

and Heirs of the County of Ross, met at Fortrose the 12th Day of May, 1763.

May it please your Majesty.

TO accept the humble Congratulations of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Freeholders and Heirs of the County of Ross, on the happy Conclusion of a Peace, more Honourable to the Crown, and more Advantageous to your People, than any yet recorded in the Annals of Great Britain; a Peace, which more than answers all the Ends of War, and is adequate to the Successes of it.

It has been the Misfortune of other Princes to be dazzled by the Lustre of Success; seduced by the Hopes of further Advantages, they have exposed to the Power of Fortune, those they had already obtained. It is the Object of our most grateful Acknowledgments, that your Majesty, who pursued the War with Vigour, while the Power of this Country was capable of being exerted with Success, wisely judged it necessary to stop the Progress of your Arms, before the National Resources were so far exhausted, that a Reverse of Fortune might be feared: Moderation, dictated no less by Prudence than Humanity, then disposed your Royal Mind to sacrifice the delusive Prospect of new Glories, to the solid Interests of your People. From these Motives your Majesty restored Peace to your Kingdoms, securing to them so many and great Advantages, as will, we hope, be sufficient, under the wise Government of your Majesty, to enable them to heal the Wounds, which a War, glorious indeed, and successful, but bloody and expensive beyond Example, has inflicted upon them.

May it be your Majesty's Happiness long to behold a People, industrious in improving these Blessings, and thankful to the Hand which has bestowed them: But if a Spirit of Faction shall arise, may you then, Sir, have the Glory to subdue it; abhorring, as we do, every Insult that may be offered to the Person of a Prince, whose Word is Truth, and whose Government is Freedom; and detesting those who are guilty of it, we will earnestly implore the Almighty to make and preserve us united, and thereby avert the only Evil, which can blast the Happiness we enjoy; and endanger that Liberty, which can have nothing to fear, while our beloved Patriot Monarch has the Power to protect it.

Signed in the Name, and by the Appointment of the Meeting, by *David Ross, Praeses.*

The following Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Heirs of the County of Dumbarton, has been presented to His Majesty by Archibald Edmonstone, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace and Heirs of the County of Dumbarton, beg Leave, with the greatest Humility and most unfeigned Gratitude, to approach your Throne, deeply sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under your most auspicious Reign.

It is with the most affecting Sense of your Majesty's paternal Goodness, that we join with the rest of our

Fellow Subjects in congratulating your Majesty upon the Advantageous and Honourable Peace, restored to these Realms by the Vigour of your Arms and Wisdom of your Councils.

Your Majesty's upright and humane Intentions still directed towards procuring the Felicity of your Subjects, and the Happiness of Mankind have been Blessed by Providence to the attaining these Glorious Ends.

May the Interests of Trade, Liberty, and true Virtue, ever flourish under your Royal Protection; may Faction cease, and all your Subjects be still more and more united in Love and Esteem to the best of Princes and the best of Men.

Signed in our Name and by our Appointment, at our Meeting at Dumbarton, the fourteenth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three Years, by

C. Elphinstone, Praeses.

Venice, June 3.

ON the 29th and 30th past, the Earl of Northampton, His Britannick Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to this Republick, made his Publick Entry here, with the following Ceremonies:

About Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, of the 29th past, his Excellency went in Private to the Island of San Spirito, where he was met by the English Noblemen and Gentlemen, the Foreigners of Distinction, the Consuls and British Merchants, and received by the Superior and Fathers of the Convent on that Island, and conducted to Apartments furnished by the Republick for the Occasion. In about half an Hour came a Secretary of the College to notify the Arrival of Signior Ruzzini, Cavalier della Stola d'Oro, with 60 Senators, whom the Republick had appointed to attend the Ambassador in this Function. His Excellency sent Word back by the same Secretary, that he was ready to receive the Cavalier. The Cavalier and Senators, on their Arrival at the Island, went directly to the Church of the Convent, where, after staying some Time, they proceeded to the Cloyster, where the Cavalier was met by his Excellency's Secretary, attended by two Gentlemen of the Chamber, and complimented by him on the Part of the Ambassador. By this Time his Excellency was come down into the Cloyster, and advanced some Steps to meet the Cavalier, as did the Cavalier to meet his Excellency. After reciprocal Compliments, his Excellency took the Right Hand of the Cavalier, as did the English Noblemen and Gentlemen, &c. of the Senators, and proceeded to their Boats. His Excellency went in the Cavalier's Gondola, preserving the Post of Honour, and each Senator gave the same to the Gentlemen. His Excellency's State-Boats, and the Boats of the several Ambassadors residing in Venice, joined in the Procession. On the Arrival at the Ambassador's Palace, the Boat in which his Excellency and the Cavalier were, gave Place to the other Gondolas for the Senators and Gentlemen to land, and afterwards they landed themselves. His Excellency then taking the Hand of the Cavalier, and the Gentlemen of the Senators, they proceeded up Stairs to the Audience Room, at the Entrance of which his Excellency and the Gentlemen gave the Hand to the Cavalier and Senators. After all Sorts
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