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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 Lord-Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, and Grand Jury, of the County of Northumberland, assembled at the Assizes held at the Castle of Newcastle for that County, the Thirteenth day of August, 1688.

Great SIR!

Having already, with most sincere Devotion, paid our acknowledgments to God Almighty the Father of Mercies; We come now, most humbly prostrate at Your Majesties Feet, to offer our hearty Congratulations to Your Majesty and Royal Consort, for the inestimable Blessing of a Prince of Wales, a Prince given by Divine Providence to the Prayers of Your Kingdoms, to perpetuate Your Majesties Glory, and our Felicity: May he so thrive (and we doubt it not,) under the great Examples of Your Majesties Piety and Prudence, that You Your self may live to see him consummate in all the true Arts of Government. We further promise, with the best of our Endeavours, to send such Members to Your next Parliament, as will Co-operate with Your Majesties Gracious Intentions, (according to Your Royal Declaration,) in Repealing the Penal Laws and Test, as Obstacles to Your Majesties Glory and equal Justice, as well as to our Ease and Happiness, well knowing, that Your Majesty will treat us as a most Indulgent and impartial Father doth his many Sons, giving every one a share in his Effem and Affection, according to their particular Merits and Qualifications.

Stockholm, August 19. On the 29th of June, Edmond Poley Esq; His Majesties Envoy Extraordinary, received the joyful News of Her Majesties being happily brought to Bed of a Prince; And although the Court was not then in Town, yet he thought himself obliged to make some Demonstrations of Joy amongst His Majesties Subjects, whom this happy News did most immediately concern; And therefore he entertained the next day at Dinner some of the Chief of them, and three days after all the rest of the Merchants residing here, at Two Tables of about 20 Coverts each. At the return of the Court he communicated the News to the King, at a Publick Audience, attended by about 20 Coaches fill'd with English residing here, whom, at their return from Court, he also invited again to drink Their Majesties and the Prince's Healths. Some days after he invited the Chief of the Senators, and of the King's Officers, to as Splendid an Entertainment as the Place could afford. He had in the morning ordered the Consul to take Care, that all the English Ships then in this Harbour, which were about 9 or 10, should be rang'd in Order before the great Bridge of the Town, and near the Castle, with their Flags out, to pay all the Respect due upon so joyful a Solemnity; Amongst which, three Ships were ordered to lie ready to fire at the Healths, while they were at Dinner, by a Signal given them from his House; the danger some Houses would have been in (which are founded upon a Rock near the Envoy's House) in case the Ships had been shot off so near, occasioned that no Guns were fired nearer than the Harbour. The Evening before the Colonel of the King's Guard had sent to offer the Envoy some of his Soldiers, to prevent all the Inconveniencies, which happen upon like Occasions; And did accordingly send an Officer with Eight Soldiers, to perform that Duty.

As the Senators, and the rest of the Company arrived, they were welcomed by the King's Trumpets and Kettle-Drums, which also sounded every Hour at Table, at the same time that the Signal was given for the Guns to fire, Nine to the Healths of the Guests, and fifteen to the Healths of the Royal Family. During the Dinner, which was served up with great Affluence, the Envoy caused Claret and White Wine to run for the People at Six several Pipes, for Six Hours together, from a Machine erected for that purpose before his House; On the Top were the Pictures of the King and Queen, in one large Frame, carved and adorn'd with Olive-Branches round about, as a Token of Peace and Plenty.

From behind them was carried an Arch, which, joyning to his Honours House, and being adorn'd with all sorts of Sweet-smelling Flowers, covered the whole extent of the double Stone Stairs, which lead up to the House, and afforded a very pleasant Sight: Under Their Majesties Pictures were plac'd the King's Arms, of a larger size, with the Supporters carved proportionably, and the Pipes so dispos'd, that the Wine was to run out of the Mouths of the Lyon and the Unicorn. Under the King's Arms was a large Table, fairly painted and adorn'd with Carving to Art, with Dorick Pillars on each side, with their Corniches, Capitals and Bases, and between them was written in fair Gold Letters the happy Occasion of the Solemnity, viz.

Jacobo Secundo, Magna Britannia Regi,  
Patri Augusto,

Et  
Mariae, Magna Britannia Reginae,  
Matri Augustae,  
Felix Faustumque  
Ob natum PRINCIPEM;  
Quarto Idus Junias,  
Anno Salutis Humanae  
M. DC. LXXXVIII.

And under it was a much larger Table than the former, adorn'd with Painting, and all Decorations therunto belonging, in the middle whereof were encircled, with Olive-Branches, these following Verses made upon the present Subject, the whole being adorn'd with Flowers, and so much Art, as made a very handsome Appearance, and very suitable to the Occasion:

Prospera si tam fata forent, quam est digna Parentum,  
Progenes, nihil hoc Principe majus erit;  
Maximus huic Carolus Pater est; Hæc Felix Magni est  
Alphonsi, quos non Fama loquetur Avos?  
Hic bello Magnus, magna est Virtutibus Ida,  
Ille sua decus est Gentis, & Illa sua.  
Nata in tot laudes, in tantos nata triumphos,  
Hæc Soboles quod non sit meritura decus?

After the Meat was taken off, there was served up a very fine Desert, with many great Pyramids of dry Sweet-Meats, between which were placed all such Fruits, Iced Creams, and such other Varieties as the Season afforded: At Dinner there were Twelve sorts of Wines, and all extraordinary good in their kind: The Senators having continued at Table till near Seven a Clock, about an hour after they took their leaves, and then removed to see the Fireworks, which were prepared upon the Water before the great Bridge, amid't the Ships, which lay there; and for a Signal at the beginning of the Firework, there were fired One and twenty great Guns. The reason why the Fireworks could not be near his House, was, that most of the Houses of the Town being both built of, and covered with Wood, there would have been great danger of Fire, in so hot a Season of the Year; And the same Apprehensions hindered his causing any Bonfires to be made. When the Fireworks began, the King and Prince of Holstein were pleas'd to place themselves in an Island hard by to see it. The Body of the Firework consisted in a Castle, with all its Towers and Flags, which was so placed as to move upon the Water, and from all its several Towers cast great Quantities of Rockets, and other sorts of Artificial Fires; Amongst which were several Balls, which, after having in the Air discharged some Gradadoes, fell into the Water, and, after a little time, rose up again and filled the Air with great Quantities of Rockets, Stars, &c. to the great Entertainment of the Beholders: As the Fireworks began, the Trumpets and Kettle-Drums on Board the Ships did their part, most of the English Merchants being also on Board, added to the Ceremony by their Acclamations. It lasted about an hour, and was concluded with as many great Guns as had been fired at the beginning, and with Their Majesties and the Prince's Healths, which were drank with two Hogheads of Wine: the Envoy had sent on Board, and lasted with continual shooting, till two or three a Clock in the Morning. The Number of People of all Quality entertained at the Envoy's House, according to the laudable Custom of this Country, was very great. And as the Wine was very plentifully offered, all People of any kind of Fashion, so they were not sparing in partaking of it; But all pass without any disorder.