

one half of the said respective Rates: Which half Rates must be paid within three Months after the said 20th of July.

All such Printers, Painters, Stainers, Dyers, Mesters, Drapers, Upholders, Traders and Dealers, must on or before the said 20th of July, deliver upon Oath or Affirmation to the proper Officer, a Particular in Writing Signed by them, of their respective Stocks, describing the Quantities and Kinds thereof distinctly.

Officers are to be permitted to enter into all Shops, Warehouses, and other Places whatsoever, where such Stock shall be, to view and take account thereof; refusing to let the Officer so to enter, is a Forfeiture of 50 l.

If the Duties for such Stocks be not paid on or before the 29th of September, 1712. or before that time secured to be paid on or before the 25th of December, 1712. such Officer may Levy such Duties as shall not be so paid or so secured, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Person, &c. liable thereunto, and for Non-payment may sell such Distress within ten Days, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner.

Upon Prompt Payment, viz. within the said three Months, there is to be a Discount at the Rate of 10 l. per Cent. for the said Duties of Stock in Hand.

If any neglect to give such Particular, on or before the said 20th of July, 1712. or willingly omit any part of such Stock, or Fraudulently remove or conceal their said Stock or any part thereof before the said Duties shall be paid or secured as aforesaid, they Forfeit for every Offence 50 l. and the Goods for which no such Particular shall have been given, or which shall be omitted out of the same, or shall be concealed or carried away as aforesaid, which may be Seiz'd to the use of the Queen and the Seizer.

If any Counterfeit or Forge any Stamp or Seal, to resemble any Stamp or Seal, which shall be provided in pursuance of this Act, or shall Counterfeit the Impression of the same, upon any of the Commodities chargeable by this Act, and be thereof Convicted, they shall be judged Felons, and shall suffer Death, as in cases of Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

And if any shall sell any Printed, Painted, Stained or Dyed Silks, Callicoes, Linens or Stuffs as aforesaid, with a Counterfeit Stamp thereon, knowing the same to be Counterfeited, they and their Aiders and Assistants (Convicted as aforesaid) Forfeit for every Offence 100 l. and shall stand in the Pillory two Hours.

All Callicoes Printed, Painted or Stained, which shall be within one Eighth part of a Yard, of Yard broad, or not exceeding the same, shall pay as Yard broad, and no more or less.

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.

The following Address from the Mayor, Bayliff, and Burgeses of the antient Borough of Leicester, was presented to Her Majesty by James Winstanley, Esq; One of their Representatives of the said Borough, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Denbigh.

To the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgeses, of Your Majesty's antient Borough of Leicester.

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects are deeply affected with the abundant Favours we and all Your Subjects have had and

enjoy'd under Your Majesty's most auspicious Reign, ever since Your accession to the Throne; and now infinitely obliged by Your Majesty's more than ordinary Condescension, in communicating to Your People the Terms upon which a General Peace may be made, wherein Your great Regard and Concern for the Good of the People of Your own Kingdoms; and the Welfare of those of Your Allies doth most conspicuously appear, by the Care You have taken to preserve our happy Establishment in Church and State, for continuing the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, as by Law Established, by endeavouring to maintain the Balance of Europe; and in improving and settling of Trade (the great Support to the People of Your Nation); and all this, notwithstanding the restless and implacable Malice and Endeavours of many Dissatisfied and Republican Opposers of Monarchy and Peace.

We cannot therefore, but with unfeigned Hearts, return our humble and grateful Acknowledgments for Your Majesty's great Care for the Good of Your own People, and Welfare of Your Allies, praying to God, that Your Majesty may be enabled to bring to a good End that glorious Work You have begun, and made so great a Progress in; which when obtain'd, we hope will be Lasting: And that Your Majesty may long live to see the good Effects of an honourable and glorious Peace to Your Own Satisfaction, and Happiness of Your People.

The following Address from the City of Rochester, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir John Leak, one of their Representatives in Parliament.

To the QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rochester.

WE beg leave, most Gracious Sovereign, among the rest of Your Loyal Subjects, to return Your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, for Your great Goodness and Condescension, in communicating to Your Parliament those Terms of Peace which France hath at last been brought to offer.

When we consider the many Difficulties Your Majesty's Wisdom has surmounted in the present Negotiations, which have sprung, not only from the Nature of so great a Work, but also from the many Artful and Treacherous Contrivances of Those who delight in War. Your pious Care for the Security of the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover, as established by Law, on which the future Happiness of our Posterity so much depends, Your steady pursuit of the true Interest of Your own Kingdoms, so little regarded by others; the many wise Provisions You have made for the securing and enlarging the Trade and Commerce of Your own People, and for the procuring a Just and Reasonable Satisfaction for all Your Allies; we cannot but with the utmost Joy and Gratitude, express our unfeigned Satisfaction in what Your Majesty hath already done, and our entire Reliance and Dependence upon Your Majesty's Wisdom in giving, according to Your undoubted Prerogative, the finishing Hand to this great and good Work.

Madam, these signal Instances of Your Majesty's great Wisdom and Goodness, must necessarily make deep and lasting Impressions upon the Hearts of all Good Men, and be a new Addition to the Glory of Your Reign, which (far from being bounded by any Number of past Years, as some envious and malicious Spirits have fastidiously suggested) will, we trust still, continue to grow Greater and Brighter, and know no other Period of its increasing here on Earth, but that alone which shall Translate You to an Immortality of Glory in Heaven.

The following Address from the Borough of Tiverton, in the County of Devon, was presented to Her Majesty by Sir Edward Northey, Kt. Attorney-General, being introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary St. John.