majesty's most sacred Person amidst the many and great Dangers, in which your invaluable Life has been exposed, in Defence of the Common Cause and Liberties of Europe.

We also, with the sincerest Joy, congratulate your Majesty, as well on the happy Marriage of the Princess Louisa with the Prince Royal of Denmark, as on the Increase of your Royal Posterity by the safe and happy Delivery of the Princess of Wales of a Prince, always thinking ourselves, as well in Gratitude as Duty, obliged to pray, that your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous; and may we and our Posterity ever be blessed in having a Prince descended from your Royal House to set on the Throne of these Kingdoms.

Given under our Common Seal, at the Guildhall of the said Borough and Town, this Ninth Day of December 1743.

*Leicester-House, Dec. 15.*

This Day the Lord-Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of London, waited on their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and made their Compliments as follows.

*May it please your Royal Highnesses,*

**W**E the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council Men of the City of London, humbly beg Leave to present our most hearty Congratulations, upon the safe Delivery and happy Recovery of Madam your Royal Highness, and the Increase of your illustrious Family, by the Birth of another Prince; an Event, which must greatly contribute to our Happiness, as it strengthens our present Constitution, and yields a further Prospect of its Continuance in the Protestant Succession of his Majesty's Royal Line.

We cannot sufficiently express our Joy, when we reflect on the many eminent Virtues, which, we promise ourselves will be transmitted from your Royal Highnesses to your Posterity; form'd with the same generous and benevolent Dispositions, for which you are so universally admired; and instructed by the same great Examples to pay a dutiful Obedience to his Majesty,

and a tender Regard for the Liberties of his Subjects.

Permit us likewise, Sir, to make use of this Opportunity, to return you our particular Thanks for the repeated Declarations of your Attachment to the Interests and Welfare of our City, of which you have so graciously condescended to become a Member; and with Minds truly sensible of the high Honour of your Princely Patronage and Protection, we offer up our constant Prayers, that your Royal Highnesses may enjoy all Happiness and Prosperity; and that your Descendants may successively continue the Blessings derived from you to the latest Posterity.

To which his Royal Highness was pleased to return the following Answer.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I Return you mine and the Princess's Thanks for this Instance of your Duty to the King, and of your Regard to us. My Children will, I hope, deserve the Affection you now show towards them; and I'll endeavour to inculcate early those Sentiments into them, as are agreeable to the Laws and Liberties of the Country they have had the Happiness to be born in. This City may always depend on my hearty Wishes for her Trade and Welfare.

*Petersbourg, Nov. 19.* Her Imperial Majesty's Departure from hence for Moscow is fixed for the 18th of next Month.

*Copenhagen, Dec. 14.* Her Royal Highness the Princess of Denmark has now made her publick Entry into this City, and her Marriage with the Prince has been finally celebrated and compleated. Their Royal Highnesses are most happily settled together, in their own Court at Charlottenburg. The 11th Instant, (the Anniversary of his Danish Majesty's Birth-Day, N. S.) having been appointed for the publick Entry, they who were to assist in it assembled with their Coaches and Equipages about Eleven o' Clock in the Forenoon, upon a large Plain between this Place and Fridericksberg. About Two in the Afternoon, all being ready and ranged in due Order, a Squadron of the Life Guard began the Procession, the rest then filed off successively, and the whole Train, which was of a vast Length of Horsemen, Livery Servants on Foot, Coaches and Six, &c. passed by the Coach wherein the Princess sat with the Danish Princess Louisa on her Left Hand. As the lowest in Rank marched first, this Coach of Course came the last of all; it was immediately preceded by the Prince of Denmark on Horseback, and followed by the Prince of Wirtemberg, the rest of the Regiment of Life-Guards closing the Rear. As soon as ever the Princess was within the Walls, the Cannon of the Town, the Citadel, and the Fleet, began to play, and continued firing till she arrived at the Palace of Christianburg, which took up more than two Hours from the first setting out. The Streets thro' which she passed were lined on each Side with the Citizens in Arms, handsomely clothed; the regular Troops being posted in all the open Places.