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The following Address has been Presented to the King, which His Majesty received very Graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Company of Free Fishermen of Your River of Thames, and Limits specified in their Charter.

May it Please Your Sacred Majesty,

**T**HAT Heaven has appointed You, as a peculiar Blessing, as well to the Souls, as Bodies, of Your Subjects, is evidently manifest in the first by the numerous Addresses hath been made to Your Majesty, for Your inimitable Act of Grace, express'd in Your Royal Declaration for Liberty of Conscience. And for the other, we, above all People, stand most obliged in all Humility, to render to Your Majesty our most dutiful Thanks for Your Royal Charter lovingly renewed to us, wherein Your Majesty hath given us Power to preserve the Brood and Fry of Fish, which has for many Years past, been greatly destroyed for want of due Survey and Punishment, a Calamity, Your Majesty, in Your great Wisdom, justly provided against for the future by our Incorporation. And we assure Your Majesty, our utmost Endeavour shall be, as well to put the Laws in Execution against Offenders, in that Case made and provided, as also our By-Laws (as soon as we can obtain a Confirmation of them from the Lord Mayor, as we have already from the High Court of Admiralty.) To the end Your Royal Favour may have its due Intention, which is to make Fish plentiful to Your Subjects; prevent the forestalling of the Markers, and occasion the Nursery and growth of Seamen to supply Your Majesties Service when required.

Now, that God Almighty would long preserve Your Majesty on Your Royal Throne, and immanate Your Royal Issue, to the fulness of Your own Wishes; and as here his Favourite on Earth, so may You be Eternally in Heaven, are the devout Prayers of us all. Signed this 27th Day of January, 1687, and sealed with our Common Seal.

From on Board the Dragon at Gibraltar, Decemb. 23. On the 8th Instant at 5 in the Morning, we discovered a Sail about two Miles to the Southward of us, we being under a main Course lying by, and they the same; making Sail after them, we found them to be of Sally, and by Ten in the morning we fetch'd them up within half a Cable's length, when an extraordinary accident hapned to rescue them out of our hands, which they could not otherwise have escaped. they twice hit our Main Top Mast, and the second Shot brought it by the Board, which falling upon the back of the Main Sail, and so into the Ship, we could not brace our Main Yard, neither one way nor the other, upon which the Sally Man clapp'd upon a Wind and started from us, we not being able with any of our Guns, to discharge either their Mast or Yard. After the fall of the Main Top Mast, which dangerously wounded the youngest Lieutenant, Mr. Sarburne in the Head, and several others slightly, as we went to fire one of our foremost Guns on the Quarter-Deck, Captain Killigrew, our Commander, being at the same time forward by the Gang-Way giving his Orders, the Gun split and struck him down, bruising and wounding him in several places, both the Bones of his right Leg were broke and forced quite through the Flesh, making besides a large Wound under the right Ear, with other lesser ones in his Face and Body. It was Ten days before we reach'd this place, and by the means that have since been used it is hoped that the Captain may recover.

Stockholme, January 17. Orders are still to be given here for putting the Fleet in a readines against Spring, which is designed to be divided into Three Squadrons, whereof one is to be kept constantly at Sea, for the exercising and fitting up the unexperienced Men for Service. Vice-Admiral Horne hath lately been in the North, where he hath listed 1400 Seamen; and the like is to be done in the other parts of the Kingdom bordering on the Sea. These Men are to be mustered immediately, and to have some small allowance at present to engage them to be in a readines against the King shall command them to go on Board. It is expected that the States of the Kingdom will assemble in April or May next. Here has been lately published, by the King's Authority, a Church Ordinance, containing all sorts of Regulations relating to Ecclesiastical Discipline, as well for the conduct of the Clergy, as of the Laity, which is to be in the nature of a perpetual Sanction; and annuls all Orders formerly made, not agreeing with this; that part of it which concerns the due Observation of the Sabbath is printed apart, and put in Execution with great exactness.

Rome, January 17. The Pope has found himself this week worse than ordinary of his Defluxion, and now keeps his Bed; this Morning none were admitted to him but his Nephew Don Livio, and the Treasurer. Cardinal Petrucci is gone to his Bishoprick of Todi; it is said that he abjur'd in private before he went, and that his Books will be prohibited. The Abbot George, Son to the Duke of Apoves, Governor of Paris, is upon telling his Office of Apostolick Protonotary, in order to his return into France.

Leghorn, Jan. 7. The Squadron of Ships under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Grafton, having now on Board the Provisions they have been obliged to stay for here, they are ready to sail in pursuance of the rest of their Voyage. By an English Vessel arrived from Tunis, in 9 days, we have an account, that the Algerines had lost the Golden Lyon, one of their best Ships, in this manner: Two French Men of War, commanded by the Sieur de Septenville, and the Chevalier d'Amfreville, giving her Chace, she retired under the Cannon of the Castle of Goleto, and being pursued thither, the Captain sent to the Governor of the Fort to know whether he might depend upon his Protection and Assistance, according to the Terms of Friendship and Alliance, which had lasted so long between the Governments of Algier and Tunis. But Answer being return'd him, That they were in Peace with both the contending Parties, and he had no Instructions to commit Hostilities upon one in favour of the other side: Thereupon the Captain of the Golden Lyon set fire to his Ship, having first got out his Cannon, and protested against this desertion of him, declaring, That when time served he would insist upon Reparation from those of Tunis, for all the Damages he had sustain'd.

Venice, Jan. 24. On Saturday last arrived here the Prince of Tuscany, who is lodged in General Morefina's Palace at St. Canciano. He intends to pass the Carneval here, and when that is done, it is believed he may go to Munich before his Return to Florence, there being a Discourse of a Marriage intended between this Prince, and the Princess of Bavaria. By a small boat that parted the