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Whitehall, December 14.

THE following Address, Signed by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, severall Aldermen, the Sheriffs, with a great number of the most Eminent Merchants in and about the City of London, was presented to His Majesty in His Bed-Chamber, by William Cranmer Esq; (being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Monmouth) which His Majesty received very graciously, and as a Mark of His Royal Favour, was pleased to Confer upon the said William Cranmer the Honour of Knighthood.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of divers English Merchants in about the City of London.

AS God Almighty by His Providence, hath preserved Your Royal Majesty in Your glorious Undertaking of Rescuing our Religion, Laws, Liberties, and Properties, which were on the brink of destruction, and seated Your Sacred Majesty on the Royal Throne, so we in particular manner cannot but with all gratitude acknowledge Your Majesties great Wisdom and Goodness in restoring to us Your Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, our Ancient Legal Rights and Priviledges, by Your Majesties Gracious Order in Council dated the 14th of October last, Ordering the Levying and Collecting all such Duties as by Law are payable for all Goods of the Native Product and Manufacture of this Kingdom that shall be Exported by Strangers, notwithstanding the Order in Council of the late King James, dated the Twenty Second of January 1685, or any other Direction to the contrary.

Give us Leave therefore, Dread Sovereign, humbly to represent to Your Sacred Majesty, that the Alien Duty both inward and outward, was long since erected to secure the Trade of this Nation to the English Merchants, (whose Interest and Aim it is to Advance the same) as the Act of Navigation was to encourage and increase our English Shipping, which we humbly conceive must needs be lost if not equally maintained, And by that means Your Majesty will not only preserve both those great Concerns to the Nation, but also revive an ancient Revenue belonging to the Crown, and enable us and all Your English Merchants in this Kingdom to Trade upon equal terms with Aliens, and raise again our Factories into their former Reputation, which otherwise we cannot do.

That the great God of Heaven, by whom Kings Reign and Princes Decree Justice, may always Conduct Your Majesty in this World, and afterwards receive You into His Everlasting Mansions in the World to come, is and shall be the Cordial and Constant Devout Prayers of,

Your Majesties most Loyal, Dutiful, Thankful, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Venice, Decemb. 3. Several Vessels are arrived here this week from the Levant, and bring an account, that our Troops continue to block up very closely the Fortrefs of Napoli di Malvasia; and that General Cornaro had sent a Squadron of Men of War to observe the Captain Bassa, who, as he heard, was making Preparations for to Relieve that place. The advices from Dalmatia say, that the Turks had demolished the Forts on the Frontiers of the Province of Trebignie, which we told you in our last, the Venetians had been obliged to surrender to

them. The Pope has given this Republick Leave to raise 4000 Men within the Ecclesiastical State for the War against the Turks.

Genova, Decemb. 6. The Cardinal of Furstemberg arrived here on the 30th past, accompanied with 3 or 4 Persons, from Rome; being himself in the Habit of a Knight of Malta; He went directly to the House of the French Resident, and parted again the next day on a Genoese Ship, which was hired to carry him to Provence.

Milan, Decemb. 4. The Troops of this State are going into their Winter-Quarters; And part of the Cavalry is returned to Pavia; whither the Cannon has been likewise brought from the Army, which was encamped at Casalmaggiore. But several Regiments of Foot are to remain there till the Fortifications of Guastalla are quite demolished. We have an account from Rome, that the Pope had made Dom Antonio Ottoboni General of the Church, and Don Marco Governor of the Castle of St. Angelo, and General of his Gallies.

Warsaw, Novemb. 23. The Court continues still at Zolkiew. The Letters from Moscow of the 23d of the last month, confirm all the particulars of the Conspiracy against the youngest Czar; That Prince Galitzen, by whom it was chiefly carried on, was Banished into Siberia; and that the Eldest of the Czars, Prince Peter, had resigned the whole Authority to his Brother, Prince John, with a resolution to retire to a private Life.

Vienna, Decemb. 15. On Monday last General Count Guada Staremberg arrived here from Bulgaria; He says, the Imperial Troops were gone into their Winter-Quarters, and that Prince Louis of Baden intended to follow him in few days. They write from Upper Hungary, that the Regiment of Dragoons of Lewensich's was arrived in the Camp before Great Waradin, and that several Persons who came lately out of the place, had confirmed what was reported by those that had heretofore deferred, concerning the ill condition of that Garrison, through the want they were in of all things necessary for their subsistence. The Garrison of Camisa, as we understand as well by an intercepted Letter from the Bassa of that place, to the Bassa of Bosnia, as by Deserters, is likewise reduced to the last necessity.

Ausburgh, Decemb. 15. This day the Electors met for the first time at the Town-House, the absence of those of Brandenburg and Saxony being supplied by their Plenipotentiaries, who had some days before according to the usual form communicated their Powers to the Elector of Mentz, Director of the Electoral Colledge. The Emperor has given the Count de Veterani the Government of Nissa, with the Command of the Imperial Forces that were lately under the Orders of the Count de Piccolomini, who died the 10th of the last month at Prisseran in Albania; And General Heuster is appointed to Command in Valachia and Transylvania during the absence of Prince Louis of Baden. We are told, that the Emperor intends to return with the whole Court to Vienna towards the end of the next Month. Signior Castelm is shortly expected here in the Quality of Nuncio Extraordinary from the Pope.

Francfort, Decemb. 21. The Marschal de Lorge having sent a Reinforcement to Philipsbourg; and visited the Garrisons of Humingen, Neustadt, Landau, and Fort-Luis is returned to Strassbourg. We hear that four Bavarian Regiments, two of Foot, one of Horse,

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