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THE following Address being transmitted from Scotland to his Grace the Duke of Queensberry, One of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State for that Kingdom, has been presented by him to Her Majesty.

To the Queen's most Sacred Majesty.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Provost, Bailiffs, and Town-Council, of the Town of Edinburgh, for themselves, and in behalf of the Community and Inhabitants thereof.

May it please Your Majesty,

THE Preservation of Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government is so much the Foundation and Security of our Peace, and of the happy Enjoyment of Our Religion, Laws and Liberties, that, upon the Report of wicked Plots and Practices designed against Your Majesty, by raising Insurrections in this Kingdom, and stirring up Foreign Invasions, we have been justly moved, in Duty to God, and Your Majesty, and with all the Zeal and Affection whereof we are capable, to resolve and declare, as we now declare, and protest before Your Majesty and all Men, that, to the utmost of our Power, with our Lives and Fortunes, we will defend and maintain Your Majesty's Sacred Person, and most Rightful Government over us, against all evil Attempts whatsoever, either by ill affected Persons at home, or Enemies from abroad, who shall endeavour to disturb our present happy Establishment; And that we will be ready, whenever Your Majesty shall think fit to call us, to offer our selves most cordially to serve Your Majesty, as our only and undoubted Sovereign, in Defence of Your Person and Government, and of the true Protestant Religion, conform to the Claim of Right, and the present Settlement both of Church and State; which Your Majesty hath so graciously ratified and confirmed, against all Your and our Enemies, and more especially against the late Pretended Prince of Wales, now usurping the Title of King of this Realm, and all his Adherents. And that God may long preserve Your Majesty's Person, and render Your Reign ever prosperous, to the Comfort of all Your Majesty's good Subjects, the Advancement of the Protestant Interest, and the Terror and Confusion of all Your Enemies, is, and shall be always, the earnest Prayer of Your Majesty's most humble, most Faithful, and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

A most humble and dutiful Address from the Provost, Bailiffs, and Town-Council, of the City of Glasgow, for themselves, and in the Name of their whole Community and Inhabitants;

As also a most humble and dutiful Address from the Magistrates and Council of the Borough of Sterling, representing the Community thereof; both upon the same Occasion with the former, being likewise transmitted from Scotland to his Grace the Duke of Queensberry, have been presented by him to Her Majesty.

And Her Majesty was pleased to receive these Addresses very graciously.

London, January 26. N. S. The last Packet-Boat from England brought us an Account of the King of Spain's being arrived there, in his way hither, which filled this City, and indeed the whole Kingdom, with Joy, and added no little Vigour to the Preparations that are making, as well for his Reception, as for carrying on the War against Spain. Our last Letters from that Kingdom confirm the News of the Duke of Anjou's intending to take the Field, or at least to draw nearer to the Frontiers of Portugal; but neither the time of his Departure from Madrid is yet fixed, nor the Place of his Residence, it being uncertain whether it will be Seville or Zafra, in the last of which it is said that the Duke of Feria's Palace is making ready for his Reception. We have no Account that any more of the Spanish Forces or Cannon are arrived on the Frontiers, nor that any of the Irish or Walloon Forces which are expected out of France are yet come into Spain. Our Frontiers are in very good posture of Defence; and the Spaniards have not yet attempted any thing against us, neither are they in a condition to do it, if we may rely upon all the Advices we receive from thence. The King of Portugal has been ill with a Defluxion and Inflammation in his Eyes, but is much better: Some of the Infants, his Sons, and both the Infanta's, his Daughters, have been ill of the Meazles and Small pox, but without any Danger, and are now perfectly recovered.

Milan, Jan. 15. We have received an Account of the Count de Staremberg's having joined the Duke of Savoy, whose Army is thereby augmented to 35000 Men, and enabled to act offensively against this State. The Duke of Vendosme did what he could to prevent their joining, for which purpose he followed the Imperialists several days with a Body of 18000 Men, which, tho' more numerous, than that of the Germans, yet his Cavalry was inferior in number to theirs; and besides this Advantage, they had that of having got the Start of him; so that after he had extremely harassed and fatigued his Troops with long and precipitate Marches, he has been obliged to give over pursuing them, and to content himself with fortifying Pavia and Novara, and taking such other Precautions as may be necessary for securing our Frontiers. This Expedition of General Staremberg's has extremely surprised the French, who not imagining that he would have marched with so strong a Body to the Duke of Savoy's Assistance, had not taken the necessary Precautions to prevent it; and this Event proves a very great Disappointment to them. The Marshal de Tuffe is lately arrived here, being appointed to take upon him the Direction of the French and Spanish Forces that remain posted