

And in six Days after such Entry, must pay the said Duties, or give Security to pay the same in six Months next ensuing.

Upon Prompt Payment, viz. within the said six Days, there is to be an allowance after the rate of 10 s. per Cent. for the said six Months.

Neglecting so to pay, or give such Security, is a Forfeiture of double the Duty which should have been paid or secured.

Officers are to take true and particular Accounts of all Lig Wire, which any Wire-drawers, Refiners, or other Traders or Dealers therein, or any in trust for the same, shall on the said first Day of July be possessed of, and must be permitted to enter in the Day time, into any shop, Warehouse, Workhouse, or Dwellinghouse Outhouse, or other Place, belonging to such Persons, who are required to permit the Officers so to do on Request, under the Penalty of 20 l.

Clandestinely removing or carrying away, or suffering so to be, any big Wire, chargeable by the said Act with the said Duties, before the said Duties are paid or secured, or Fraudulently hiding or concealing any part of such Stock of Wire, is a Forfeiture of 10 l. for every Offence, and of the Wire so removed or hid.

And the Person in whose Custody such Wire shall be found who before such Discovery don't give notice thereof at the next Office for the said Duties, forfeits 12 s. for every pound Weight.

Luring the continuance of this Act, no Gold or Silver Thread, Lace, Fringe, or other Work made thereof, shall be Imported into Great Britain, upon pain of being Forfeited; and on the farther Penalty of 10 l. to be paid by the Importer for every parcel so Imported.

Her Majesty's Commissioners for the said Duties, having duly appointed Offices for the said Duties to be kept at the several Houses and Places where Offices of Excise are now kept: All Entries required by the foregoing Act, are to be respectively made at such Houses and Places so appointed.

*St. James's, June 23.* This Day the following Address from the Borough of Hertford, was presented to Her Majesty by Charles Casar, Esq; Treasurer of Her Majesty's Navy, and Richard Goulston, Esq; their Representatives for the said Borough being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Shrewsbury.

To the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Assistants, Gentlemen and Inhabitants of Your Majesty's ancient Borough of Hertford.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

WE most humbly beg leave to declare the just Sense we have of Your Majesty's great Goodness to Your People, in endeavouring to put an end to a tedious and expensive War.

The firmness Your Majesty has shown in insisting upon such Terms of Peace as will be for the true Interest of Your own Kingdoms, calls for the utmost Acknowledgments that Loyal Subjects are capable of making.

We are truly sensible that the fixing a just Balance of Power among Foreign Princes, will very much conduce to secure to us our Religion, the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover, and our Liberties; and the greater the Advantages are that will accrue to Britain by this Peace, the better Your Majesty will be enabled to preserve these Blessings to us.

May no artful Contrivance of those who delight in War, obstruct the speedy finishing this great and good Work; and we heartily pray Almighty God that Your Majesty may long live to Reign over a Dutiful and Loyal People.

The following Address from the City of Oxford, was presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Abingdon, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotularum of the County of Oxford.

To the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty.

WE the Mayor, Bailiffs and Commonalty of Your Majesty's City of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, did with great Satisfaction read Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament: We humbly acknowledge Your Majesty's undoubted Prerogative of making Peace and War, and cannot too much admire Your Majesty's great Condescension, tender Regard and Concern for Your People, that You have laid those Terms of Peace before Your Parliament, upon which a General Peace may be so happily concluded.

We are fully satisfied what Obstructions have been artfully contrived, to hinder Your Majesty of the Honour of this great and good Work.

We wish some Encouragement hath not been given Abroad to Obstruct these happy Negotiations, when 'tis apparent what Jealousies have been endeavour'd to be raised at Home by seditious Spirits, to create (if possible) some Misunderstanding between Your Majesty and Your Allies. But, Blessed be God, all those Endeavours have been in vain, and will remain a standing Monument of Reproach to those Persons who would have had Great Britain sunk under the very unequal Burthen of the War.

We are satisfied, the Succession in the Illustrious House of Hanover hath always been nearest Your Majesty's Heart, and to obtain safe and honourable Terms of Peace for all Your Allies, hath been Your Majesty's chiefest Care.

We come now to give Your Majesty our repeated Assurances of our entire Confidence in Your Majesty's Wisdom, and Care of all Your People; and as the part of the War Britain hath born hath been very unequal, so we do not doubt but that such distinction will be made for Britain, in the Terms of Peace, that they will not only be a Restitution upon former Negotiations, but will remain a Testimony to Posterity, of Your Majesty's prudent Choice of a Ministry, who have both Courage and Resolution to consult in the first place Your Majesty's Honour, the Security of the Succession, the Trade and Interest of all Your Subjects, as well as the Interest of Your Allies. The Confederates we hope will never envy Great Britain her Share in the Glory and Advantages of an honourable Peace, which has contributed so much to their Support.

May the Great God give a Blessing to Your Majesty and Your Counsels, that this Peace may be brought to a happy and speedy Conclusion; and may Your Majesty long live to enjoy the Benefits thereof, and Reign in the Hearts of all Your Subjects.

The following Address from the Corporation of Ludlow, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir Tho. Powys, Her Majesty's Sergeant at Law, and Recorder of the said Town, and Alton Baldwin, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the most Honourable the Earl of Oxford and Earl Mortimer, High Treasurer of Great Britain, and his Grace the Duke of Shrewsbury, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Salop, and had the Honour of kissing Her Majesty's Hand.

To the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bailiffs, Burgeses and Commonalty of Your Ancient and Loyal Town of Ludlow in the County of Salop, in Common-Council assembled.

Dread Sovereign!

WE humbly desire leave, with the most profound Submission, to cast our selves at Your Royal Feet, and beg You will accept this early Tribute of our unreerved Affection and Testimony of our utmost Gratitude