

and hazard our Lives and Fortunes, to support and defend your Majesty, and the Protestant Succession in your Royal Family, against all the Designs and Attempts of your Enemies.

Signed by Appointment of the Meeting, by
Rob. Craigie, Preses.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses and Inhabitants of Bridgewater, has been presented 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, Burgesses and Inhabitants of Bridgewater.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses and Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Borough of Bridgewater, beg Leave, in this Time of Danger, when France threatens Great Britain or Ireland with an hostile Invasion, to assure your Majesty of our Abhorrence and Detestation of so insolent and audacious an Enterprise which she has projected in Resentment for the paternal Care your Majesty has graciously been pleased to take, in defending the just Rights and Possessions of your Crown, and in promoting the Trade and Commerce of your People.

Animated with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude and Loyalty, may it please your Majesty to permit us, from the Bottom of our Hearts, to express our inviolable Duty and Affection to your Royal Person and Government, and our Readiness, at all Times, to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of your Sacred Majesty, the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious House, and of the Possessions, Commerce, and just Rights of your Majesty's Dominions.

The following Address of the Mayor, Corporation and Burgesses of Taunton, has been presented 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, Corporation and Burgesses of the ancient Borough and Town of Taunton in the County of Somerset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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THIS with the sincerest Duty that your Majesty's loyal Subjects the Mayor, Corporation and Burgesses of Taunton, approach your Royal Person at this critical Conjuncture; as it is with the utmost Pleasure that we have observed your Majesty's truly paternal Care over us in numberless Instances; and particularly in the Measures which you have taken to guard our Rights and our Trade from the perfidious Inroachments of our inveterate Enemies. As it is our Duty (sensible how much we enjoy beyond neighbouring Nations) not merely to forbear obstructing your Government by unreasonable Oppositions, but to be actively loyal; so we promise all that free and dutiful Subjects owe to the best of Kings, and, with our Lives and Fortunes, will support and defend our Sovereign, by whom we have been so long protected from Arbitrary Power, Oppression, and Popery.

Given under our Common Seal, this 19th Day of April, 1756.

Warsaw, April 3. We are informed by our last Letters from the Ukraine, that the Hayducks continue to make Incursions into that Province.

Stockholm, April 3. The Weather continues so severe in this Country, that the Navigation upon all our Rivers and Lakes is still interrupted by the great Quantities of Ice floating in them. We hear that some slight Shocks of an Earthquake have been lately felt in the Province of Jemteland, on the Frontiers of Norway, which alarmed the Inhabitants, but did no considerable Damage.

Copenhagen, April 10. This Day their Majesties, and the Princess Charlotte Amelia, set out for Friedensbourg. The King has caused an Ordonnance to be published, forbidding the Officers of his Forces to enter into the Service of any Foreign Power without his Permission.

Vienna, April 10. On Thursday Morning last a grand Council was held at the Palace, at which their Imperial Majesties assisted. After which the Emperor set out with a numerous Retinue for Schloshof.

Venice, April 14. We hear from Rome that the following Promotion of Cardinals was made by the Pope in the Consistory on the 5th Instant, viz. Giovanni Battista Rovero, Archbishop of Turin; Francis Corrado Baron de Rodt, Bishop of Constans; Prince Joseph Trautzen, Archbishop of Vienna; Nicolas de Saulx de Tavannes, Bishop of Roen; Paul d'Albert de Luynes, Bishop of Sens; Stephen Renato Poier de Gesures, Bishop of Beauvais; Francis de Solis Folch de Cardona, Archbishop of Sevil; Francis de Saldanha de Gama, Principal of the Patriarchate of Lisbon; Alberico Archinto, Archbishop of Nice and Governor of Rome. In the Night of the 12th Instant a small Shock of an Earthquake was felt here, about Eight o'Clock Yesterday Morning a second, and about Ten in the Evening a third.

Berlin, April 15. The King has appointed Major Schulenburg to be one of the Council of the Regency of Magdebourg, in the Room of M. Veldheim, who has obtained his Majesty's Permission to resign. On Monday last the Princess Amelia, the King's Sister, was installed Abbess of Quedlinbourg, with all the Pomp and Magnificence usual on the like Occasions.

Brussels, April 20. According to the Advices we received Yesterday from Paris, an Express was arrived at Versailles with an Account that the Fleet and the Troops under the Command of the Duke de Richelieu, intended against the Island of Minorca, sailed from Toulon on the 12th Instant. Comte Lalaing, Governor of Bruges, died here the Day before Yesterday in an advanced Age. The Reigning Duke of Mecklenbourg-Schwerin arrived here a few Days ago from France.

Stamp Office, April 17, 1756.

The Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, that from and after the 15th Instant, every Person who shall vend, sell, or expose to sale any Playing Cards in any Part of Great Britain, the same not being inclosed in Paper and Tread, stamped and marked as the Law directs, forfeits the Sum of 20 l. for every Pack so vendid, sold, or exposed to sale, one Half whereof to the Informer with full Costs of Suit.

Stamp-Office, April 17, 1756.

The Commissioners for managing His Majesty's Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, that from and after the 18th Instant, no Licence is to be granted for selling Ale or Beer without being first Stamped with the additional Duty of 20 s. of which all Justices, Mayors, Town Clerks, and all other Persons whom it may concern are to take Notice.

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