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St. James, March 29.

**T**HE following Address has been presented to Her Majesty by the Reverend Mr. Stratford, Archdeacon of Richmond, introduced by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York.

To the **QUEEN's** most Excellent Majesty.  
The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and others, the Clergy of the Diocese of Chester.

May it please Your Majesty,  
*We the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter, with others, the Clergy of the Diocese of Chester, out of the deepest Sense of Your Royal Compassion to Your Clergy of this Kingdom, crave Leave to offer to Your Majesty our most hearty Thanks, for Your Majesty's late Bounty to us, in which Your Clergy of this Diocese, when that great Work shall be finished, will have their Share.*

*We cannot but promise to our selves, at least, as great Blessings under Your Majesty, as this Nation formerly enjoyed under Your Predecessor Queen Elizabeth, of Glorious Memory, both of You being raised by God, in Times of Distress and Danger, for the Support of his Church, and for the Protection of the Liberties of Europe; and both of You beginning Your Reigns with the greatest Acts of Piety to him who raised You.*

*Your Predecessor, at her first Entrance upon the Government, brought down a Blessing upon it by the Reformation of the Church: And we pray, and we hope, That Your Majesty may obtain from God a Reign, in all Respects, no less Glorious, by Your supplying what was wanting to that great Work, in providing a comfortable Subsistence for the poorer sort of Your Clergy.*

*We of this Diocese are in a peculiar manner sensible, how great an Obstacle the insufficient Maintenance, of those who Minister in Holy Offices, has been to the entire prevalence of the Reformation amongst us; which Evil, Queen Elizabeth, in her great Wisdom, foresaw, and by a particular Institution of Preachers, for those Parts which chiefly wanted them, she endeavour'd, as far as then she could, to remedy it; but we trust it is resolv'd by God for Your Majesty, to take away all Remains of it, by a competent Provision for all the Clergy of this Diocese.*

*That You may exceed this Your great Predecessor, in Days and in Glory; That You may live to see the Noblest Fruit of Your Bounty, that Fruit of it, which Your Royal Heart chiefly wishes to see; in the daily increase of true Religion amongst Your People, in the earnest Prayer, and real Zeal, the sincere Endeavour, in their several Stations, of Your Majesty's most dutiful Subjects.*

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

*Rome, March 8. N. S.* The Duke of Modena arrived here some days ago incognito from Bologna, and has been several times privately with the Pope:

This Court is endeavouring to prevail with those of Versailles and Madrid to allow that his Highness's Territories, whereof the French have lately possessed themselves, should be sequestred into the hands of the Pope, who in that case offers to put Garisons of his own Troops into the Towns of Modena and Reggio, and to engage that they shall observe an exact Neutrality between the Two contending Parties. The Cardinals Norris and Costaguzi being lately dead, there are now 14 Places vacant in the College of Cardinals; yet we do not hear that the Pope has thoughts of making any new Promotions at this time. Some Shocks of Earthquake have again been felt at Norcia, Spoleto, and some other neighbouring Towns, to the great Terror of the Inhabitants, who have all left their Houses, and dwell in Tents in the open Fields. It is said the Pope intends speedily to disband part of his Forces.

*Venice, March 14.* The Grand Prior of France having passed over the Po at San Benedetto, advanced the 9th Instant to Quistello with a Body of 12000 Men, a Train of Artillery, and other Necessaries for a Siege, intending (as is supposed) to have set down before Revere; but there has been ever since such rainy Weather, that it has not been possible for him to go on with his Design: In the mean time the Imperialists are putting that Place and the rest of the Posts into a posture of Defence. They have lately seized several Barks on the Po, which were carrying Provisions to or from the Milanese. The Inhabitants of Segna and other Seaport Towns belonging to the Emperor in the Adriatick Sea have lately fitted out some Privateers, as well to secure the Convoys of Provisions which they send by Sea to Mezola, as to attack such of the Enemy's Merchant Ships as they can meet with; and we hear they have already made Prize of some of them.

*Colognè, March 28. N. S.* The States of this Archbishopsrick continue assembled here; and the Diet of the Circle of Westphalia is to meet in this Place in few days. The new Works for augmenting the Fortifications of Bonn are carried on with all possible Expedition; and they continue with no less Application to demolish those of Rbinberg. A strong Party of the Enemy came last night to Woeringen, a small Town in the lower part of this Diocese, and fell upon a Troop of the King of Prussia's Forces which was quartered there, and carried off their Bagage, many Soldiers being killed and wounded on both sides in this Action.

*Falmouth, March 25.* Yesterday morning came in here two Dutch Privateers, with one Spanish and two French Prizes, of about 90 or 100 Tuns each, which they had taken coming from Bilbao, laden chiefly with Wool and Iron.

*Bristol, March 24.* This day sailed out of King-road Her Majesty's Ship the *Schorham*, having under her Convoy 4 Timber Ships, bound to Misford; as did also the *Atundel*, bound for Ireland, which is to con-