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St. James's, March 17.

This day the following Address was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cromwell, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Kingdom of Scotland, T. ... The most humble and dutiful Address of the Provost, Bailiffs, and Council, of the City of Aberdeen, for themselves, and in Name of the Community thereof, May it please Your Majesty,

W^e Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, as we can never forget the special and remarkable gracious Conduct of Divine Providence, which preserved Your Majesty, as the immediate surviving Branch of the Royal Family design'd of God for the Throne; and that in such a future, when Your Majesty's Succession to the Crown, upon undoubted Right thereto, was only effectually prevented, unspeakable Confusion, in Britain and Ireland, but also generally laid foundation for the greatest of Blessings, ever since enjoyed by Your Subjects, having their Religion, Liberty and Laws, as some secured, in some Enemies suppressed, and the most formidable Foreign Armies restrained and united: so we cannot but with the greatest Gratitude express our Intermixture of some wicked Priests and Practises, designed and set on for against Your Majesty, and particularly to raise Insurrections in the Kingdom, and to procure the same to be invared. (and consequently Your other Dominions) by French and Popish Emissaries. Therefore, from a Sense of our Duty to God and Your Majesty, and to this Your ancient Kingdom, our Native Country, we hereby solemnly profess and declare, That to the utmost of our Power, with our Lives and Fortunes, we will adhere to and maintain Your Majesty's Sacred Person, and most righteous Government, against all Pretenders whatsoever, and their Influence; whether at home or abroad: and that on all Occasions we are ready to appear in the Defence of Your Majesty, as our only undoubted Sovereign, and for maintaining the true Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Government of the Church, as at present graciously established; and lastly, to preserve and confirm by Your Majesty, and for the Peace and Safety of the Country; wishing nothing more than that God may long preserve Your Majesty's Person, and prosper Your Reign, for the Preservation and Good of all Your Majesty's Dominions, and the whole Protestant Interest; and for the due Execution of the Laws against Popery, and in favour of the present established Church Government in this Kingdom; which we are persuaded will greatly contribute to the Security of Your Majesty's Person and Government, and to the Comfort of all Your good and loyal Subjects; and particularly of, may it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most humble, most obedient, and most faithful Subjects, and Servants.

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

Nismes, Febr. 24. 1703. The Marshal de Montrevel arrived here some days ago from Montpellier, where he was present in the Assembly of the States of Languedoc, which has been held there. They have agreed upon some new Taxes, which together with those we are already burdened with, will make up the Sum of 10 Millions of Livres to be raised this year within this Province, besides the Expence of raising our Quota of Soldiers according to the late Regulation. This Oppression from the Court on one hand, and on the other the Disorders committed as well by the Camifars as by the Forces employed to suppress them, have brought this Country into the greatest Misery and Confusion, and no body is safe even in the City Streets, where scarce a night passes but some Murder is committed. A Thonian Camifars, part Horse, and the rest Foot, came lately to Beauvoily and General, within two Leagues of this Place, where having rested, they advanced within half a League of our Walls, and killed several Persons by way of Revenge for several of their Men who had been denied Quarter by the King's Forces. Monsieur de Jaller, with a Body of Troops, has been as far as the Borders of the Province, to endeavour to meet with a Body of Camifars under the Command of Cavalier, but to no purpose. In the mean time they have made several Excursions towards Uzes. They have a great Advantage in the general Satisfaction of the People with the Government, who are ready at any time to give them Intelligence of the Mo-

tions of the King's Troops, and to afford them all the Assistance they are able.

Nancy, March 16. Letters from Paris of the 11th Instant say, the Marshal de Villeroi would be going thence the 15th to his Command in the Netherlands; and that it was still talked that the Marshal de Villars would also serve in those Parts the next Campaign, in the room of the Marshal de Boufflers. They had begun to send away Recruits for their Army in Italy, which are to go by Sea from Tolison to San Pietro d'Arena, near Genoua, and thence by Land to Milan. It was discoursed at Paris, that the Grand Prior was to besiege Revere, one of the chief Garisons of the Imperial Forces on the Po; for which purpose the Duke of Vendosme, his Brother, had sent him a considerable Reinforcement; and that the French Forces in Dauphine are to besiege the Town of Nice early in the Spring.

Cologne, March 18. The Dutch Regiment of Nassau, and a Battalion of the King of Prussia's Forces in the Service of the States General, marched hence yesterday towards the Maese. Some new Works are raising at Bon with all possible Diligence for the better Security of that Place; and a very great Magazine of Ammunition is erecting there. The King of Prussia hath given Orders for the demolishing of the Fortifications of Rhinberg; but it is said the Wall and the Rampart will be left standing. Letters from Berlin say, His Majesty has given Directions for new Levies to be made with all Expedition, in order to make an Addition of 12000 Men to the Forces he has already on foot, intending to send a considerable Body of them on the Danube against the next Campaign.

Dublin, March 9. On the 4th Instant came into this Harbour the Jane Kerch of this Port, Robert Irwin Master, from Lisbon, laden with Wine and Fruit, and gave Advice; That he had been taken on the 2d off of Wicklow by a French Privateer of 8 Guns, and 50 Men, Monsieur Potvine Commander, belonging to St. Malo; and had ransomed his Ship for 3254, whereupon his Grace the Lord Lieutenant immediately ordered Captain Saunders, in Her Majesty's Ship the Seaford, and the Charlot Yacht, Captain Brechtel Commanded, (having 40 Landmen on board) to go in quest of the Privateer. The 5th, by break of day, they sailed to the Southward, and went out at Wicklow Swath, about noon the Man of War spied a Sail, which he immediately chased; about one a Clock they saw a second Sail, and Captain Saunders concluding them to be the Privateer and a Prize, having seen Boats pass between them, made all the Sail he could after the Privateer, and about 4 in the afternoon came within Shot of him, both rowing, the e being but little Wind; the Privateer steered to the Welsh Coast, and a Gale arising at W.N.W. about that night, the Privateer got into Carnarvon Bay, and the Man of War came so near him as to shoot his Fore-mast by the board, and after firing a Broadside sent his Boat on board, and took him: and the 7th at night brought him into this Bay. The Man of War has half his Main-top-mast. On board the Privateer were three Hottelages for the Ransom of as many Merchant Ships which he had taken some time before.

His Grace the Lord Lieutenant intends to be going for England on the 17th or 18th Instant.

Yarmouth, March 17. About 15 Sail of light Colliers sailed hence the 15th Instant for Newcastle. Her Majesty's Ships the Weymouth and Rumney sailed from our Road yesterday, with the outward bound Hamburg Fleet.

Cowes, March 15. Two or three days ago arrived at Spit-head 3 or 4 small Vessels from Lisbon. This day a Danish ship of 200 Guns, laden with Salt, Brandy, and other Goods, from St. Martin's, was seized in our Road, as Prize, by Captain Turner, Commander of the Diligence Privateer of Lordanz, the Catherine of London, Philip Harris Master, it just now came into our Road, being homeward bound from Montserrat.

Portsmouth, March 16. Yesterday came into Stokes Bay the Bathia, William Smy Master, and the Aaron Frigar, Thomas Smith Master, both from Barbadoes; and the Dolphin, a Fulman Master, from Nevis.

The Dutch Mails of Tuesday and Friday last are not yet come in.

Wharves