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Whitehall, June 10. 1688.

THIS Day between Nine and Ten in the Morning the QUEEN was safely Delivered of a PRINCE at St. James's, his Majesty, the Queen Dowager, most of the Lords of the Privy Council, and Divers Ladies of Quality being present; And about Noon the Council being met, it was Ordered that there should be a General Thanksgiving to be observed within the Cities of London and Westminster, and parts adjacent, on Sunday the 17th Instant, and 14 Days after in all other Parts of this Kingdom; And that Notice should be given of the Birth of the PRINCE to the Lord Mayor of London, that Bonfires and Publick Rejoycings might be made; which was accordingly performed, after Firing of the Cannon of the Tower, with all the Demonstrations of the Extraordinary Joy, with which so great a Blessing, bestowed upon their MAJESTIES, and all His MAJESTIES DOMINIONS, has fill'd the Hearts of His Subjects.

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

To King James the Second, over England, &c.

The humble Address of the People called Quakers, from their Yearly Meeting in London the sixth day of the Month called June 1688.

WE the Kings Loving and Peaceable Subjects, from divers parts of His Dominions being met together in this City, after our usual manner, to inspect the Affairs of our Christian Society throughout the World, think it our Duty humbly to represent to Him the blessed Effects the Liberty He has Graciously granted his People (to worship God according to their Consciences) hath had both on our Persons and Estates. For whereas formerly we had ever long and sorrowful Lists brought to us, from almost all parts of His Territories, of Prisoners, and the spoils of Goods, by violent and ill men, upon account of Conscience; We bless God and thank the King, the Goals are every where clear, except in Cases of Tythes, and the Repairs of Parish Churches, and some few about Oaths; and we do in all humility lay it before the King to consider the

hardships our Friends are yet under for Conscience sake in those Respects, being in the one chiefly exposed to the present Danger of the offended Clergy, who have therefore lately Imprisoned some of them till death; and in the other they are rendered very unprofitable to the Publick and Themselves, for both in reference to Freedoms in Corporations, Probates of Wills, and Testaments, and Administrations, Answers in Chancery, and Exchequer, Tryals of our Just Titles and Debts, proceeding in our Trade at the Custom-House, Serving the Office of Constables &c. they are disabled, and great advantages taken against them, unless the Kings Favour interpose, and as we humbly hope He may Relieve us, so we confidently assure our selves He will ease us what He can.

Now, since it hath pleased Thee, O King, to renew to all Thy Subjects by Thy last Declaration thy Gracious Assurances, to pursue the Establishment of this Christian Liberty and Property, upon an unalterable Foundation, and in order to it, to hold a Parliament in November next at farthest. We think our selves deeply engaged to renew our Assurances of Fidelity and Affection, and with Gods help intend to do our parts for the effecting so Blessed and Glorious a Work, That so it may be out of the Power of any one Party to hurt another upon the account of Conscience, And as we firmly believe that God will never desert this Just and Righteous Cause of Liberty, nor the King in maintaining of it, so we hope by God's Grace to let the World see we can honestly and heartily appear for Liberty of Conscience, and be invariably true to our own Religion, whatever the folly or madness of some men, on that account, may suggest to the contrary.

Constantinople, April 18. Since my last of the 27th of Feb. (which gave the relation of the Vissiers Death) Ismael Bassa was made Vifer, an ancient man of near 70 years of age, bred in the Seraglio a Page and Chiodar (or he that carries the Yamaluck, or Grand Signior's Vest for Rain) of the late Grand Signior, till some years ago he came out of the Seraglio with a dead Pay of 300 Aspers a Day, and continued long so without any Employment, till about 8 years since the V. sifer Kara Mustapha made him Nisangee Bassa (i. e. he that puts the Grand Signior's Firm or Name to all Imperial Commands.) And in Sept. last, in the beginning of the Disturbances here, when Rages Bassa fled, he was made Caimacan for 5 Days till K. uerli Ogle arrived. He began with great severity to purge the Dregs of those ill humours which had disturbed the Government. In the beginning of March all the Chief Servants of the Mutiniers, and several of the Spahi's and Janisaries that sided with those Mutiniers, were every night cut off and thrown into the Sea, to the number (as it's said) of above 1000, by which the rest being terrified, the Soldiery was reduced to as exact an Obedience as formerly.

The 12th of March the Testerdar (or Treasurer) who was first put into that Office by the Mutiniers, though afterwards they would have killed him, was imprisoned in the middle Gate of the Seraglio (where he still remains) and all his Estate seized and Confiscated. The Vifer also sent for the Kia Bei (or Lieutenant General of the Janisaries) and Vested him as Bassa, but as foot