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St. James's, Decemb. 27. The following Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and others of the Clergy of the Diocese of Hereford, was presented by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

To the QUEEN, most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and others of the Clergy, of the Diocese of Hereford.

As we presumed lately to approach Your Majesty with our most humble Address of Thanks for Your most gracious and merciful Bounty to Your Poor Clergy of the Church of England, and have ever since continued our Prayers to Almighty God to reward Your Majesty for it with all the Blessings of Heaven and Earth; so we now crave leave to appear before Your Sacred Majesty with Hearts full of Joy and Thankfulness for the Blessed Favour which God hath made to our Prayers by the most glorious Success he hath been since pleased to grant to Your Majesty's Arms both by Sea and Land; and especially to those, under the Conduct of Your Majesty's truly Faithful, Wise and Valiant General, the Duke of Marlborough.

The Design, Execution and Success of his most noble Enterprize, and the glorious Conclusion of this Campaign which attended it, are such Things as the present Age stands amazed at, and Posterity will scarce believe.

To God be the Glory, and to Your Majesty and Your Allies the Benefit and Advantage thereof.

May God still continue to bless Your Majesty with Victory and Success in all Your great and glorious Undertakings, until You have fully completed that Great and Heroick Work, so happily begun by Your Majesty's Royal Predecessor, of Glorious Memory, for saving the Protestant Religion, the Common Liberties of Europe, and the Succession to the Crowns of these Kingdoms in the Protestant Line.

And may You long continue the Glory and Ornament, as well as the Support and Protection, of the Church of England by Law established; and bear last Crown'd with a Glorious, but late Intermittent, are the constant Prayers of Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

Which Address Her Majesty received very graciously.

Constantinople, Octob. 21. N. S. The Men of War which had been sent from hence into the Black Sea are lately returned into this Port, and are now laying up in the Arsenal. The Captain Bashaw, with the Turkish Gallies, is also come to Heraclia, a small Port in Asia, nor far from the Mouth of the Bosphorus. They have built a Castle at the Straights of Kru, where a Garrison is left of 1100 Janissaries and Zebegi's, and have stopp'd up the greatest part of the Passage between the two Seas, by sinking great Boats full of Stones, leaving a small Channel open, which is commanded by the Cannon of the Castle. Some little time ago, a French Envoy, with a Retinue of about 30 Persons, landed at Durazzo, whence he proceeded to Belgrade, and sent two Persons at several times to Prince Ragotzi, whose Answer he expects before he proceeds any farther: He is said to have with him a good Sum of Money in Specie, and some Arms. There lately arrived at Jassy in Moldavia, an Envoy from the Palatine of Posen, whom the Confederated Nobility of Poland have elected King; and on the 13th of the last Month he continued his Journey to the Cham of Tartary.

Paris, Decemb. 23: The French King having given Orders for the Coining of a new sort of Money, and Reforming the old Coins, has published an Edict, dated the 6th instant, whereby he Ordains, That the Notes given by the Director of his Mint at Paris for the Value of the Bullion and old Money brought in thither to be so Coined, shall be Current in all Payments, except those made into the Receipt of his Customs, or any other his Aids and Revenues, under Pretence that the Monies paid in there are already assigned, either for the Payment of Annuities to private Persons who have purchased them, or for the carrying on of the War, both which are not to be done but with ready Money; so that by this means the King will get all the ready Money in the Kingdom into his Hands, and his Subjects will have nothing left them

to Trade with but this Paper-Money. The Marshal de Villeroy is shortly expected here from the Moselle and the Low-Countries. According to our last Advices from the Duke of Vendosme's Camp before Verue, they had made a Lodgment upon the Covered-way of that Place; but the Garrison continued to defend it self with great Vigour and Resolution, and were frequently supplied with fresh Men and Provisions, and all other Necessaries, from Crescentino, having still a free Communication with that Place by the means of their Bridge over the Po; And for the greater Security thereof, the Duke of Savoy had ordered the Fortifications of Chivas to be considerably augmented, into which Town he had also put a very good Garrison. The Duke of Vendosme, upon advice, That the Imperial Forces in the Breiscian augmented daily, and expected a considerable Supply of Men from Bavaria, has sent to the Grand Prior, his Brother, a Reinforcement of Horie. They write from Savoy, That the French Forces before Montmelian were making some Lines about that Place, in order to block it up more closely, and that there was a Discourse as if they intended to Bombard it. Letters from Madrid of the 6th day, The Siege of Gibraltar is carried on by the Marquis of Villadarias with all possible Vigour, but with little Success, by reason of the natural Strength of that Place, and of the resolute Defence of the Garrison, who have the Advantage of being supplied with fresh Men from on Board the English and Dutch Squadron Commanded by Sir John Leake, as often as there is occasion. Monsieur Lauban, late Governor of Landau, has a Pension of 36000 Livers a Year given him by the French King, as a Reward for the brave Defence he made in that Place.

Kinsale, Dec. 15. Her Majesty's Ship the Arundel came in here the 10th instant with 13 Merchantmen under her Convoy from Bristol, bound for Corke, having over shot that Port, and they sailed thither this morning. The Dolphin, Adam Bell Master, and the Welbeloved Peter Moore Master, both belonging to Dublin, and laden with Butter, Beef, and Tallow, failed hence at the same time for Lisbon.

Whitehaven, Dec. 22. Since the 18th instant about 8 Sail of laden Colliers failed hence for Dublin, and two light ones return'd hither from that Port.

Plimouth, Dec. 22. On the 20th instant came in here the Prince Pacquet Boat from Lisbon. Yesterday came in Her Majesty's Ships the Hazardous and Laistoff from Fal-mouth, a Dutch Ship bound for Flushing, five Ships bound for London, from Antegoa, and the Africa of Lime, William Reed Master, from Barbadoes. Yesterday failed Her Majesty's Ship the Sheerness to the Eastward. This day failed Her Majesty's Ships the Hampton-Court and Laystoff, with a Dutch Man of War, and under their Convoy about 60 Sail of Merchant Ships, some bound to London, others