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Kenfington, March 16.

HE following Address of the President and Council of Barbadoes, has been presented to the King, which His Majesty received very Graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

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Since Almighty God hath made You the great Arbitrator of Peace and War, and the Glorious Instrument of preserving the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of Your Suffer, and of Maintaining the Rights and Interests of all Europe upon their true and socient Level and Ballance.

And since, after the Dangers and Fatigues to which Your Royal Person hath been so often exposed in the late War, You are now returned to Your Kingdom of England, and there received with the Loud and Joyful Acclamations of all Your Subjects, and with the Triumphs and Glories that are due to so Illustrious and Heroick a Prince.

We Your Majesties most Loyal and most Dutiful Subjest, the President and Council, in behalf of our sclwes and the rest of the Inhabitants of this Your Island of Barbadoes, cannot but be equally affected with the same Joys and Transports, and think it our Duty to hasten this our hearty and chearful Congratulation to Your Majesty, for Your unparallel'd Conducts of the War, and happy Conclusions of the Peace, which gives not only Repose to Your Dominions in Europe but we hope these of America also will reap the happy Effects thereof, after the many Misfortunes they have sustained during the

And we hope also the Divine Providence which hath so often covered Your Royal Head in Days of Danger and Battle, will continue to Guard both Your Throne and Person, and keep You from the Attempts of Your secret Enemies, (if any such ungrateful Men can remain.)

And it is our hearty Prayer, that Your Majesty may long live the Joy of Your People, the Delight of Mankind, and the Great Pattern and Example of Herbick

Virtue to all succeeding Ages.

Tour Majesties most Loyal, Faithful and most Obedient Subjects.

who went hence post about a fortnight fince for Barcelona, having been stopped in the middle of his Journey, by reason of the great Snows which are fallen in those parts, he was obliged to wait some days before he could proceed farther. We hear from Alicant, that there are arrived a Fleet of about 25 Sail of Dutch Mer-Ships bound up the Streights. chant From Cadiz we have advice, that 8 Sail of English Merchant Ships are arrived there from several Ports in the Mediterranean, in their way homewards.

Venice, March 3. Several Officers lately arrived here from Germany and Flanders, having been admitted into the Service of this Republick, are ordered to get themselves ready to be going, with a very considerable Convoy, which will shortly sail for the Levant. We hear from thence, that notwithstanding the Inclinations the Port feems to have for a Peace, they continue with much application to prepare for carrying on the War; That the Sultan does all he can to encourage his Subjects, having promiled those of Bosnia, that he will tend a Seraskier with a confiderable Body of Troops to defend them, and those at Belgrade, who seem apprehensive of a Siege, That he will come in Person to their Relief with a numerous At the same time we underitand the Turks put all their Frontier Places in the best posture of Desence they are able, and intend to have a great Fleet at Sea next Summer.

Mr. Stepney Hamburgh, March 14. Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great-Britain to the Elector of Bran! denburg, parted hence on Tuesday last, in order to proceed on his Journey to Ber-Madrid, February 5 N. S. Don Ma- lin. Count d'Eck having received Ormel Samenac Marquis de Castel Urrios, ders from the Emperor to assist as his Mibeing appointed to go Ambassador from nister at the Election of a Bishop of Ofthis Crown to the Court of France, nabrug, went thither, from this place, or is lately arrived from Portugal, where he Monday last. The Sieur Bosen, the King resided with the same Character, and is of Poland's Minster at the late Treaty preparing his Equipage in order to be of Peace, who has fince been at the flortly going thither. We have an ac- Courts of Sueden and Denmark, arrived count, that the Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt, here some days ago, in his way home-

wards.