

Household, with the following Address and Petition, which was read by Francis Maferes, Esq; Deputy Recorder.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address and Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,
WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, in full Confidence of the Sincerity of your Majesty's Declaration, that your Majesty will be ever ready to exert your Prerogative as far as you can constitutionally in redressing any real Grievances of your Subjects, and that the City of London will always find your Majesty disposed to listen to any of their well-founded Complaints, implore your most gracious Interposition and benign Exercise of your Prerogative, to prevent the alarming Consequences of a Bill which has passed your two Houses of Parliament, for repealing the Duties on all inhabited Houses, imposed by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, and for amending the said Act, and for other Purposes; which, if passed into a Law, will be found highly oppressive to the Inhabitants of this Metropolis, and to the Commercial Part of the Community. We trust we are now offering Matters to your Royal Consideration of the most important and interesting Nature, affecting that Source of National Strength, Wealth and Security, the Trade of these Kingdoms: From our Situation we are enabled to judge of it, and our Duty compels us to say, its present declining State requires every possible Support and Assistance.

We have long and patiently endured the Pressure of enormous Taxes; both the Encrease and Multiplicity of them are now become intolerable.

We are sensible that no Government can subsist without Revenues; but at the same Time we must humbly submit, that whatever temporary Encrease of them may be procured by Taxation so oppressive upon Trade, it's unavoidable Tendency is to a Decrease of that Trade, and to general Poverty, with a consequential Loss of Revenue.

That the Traders of this City are compelled from the Necessity of local Situations to pay very heavy Rents, and that such Rents are superior to the Advantages of their Trade, appears from there being at this Time considerably more than One Thousand empty Houses within the City of London, and a great Part of them in the most public and capital Streets thereof.

We beg Leave further to represent, that the Duties now proposed to be granted, will be such an additional Load upon Trade as to make your Petitioners tremble for the Consequences.

The Tax intended to be laid is the most grievous and unjust in Respect of it's Inequality, as it fixes the greatest Weight of Oppression upon the middling and lower Class of the People, whilst the superb and luxurious Habitations of the Great and Opulent will contribute very little thereto.

That by the Act passed in the last Session we were induced to believe, that the Dwelling House alone was the Object of that Law, but now it is intended that all Shops and Warehouses, unless under certain Descriptions, are to be assessed, and in a higher Proportion, according to the Rent.

That instead of new Means being employed for the Extension of Commerce, it labours under every Discouragement originating from Causes, which we conceive would never have happened if wise and proper Measures had been adopted.

That if those Articles which contribute only to the Vanity, Pomp and Luxury of Life, were to be taxed, it might be happy for the Nation.

We also beg Leave to represent to your Majesty, that the City of London and County of Middlesex pay Eighty Parts out of Five Hundred and Thirteen, being nearly one Sixth of the whole Land Tax.

We doubt not but your Majesty will ever be attentive to the Rights and commercial Interests of

your People, that you will be ready to attend to their Complaints, and to promote their real Happiness.

Wherefore your Petitioners do most humbly beseech your Majesty not to give your Royal Assent to the said Bill.

Signed by Order of Court,
William Rix.

To which Address and Petition His Majesty returned the following Answer:

I shall continue to observe an unremitting Attention to the Rights and commercial Interests of My People, and to shew to their well founded Complaints every Regard which may tend to promote their real Happiness.

St. James's, June 15.

The King has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. Walker, Minister of Molfat, to be Regius Professor of Natural History, and Keeper of the Museum, in the University of Edinburgh.

The King has been pleased to appoint Allan McConochie, Advocate, to be Professor of Publick Law in the College of Edinburgh.

The King has been pleased to appoint James Balfour, Writer to the Signet, to be Procurator-Fiscal of the Commissariat of Edinburgh.

The King has been pleased, on Account of the great Age and Infirmary of the Rev. Alexander Pope, the present Minister of the Church and Parish of Reay in the Presbytery of Caithness, to consent, that the Rev. James Pope, his Son, should be ordained Assistant to his said Father during his Life, and be entitled, on his Death, to the Stipend, Benefits, and Profits now belonging to the said Alexander Pope, in the same Manner as if he had been appointed upon the Vacancy of a Minister of the said Parish.

The King has been pleased, on Account of the great Age and Infirmary of the Rev. Thomas Dow, the present Minister of the Church and Parish of Bervie in the Presbytery of Fordoun and County of Kincardine, to consent, that the Rev. Robert Croll should be ordained Assistant to the said Thomas Dow during his Life, and be entitled, upon the Death of the said Thomas Dow, to the Stipend, Benefits, and Profits now belonging to the said Thomas Dow, in the same Manner as if he had been appointed upon the Vacancy of a Minister of the said Parish.

Vienna, June 2. General D'Ayassaffa, Commander of the Troops in Hungary, and Governor of Ostend, died some Days ago. General Schackinin succeeds him in Hungary; but the Regiment and Government are not yet disposed of. Lieutenant-General Count St. Ignon is likewise dead, and his Regiment of Dragoons has been given to Major-General Count D'Arberg.

Stamp-Office, June 18, 1779.

THE Commissioners, taking into Consideration the Inconvenience the Letters of Post-Horses may meet with, at the Time of taking out their Licences, in waiting for a sufficient Number of Tickets being properly prepared for each Person, do, for their greater Dispatch, recommend to every one intending to apply for such Licence, forth-with to notify their Names, Signs, and Places of Residence, with the Numbers of Post-Chaises which each Person enters, viz. those residing in the City of London, to the London Collector of the Post-Horse Tax, at the Stamp-Office, N^o 13, in Cook's Court, Carey-Street, Lincoln's-Inn; and those residing in the County of Middlesex, and the Liberty of Westminster, or within Five Miles of the same Liberty, or within the Bills of Mortality, (the Borough of Southwark and County of Surry excepted) to the Middlesex Collector of the Post-Horse Tax at the said Office.

And the Commissioners do hereby give Notice, That they have duly authorized the following Persons in the different Counties, after the 24th Day of June instant, to grant Licences, for One Year, to commence from the 5th Day of July next, to such Persons who shall apply for the same, and to deliver printed Tickets, and