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UPon Wednesday last, about 7 of the Clock in the morning, came hither the flying Packet, that brought the most acceptable News of the happy Birth of the PRINCE and STEWARD of Scotland, with which an Express was immediately sent to the Lord High Chancellor taken at his Castle of Drummond, who in his return hither coming through the Town of Stirling, gave notice of these glad Tidings to the Magistrates, and the Kings Lieutenant-Governor of the Castle there; by whom; and the Inhabitants of the Town, as well as the Garrison in the Castle, were given all the demonstrations of Joy that they were capable of, by drinking the Royal Healths, firing of Guns, Bonfires, ringing of Bells, &c.

His Lordship arrived here yesterday morning, and after sitting at the *Te Deum* in the Kings Chappel, having immediately called the Council, and sent notice to the Lord Provost and the rest of the Magistrates of this City, to have in readiness all things needful for expressing their universal Joy upon this happy occasion; The Lords of the Council appointed that a solemn and publick Thanksgiving be kept and observed in all the Churches of this Kingdom on the respective days after-specified, *viz.* Those in the Diocess of Edinburgh and the *Lothians* on Thursday the 21th of June instant, and in all the other Paroch-Churches of the Kingdom on the Thursday thereafter being the 28th of the same month; And likewise appointed that the Earl of *Balcarras* (one of their own number) shall go with all possible expedition to wait on His Majesty with the humble and hearty Expressions of their due Congratulations and extraordinary Joy upon this so signal an Occasion.

At four in the afternoon the Lords of the Council, accompanied with all the Nobility now in Town, the Lords of Session, and the other Members of the Colledge of Justice, the Magistrates, and a great many Gentlemen of Quality, through a Lane of such of the Kings standing Forces as are now quartered near to this place, with the Trained Bands of the City and Suburbs, came from the Palace to the Crofs, which was adorned with Pyramids of Sweet-meats and Flowers, and there on a large Theater set up for that purpose, the Nobility and other Persons of Quality aforesaid, with the Magistrates, expressed their solemn and sincere Joy upon this so universally acceptable an occasion; often repeating the Royal Healths, particularly that of the PRINCE; a great abundance of Wine running out of the Conduits for the ordinary sort of people; the Guns all the time firing from the Castle, which were constantly answered with Volleys from the standing Forces and Trained-Bands; many thousands of the people-crowding thither at the same time to express their Joy by their loud and frequent Acclamations. The rest of the day, and all this last night having been spent in the continuance of those Dutiful Expressions, by great Bonfires, ringing of Bells, firing of Guns, and all other demonstrations of universal Joy and Satisfaction, such as never have been here since the happy Restauration of the Royal Family.

We have just now an account from *Glasgow*, that the Solemnities there were performed yesterday by the Archbishop, the Magistrates, the Inhabitants, the Colledge, and His Majesties Forces quartered there, with all the signal Evidences of Joy and Duty that that City is capable of.

THE following Address hath been presented to the King, which His Majesty received very Graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesty's Corporation of your City of Exeter.

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects of your City of Exeter, in our Common Council assembled, do think our selves highly obliged to render Praise and Thanksgiving to the God of Heaven and Earth, the great Governour of the World, for the Birth of a Royal Prince, a Blessing in-

estimable, and one of the greatest to Your most Sacred Majesty and these Nations. Great Sir, we are sure that all men may now be satisfied; That Providence hath not only favoured, but rewarded Your Royal Conduct, by which Liberty and Peace have been promoted and maintained under the Shadow of your Scepter; whose Reign, as it hath been without a Parallel the most gracious, so may it be long and prosperous. May Your Majesty live to a good old Age, to see the Royal Prince inherit all Your Royal Virtues; and after Your Majesty's long and glorious Reigns may he be (as Your Majesty now is) a Blessing to these Nations. So pray Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, who are and shall be always ready to serve Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes; to the last drop of our Blood. In Testimony whereof we have, this 20th Day of June, in the Fourth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, affixed our Common Seal.

Naples, June 8. On Saturday last, the 5th Instant, about the 22 hour, happened here a dreadful Earthquake (though it lasted not long) which frightening the Inhabitants out of their Houses with the terrors of an inevitable Destruction, they took themselves to the Piazzas, and the open publick places of the City. The old Colledge of the Jesuits was ruined by it, also the great Chapel of their new Colledge, together with three other Chapels adjoining; three of the Fathers were killed there, besides many others whose numbers are not yet known. The Front of another great Church of the Jesuits opened in many cracks, and the great Tower or Steeple seemed ready to fall. In the Theatins Convent of the Holy Apostles, a whole Dormitory fell down, besides other considerable damage they received: And the magnificent Arch erected before the Church of *St. Paul*, belonging to the said Fathers, fell together with those great and ancient Columns, which formerly made part of the Temple of *Castor and Pollux*; there remaining only four of them standing, and those in a tottering condition: Cut of those Ruins there have been already dug 19 persons that were dead, and there was reason to fear that the mischief might have been much greater, it being so near to a publick Market, where there were great Throngs of people. The Walls of the great Church of *St. Dominick* opened in many places, and great part of the Refectory fell down, as also a part of the adjoining Palace, where many were killed. Several other Churches of the Augustines, &c. were ruined, and in thort there is scarce a Palace or House that has not received some considerable damage. This occasioned very devout Processions of Persons of all Ranks. The next day was another great Shock, which threw down many of the Houses that were before the most weakened: And yesterday there was another perceived, but without much damage; but this day we have felt nothing of it. However the Processions continue in great numbers, and the Persons of Quality are all retired from hence. In the Neighborhood of *Udico*, a City at 16 Miles distance from hence, a Mountain opened; and a Courier from *Benevento*, a City belonging to the Pope, brings an account, That it was all ruined, and that of 6000 Inhabitants there were but few left alive. The Archbishops Palace there was thrown down, and the Archbishop himself drawn out of the Ruins, being hurt in his head and Arm; and there are accounts of the like damages in several other places.

Rome, June 12. We have had nothing considerable to entertain us here this Week, but the sad Relations of the terrible Earthquakes at *Naples*, and several places about it. It hapned at *Naples* on Saturday last about 21 hours and a half, (which at the same instant was perceived even by a great many here) On Sunday too it returned. Several Churches, Palaces and Houses are ruined; among the rest, the famous Church of the Jesuits, reckon'd the finest in *Italy*, is all tumbled down, except the Walls and the High Altar. The particular number of those killed and buried in the Ruins cannot yet be known. The last Letters say, many of the Inhabitants lie abroad under Tents, in Coaches, &c. and continual Prayers, Processions, publick Pennances, &c. are performed, and every one runs about, crying *Misericordia*. Three Ships were sunk in the Harbour and the Water in the Wells rose many handfuls. *Benevento* is almost totally ruined; and of 10000 Inhabitants they say there