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THE humble Address of Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Constables, Churchwardens, Freeholders, Burgomasters, and other Inhabitants, of the ancient Borough of *Cricklade* in the County of *Wilts*: Presented to Her Majesty by *Samuel Barker* Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament.

To the most Sacred Majesty of Our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN.

MADAM,

IT was only our Unwillingness to give the least Interruption to the weighty Affairs of Your Majesty's Government, that has hitherto delay'd our thankful Acknowledgment of those great and growing Advantages we reap thereby.

But we can no longer deny our selves a Share in the Honours Your Subjects so universally enjoy, by their Admission into Your Royal Presence, and Your favourable Acceptance of their gratulatory Addresses.

The happy Union of this Island of Great Britain *into One Kingdom we behold with Wonder and Joy, as a most obliging Instance of Your Majesty's tender Care and Concern for all Your Subjects, and for their latest Posterity; an undoubted Evidence of the Wisdom and Strength of Your Councils, and of that mighty and unparallel'd Interest and Ascendancy, that You have most deservedly acquir'd in the Hearts and Affections of the greatest and best of Your People.*

As we have an entire Confidence and Satisfaction in the Justice and Honour of all Your Designs at Home and Abroad, so, with the greatest Sincerity and Zeal, we implore the continued Blessings of the God of Heaven upon them; and cannot but hope, that whatsoever Difficulties You may at present encounter in any Place, to which Your diffusive Goodness has extended it self, they shall only serve to make the Firmness and Fortitude of Your Royal Mind the more conspicuous, and shall at length render the Accomplishment of Your Pious Task the more memorable and glorious to present and future Ages.

The following Address has also been presented to Her Majesty.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, the Arch-Deacon, and the rest of the Clergy, of the Diocese of *Rochester*.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, do most humbly and affectionately Congratulate Your Majesty, for Your having brought to perfection the long desir'd Union of Your Two Renowned Kingdoms of England *and* Scotland, *and restored them to the ancient Name of* Britain, *by which this Noble Island was first known to the World.*

We heartily wish and pray, That as this great Work was reserved by Providence for Your most auspicious Reign, so Your Majesty may live to see all the Royal and Magnanimous Designs, You proposed by it in Your Princely Wisdom, happily accomplish'd.

Particularly, that by this Addition of the Strength and Valour of the Scottish *Nation, which, in ancient Times, had been often made use of by the Artifices of* France *to interrupt the Course of the* English *Arms and Conquests; Your Majesty and this Nation may now be the better empower'd to oppose and overthrow all the ambitious Attempts and unjust Usurpations of that aspiring Monarchy.*

But above all we pray, That the Meekness and Charity, the peaceable Purity, and decent Simplicity of the Church of England, *if it shall not so far prevail on our Dissenting Brethren there, as to make them willing to unite in the same Primitive and Apostolical Constitution of Ecclesiastical Government as we are blest'd with here, yet it may, at least, incline them to lay aside all Bitterness and Animosity, and to concur zealously with us in defending the same Common Cause of the Reformed Religion; which Your Majesty has laid so much to Heart, as to make it Your principal Care in this World.*

Which Addresses Her Majesty received very graciously.

Barcelona, June 9. N. S. Our Misfortune at Almanza hath not produced such fatal Consequences as we at first apprehended. The Body of Troops which were left in Valentia, to reduce that Kingdom, have attempted nothing of moment but the Siege of Xariva, where they have lost great Numbers, and are not yet Masters of the Castle. The Duke of Berwick having spent Eight Days in observing the Approaches to Tortosa, did not think fit to make any Attack upon it, but is march'd to join the Duke of Orleans, who had enter'd Arragon with a separate Body. The Enemy in this manner have lost near Seven Weeks without having reap'd such Advantages as they promis'd themselves from their Victory. In the mean time we have taken all the Precautions we are able to put Tortosa and Lerida into a good Posture of Defence, and to secure this Kingdom against an Invasion. Our regular Troops, in conjunction with the Miquelets and Militia, are entrench'd among the Passes which lead into it; and we doubt not but we shall make so good Use of the natural Difficulties of the Country, as to keep the Enemy at a stand till we receive our expected Reinforcements. The Catalans are animated with a more than ordinary Zeal for the Preservation of their Country, since they find, from the Treatment which the neighbouring Kingdoms have met with, what Terms they are to expect, who were the first that rescued themselves from a French Usurpation, and the most active Promoters of the Interests of the House of Austria.

Estremos, July 10. The Enemy having resolv'd to besiege Olivença, or oblige the Portuguese to a Battle, had all their heavy Cannon and Fascines in a readiness before the Town; but upon the Approach of the Four Regiments lately arriv'd from Ireland, they retir'd in great Precipitation, and sent away their Cannon to Badajos. These Regiments are in a very good Condition, and will be able to do great Service, as soon as they are season'd to the Heats of the Country. All the Advices from Spain tell us, the Grandees and Gentlemen are very much dissatisfied with the Arbitrary Administration of Affairs in that Kingdom; but that the common People, who do not yet see the Consequences of such a Government, are very furious in the Interests of the Duke of Anjou.

Lisbon, July 16. The King has sent positive Orders to the Marquis of Fronteira to retake Moura and Serpa; and we suppose that the former of those Places was invested yesterday. The Marquis de Bay being disappointed in his Enterprize on Olivença, is preparing to send his Troops into Quarters of Refreshment. Our last Letters from my Lord Galway advise us, That he was posted on the Borders of the Ebro, and in a Condition to dispute with the Enemy the Passage of that River.

Paris, July 15. N. S. Our last Letters from Provence inform'd us, That Prince Eugene was near Antibes: And we are advis'd from Bourdeaux by the 5th, That all the Peasants, as well Roman-Catholicks as new Converts, were disarm'd throughout the Province of Guienne; and that all Persons, of what Quality soever, were restrain'd from the Liberty of Hunting. There is a new Declaration issued concerning the Money-Bills, which, it is feared, will have no better Effect than the former. The Marquis de Torcy hath written to the Regency of Neufchatel, declaring, that his Master approves of the Resolution they had taken of continuing Monsieur Meloin for their Governor; and resolves not to interest himself in the Pretensions of any of the Competitors to that Sovereignty. We have Advice however, That Monsieur de Puisieux hath said openly, That the King expected they should choose into it one of his Subjects. The Envoy of Prussia declares, his Master will use the Authority of his Allies to maintain the Right of the People to a free Election. The Prince of Conti hath not yet appear'd there in Person; but hath written to the Canton of Berne in the following manner on the Subject of his present Competition.

To the Magnificent and Mighty Lords, the Lords Advoyers, and the Little and Great Council, of the Town and Canton of Berne.

Magnificent and Mighty Lords,

AS often as I have found proper Opportunities to promote my Claim to the Sovereignty of Neufchatel, *I have not fail'd to do all that was expedient on my Part: But when I have apprehended that the urging of my Pretensions would any way disturb the Repose of the Helvetick Body, I have suspended my Pursuits, and waited for a more favourable Occasion. This of the Death of the Dutchess of* Nemours *raising various Commotions among the Pretenders to succeed her, I thought fit to come into this Country, and give fresh Informations of the Justice of my Cause; being perswaded, that my Claim will find the more favourable Reception with you, as you can no longer object against it Your Engagements to that Princess; and that you will, as far as it depends on you, afford me your good Offices in this Affair. In the mean time be pleas'd to approve of this first Step I take in acquainting you with my Arrival here, and to believe that I am,*

Magnificent and Mighty Lords,

Your good Neighbour, Ally and Confederate, to serve you,

Pontarlier, June 27. 1707. *François Louis de Bourbon.*

To which Letter the Magistrates of Berne have return'd the following Answer:

Most Serene Prince,

WE thank your most Serene Highness very affectionately for having given your self the Trouble to communicate to us your Pretensions to the Succession of Neufchatel *and* Vallangin, *and for convincing us at the same time of the Friendship and good Opinion your Highness hath for our State. We would*

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