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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,

Great SIR!

WE, the Bailiffs, Burgesses and principal of the Inhabitants of Your Majesty's ancient Borough of Bridport in Your County of Dorset, being, as well by Your Majesty's late Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, as by Your Majesty's later Majesty's Oath, obliged to make to Your Majesty our most sensible Acknowledgements, do, in all humble manner, cast our selves at Your Majesty's Feet, to assure Your Majesty of our Hearts and affections, to return Your Majesty the Thanks of this Town and Borough, as well for Your Majesty's said Declaration as Model, and without to assure Your Majesty we shall not be wanting in our Endeavour to send such Burgesses, when Your Majesty shall please to call another Parliament, as shall concur in settling that Liberty to Your Majesty hath declared for, by removing the Penal Laws and Tests. May Heaven bless Your Majesty in a happy Conduct in all Your Affairs, and grant Your Majesty a long and a prosperous Reign upon us. May it also please down Your Great Name, to After-Ages, in a glorious Prosperity of Your Royal Blood and Line, which is the Prayer of

Your Majesties most dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Jamaica, Jan. 6. His Grace the Duke of Albemarle arrived here from the *Leeward Islands* (which he was last to visit) on the 29th of November: He was received at his Landing by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Gentlemen of the Island, with all the Marks and Expressions of Respect to the Duke, and of Gratitude to His Majesty for His great Goodness to this Island, in sending them so acceptable a Governor.

Constantinople, December 22. We are now in perfect Tranquility here, the Soldiers having committed no Disorders since their having received their Pay and Donative; and this may long continue, unless any Distasters in the approaching Campaign should overcast the Serenity we now enjoy; and the greatness of the Change it self is not more surprizing than that it should so soon settle again into order, and pass with so little Bloodshed and Confusion; but this must be wholly attributed to the Weakness and Irresolution of the Prince, who could part with his Empire with so little concern, he being otherwise not ill beloved by his Subjects. The Spahis however still keep the Management of Affairs in their own hands, for though most of them are gone to their respective Homes, to expect the return of the Spring; yet the Six chief Heads of them, who are styled the Lords Reformers of the Government, viz. One Chief and two Assitants for the White Band, and the like number for the Red, continue still here, and there remains with them 400 Bollucbashi's or Captains of Spahis, the one half of the White, and the other of the Red Band: These Six farm out Offices to their own Faction, and dispose of Places according to their good Pleasure, without any Contradiction or Interposition of the Grand Visier's, to whom such Gratifications, and disposal of Employments, does properly belong; but whether he shews so much complaisance out of Policy, that, by letting them act without controul, the Inconveniences of their Management might so much the sooner appear, and furnish the Opportunities to reduce them with greater ease; or, that he is really afraid of them, and distrusts his Power to suppress them without too much hazard, is hard to determine; though he is not look'd upon to be a Man of extraordinary Resolution. In the mean time they proceed in their own Methods; and, it is said, that the next Week they will fer the Customs of this place to farm to the highest Bidder; and that they intend to separate those of *Smyrna* and *Seio*, which is thought to be done with design to gratifie

some of their own Body; but this the *Tetterdar* or Lord Treasurer opposes, alledging the Disadvantages of putting the Revenue, at this time, into the hands of such, who are neither able to advance Money, nor can give sufficient Security for performance of their Covenants; and who cannot so conveniently be compell'd to make good their Payments, when the Necessities of the State, and of the Army, call for them; which course being pursued, it will be impossible for any one to answer, that the Pay of the Troops shall be in a readiness at the times when the same grows due. The Reform in the *Seraglio*, formerly mentioned, goes on roundly, and great Sums will be sav'd by it; Many of the deposed Sultan's Pages are already dismiss'd, and the rest will quickly follow; they are made *Mutafar Aga's*, with the Pay of half a Dollar *per Diem*; and the number of those to be taken in will be much less: The *Balgages*, or Cleavers and Carriers of Wood, which were above 700, are now reduced to 120; and the *Zulufi-Balgagees*, which were upwards of 300, are now brought to 70, and the discarded ones are made Spahis at 18 Aspers a day. The Women of the last Court are likewise removed; and there will be much fewer taken in their places. The old *Kislar Aga* or chief of the Eunuchs, who was for so many years the Favourite of the late Grand Signior, is freed from his Imprisonment in the Cattle of the *Seven Towers*; and hath leave to go to *Cairo*, the usual place of Retreat for all the Eunuchs in their change of Fortune; He hath paid to the Publick in the late taxing 1000 Purkes, which makes 100000 l. Sterling, besides what he privately distributed, which is brought to no account; and all his costly Furniture, and great Curiosities, which he had been long gathering, were all taken away, and yet he is thought to go off a very rich Man. His Successor *Hajnadar Ali Aga* is already turn'd out, and made to pay 200 Purkes; and is going to the same place. The *Aga of the Old Seraglio* is now made *Kislar Aga*, according to the ancient practice. The late *Selictar* or Sword-Bearer to *Mahomet*, who was in great Credit with him, being made *Bassa of Cairo*, failed from hence about 10 days since for *Alexandria*, to take possession of his Government. The imprisoned Grand Signior, by so sudden a Change in his way of Living, from the most active and violent Exercises (which he used as much for his Health as Recreation,) to a Melancholy close Confinement, is grown distemper'd and dropical; he sent to ask of his Brother a Physician; but was answer'd, That if any thing should happen to him amiss, it would be imputed to him, that he had sent him a Remedy worse than the Disease, and therefore advis'd him to look up to God, who is the Preserver of Life, as He is the Author of it; that every Man must attain to those Periods the Divine Providence has set him, beyond which no Art or Means can prolong our Beings. This Message, however unkind it appears, yet it is very consonant to the real Sentiments and Notions of the present Grand Signior, who, having spent all his days in a near Expectation of Death, and, within the Terrors of it, hath contracted a habit of extraordinary Devotion and Resignation. They begin now seriously to mind their Preparations for the War; the Visier goes constantly to the *Divan* in the *New Seraglio*, and several new pieces of Cannon are ordered to be cast. They talk most of bending their Force against the *Venetians*, as believing the *Morea* more easily recoverable than *Hungary*. The *Bassa of Tripoli*, the same that was taken (as has been formerly mentioned,) by the *Marquis Fleury*, from on Board the Ship *Jerusalem*, going from *Alexandria* to *Tripoli*, is made *Serafquer* for the *Venetian War*; though some think the Visier designs going thither in Person, to avoid making the Campaign in *Hungary*, where he has so lately experienced, how rough an Enemy he has to deal with there, and he hopes to meet with less Resistance in those parts to raise and establish his Credit. And they expect the *Algerines* to join with them in the Recovery of what they have lost in *Greece*. Intimation has been lately made to the Foreign Ministers Residing here, that they are sending Envoys to the several Princes and States in Amity with them, to give them Notice of *Solimán's* Elevation to the Throne.