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St. James's, Dec. 6. The following Address from the Town of Berwick upon Tweed was presented to Her Majesty by Samuel Wyle and Jonathan Hutchinson Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Grey of Werk.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs and Burgesſes, of the Borough of Berwick upon Tweed, in Guild assembled.

WE implore Your Majesty, The unparalleled Success of Your Majesty's Arms, under the admirable Conduct of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, in Conjunction with Your Allies, over the French and Bavarian Forces at Blenheim, fills us, Your dutiful Subjects, with an inconceivable Joy. We cannot but adore that Divine Providence, which favours Your most generous Undertakings, and smiles upon the watchful Care, wherewith Your Royal Breasts perpetually exercised, on behalf of the Liberties of Europe, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, against the Grand Aggressor of both, whose Hopes from our Divisions are utterly defeated by Your Majesty's Royal Intimation of an indulgent Disposition towards all Your Subjects without Distinction.

The Noble Exploits of Your Captain-General, and the undaunted Bravery of Your Forces, in the Action of that memorable Day, whereby a Turn was given to the Affairs of Europe; not only secures the Empire in its most valuable Concerns, and reflects its benign Influence on the most distant Parts of the known World, but is also an happy Omen, That late Pestyty shall have no Cause to be embroil'd in the bloody Struggles in future Wars, wherewith the Exorbitant Power of the French Monarch, and his Boundless Designs, seem'd to threaten us.

His (Dread Sovereign) You have given an unexceptionable Evidence to the World of Your Capacity to maintain that Province of Honour; the Balance of Europe, peculiar to those that sway the English Scepter.

From henceforth the haughty Monarch of France must boast no more that his Troops are invincible; nor an Ambitious Elector (relying on such) entertain vain Hopes of the Imperial Dignity, whilst Your Majesty fills the English Throne, blessed with the Affections of the People, and England can furnish such Generals and Soldiers as are Strangers to Fear, but what they see of it in their Enemies Faces. That Your Majesty may long live to be the Comfort and Delight of Your Subjects, the Refuge of the Oppressed, the Terror of Your Enemies, the Head of the Reformed Interest, and the Defender of the Protestant Religion as by Law established; shall ever be the earnest Prayers of Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects.

In Testimony wherof we have hereunto caused our Common Seal to be affixed, the Seventeenth Day of November, in the Third Year of Your Majesty's most Gracious Reign.

The following Address from the Borough of Yarmouth was presented by Benjamin England and John Nicholson Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesſes, and Commonalty, of Your Majesty's Borough of Great Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, in Common Council assembled.

WE humbly beg Your Majesty's Leave to testify our great Joy for that memorable Victory obtained by the Arms of Your Majesty and Your Allies, under the Conduct of that Great General the Duke of Marlborough, over the French and Bavarians; and also for those signal Services done by Your Royal Navy in the Mediterranean, under the Command of Sir George Rooke; by both which so seasonable a Stop was put to that violent Carrier the Common Enemy was in to destroy the Liberties of Europe.

The great Blessings, Madam, to Your People, next under Heaven, may be attributed to the Justice and Prudence of Your Majesty's Administration, to Your Exemplary Piety towards God, fervent Zeal for the Preservation of our Established Church, and Your late unparalleled Mercy for the supporting its poorer Clergy.

All which are invincible Obligations on us to exert our utmost Ability to support Your Majesty against all Your Enemies, and to pray for Your long and prosperous Reign over us.

In Testimony wherof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed, this 24th day of November, in the Third Year of Your Majesty's Reign, Anno; Dom. 1704.

Which Addresses Her Majesty received very Graciously.

There was a Mistake in the inserting in the last Gazette the Address from Plympton in the County of Devon; it should have been

thus, That the said Address was presented by Richard Edgecomb Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, and Thos. Jervoise Esq; being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Powlett, Lord Lieutenant of that County.

From on Board Her Majesty's Ship the Nottingham, in the Bay of Gibraltar, Novemb. 14. N. S. Sir John Leake, with the Squadron of English and Dutch Men of War under his Command, sailed from the Bay of Wares the 5th Instant, and arrived here the 9th. We surprized in this Bay Two of the Enemies Ships of 34 Guns each, One of 12, a Fire-Ship, a Tartan, and Two English Prizes which were taken in their way from Leghorne to England, all which the Enemy run ashore and burnt; another of the Enemy's Ships of 30 Guns got out, but was taken by Her Majesty's Ship the Swallow. We have supplied the Garrison with Provision for Seven Months, and with 200 Barrels of Powder; our Arrival was very seasonable; for the Enemy had got together a great number of Boats from Cadiz, and other Ports, with which they intended to have transported 3000 Men to the New Mole, in order to Storm the Place; and the 11th in the Morning, 500 of the Enemy were happily discovered upon the top of the Hill that overlooks the Town; and being attacked by Col. Bort with the Grenadiers, above 200 of them were killed, and of the rest most were taken Prisoners. They got up on the East-side by the help of Rope-ladders. The Enemy carry on the Siege by Land with great Vigour; and the Garrison being diminished, the Prince of Hesse has sent for a Reinforcement; and in the mean time we continue here to give the Besieged all the Assistance we are able.

Gibraltar, November 19. N. S. The English and Dutch Squadron commanded by Sir John Leake, arrived in our Bay very seasonably on the 9th Instant, the Enemy having resolved to attack us that very Night by Sea and Land in five several Places at once; but were disappointed by the Arrival of our Ships. The 11th in the Morning the Enemy believing that by reason of the Squadron's being come to our Assistance, we would think our selves more secure, and be less upon our Guard, they sent 500 Men, who, by the help of Rope-Ladders, got over the Hill by Ways through which no Body had ever passed before, in order to have made themselves Masters of that Hill, and of a Pass which we are possessed of, and to have brought in more Forces through that Pass; but we discovered them soon enough to baffle their Design, and our Grenadiers attacked them, took 160 Prisoners, among whom are a Colonel and 30 other Officers, and most of the rest were killed. Prince Henry, Brother to the Prince of Hesse, was wounded in this Attack. Colonel Fox was killed with a Cannon-Ball the day that our Squadron arrived: Colonel Nugent our Lieutenant-Governor, has had the same Fate, and some other Officers of less note. We are in hopes of a speedy Reinforcement from Portugal, by the help of which we may not only defend the Place, but drive the Enemy out of our Neighbourhood.

Gibraltar, November 21. N. S. About 500 Seamen, belonging to Sir John Leake's Squadron, are come on Shore to our Assistance, and help us in repairing the Damage done by the Enemy's Cannon and in making several new Works for our greater Security. The Besiegers have made a Breach, but it is inconsiderable; and in case they should widen it, we are preparing a Counter-work, from whence we may beat them from the Breach, should they attempt to mount it; in which they will find great Difficulties, not only by reason of our Situation, but also of several Works we have, from whence we can take them in Flank, Front, and Rear; besides which, the Admiral has promised to Man all his Boats with Small Arms to come upon their other Flank by Sea, which the Enemy cannot avoid; and when our Succours are come from Portugal, we may then make a Sally, nail up their Guns, and soon oblige them to raise the Siege.

Lisbon, December 3. N. S. The Prince of Hesse d'Armstadt having sent an Express hither from Gibraltar, to desire a Reinforcement, Orders are given for the Battalion of English Guards, that of Barrimore, and a Dutch Battalion lately come from Holland, to be sent from hence to that Garrison; which is also to be reinforced with 500 Portuguese and their Officers from Lagos, whither Mr. Methuen, Her Majesty of Great Britain's Envoy Extraordinary, is gone to see them embark with all possible Expedition: And an Express was dispatched this Morning to Gibraltar, to give the Admiral an Account of the Disposition made on this side for the Relief of that Place. We have received a certain Account from the Frontiers, of a very brisk Action done by Don Francisco de Melo, Governor of Moura, on the Borders of Portugal, next Andalusia; who having Intelligence of a considerable Part of a Spanish Regiment of Horse lying at Saura Barbara, marched thither; and having surprized and defeated them, returned home with many Prisoners whom he had taken, 60 Horses, several Mules, and a good Booty of Cattel.