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St. James's, January 10.

THE following Address from the Shire of Caithness, was presented to Her Majesty by the Lord Glenorchy.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Freeholders and Gentlemen of the Shire of Caithness,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, do humbly presume to Approach Your Sacred Majesty with our most dutiful and grateful Acknowledgments of the repeated Testimonies of Your Majesty's Princely Care and Concern for the Happiness of Your Subjects; and particularly for the late Instance of Your Majesty's most gracious Condescension in communicating to Your Parliament the Terms on which a safe and honourable Peace may be obtained, though it be Your undoubted Prerogative to make Peace and War.

Nothing but the Blessing of God upon Your indefatigable Watchfulness, with a Wise and Diligent Ministry, could have brought us such a near View of a Peace, so Honourable and Advantageous to Great Britain, Just to Your Allies, and Beneficial to Trade. And as a sure Pledge of the same, we do with joyful Hearts see Your Majesty possess'd of that important Fort of Dunkirk: And we do already begin to find the happy Effects thereof; and of the Care Your Majesty has taken of securing our Trade by the Suspension of Hostilities at Sea as well as on Land, till Your Majesty have time to conclude the Peace.

May Your Majesty long live to see a grateful People Blessing God and Your Majesty in the quiet Enjoyment of these Comforts, which Your Majesty in Your great Wisdom has procured for them: We are with great Submission, may it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most Dutiful, most Faithful, most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Which Address Her Majesty receiv'd very graciously.

Caire, January 3. N. S. Some Days ago the Three Leagues receiv'd a Letter from the Republick of Venice giving notice, That they were assur'd of the Plague's prevailing in the Suburbs of Vienna, and advising them for that reason to shut up all the Passages of this Country, in so strict a manner as to suffer no Person whatever to come into it from the Empire, which they say is a Caution they have taken themselves, with regard to the Passages on their Side. Whereupon a Congress hath been held here to examine into this Matter, but upon conferring with the Emperors Minister, they have hitherto only given Orders to enquire further into the Truth of this Report. Letters from Zurich bring an Account, that the Deputies of that Canton and of Bern, meet with great Discouragement and Obstructions at Ratisbon; from the Ministers of the Roman Catholick Princes, but those of the Protestants espouse their Interest with Vigour. The same Advices add, That it was prohibited to export

Corn and other Commodities from the Empire into the two Cantons, and that a considerable Body of Imperial Troops was expected to Winter in their Neighbourhood, which had extremely alarm'd them.

Hanover, January 13. N. S. The Ministers of the Princes in the Circle of Lower Saxony assembled at Brunswick, have sent an Express to Vienna, to be inform'd of the Emperors Resolution upon some Proposals they have made, relating to the War in the North. After which they separated, and are to meet again as soon as they have receiv'd an Answer from that Court. It is said, they have resolved to raise an Army of Forty thousand Men, to oppose all Parties that disturb the Quiet of the German Provinces. But it is thought this Project will be attended with too many Difficulties to be put in Execution. The Elector hath sent Orders for four Battalions and eight Squadrons of his Troops in Flanders, to march towards the Elbe, and they are to be join'd with more Force from hence. Monsieur Nariski, Cousin German, and Chamberlain to the Czar, hath been at this Court to desire leave for the Mulcovite Army to pass through the Territories of his Electoral Highness into Holstein, which was granted, and he is gone back to the Czar. The same Favour hath been obtained for two Imperial Regiments of Dragoons, which are to go into Winter Quarters in the Diocess of Hildelheim, and Commissioners are appointed to take care that they observe good Discipline on their March, and to regulate the manner of their Subsistence.

Paris, Jan. 19. N. S. On the 17th, the Duke of Shrewsbury had a private Audience of the King at Marly, to which he was conducted by Monsieur de Torcy, Secretary of State. His Majesty received him with great Marks of Distinction. Letters from Roses of the 26th past, brought an Account, that the Forces commanded by the Duke of Berwick, were all arrived in Rouffillon, and Yesterday he received an Express with Advice, That the Army had pass'd the River Ter, and, that upon Notice thereof, General Staremberg had retired, and raised the Blockade of Gironne. They write from Rome, that the Pope, who for some time hath been very much indispos'd; is now past hopes of recovery.

Westminster, January 13. This Day the Parliament met, and was further Prorog'd to Tuesday the 3d of February next.

The Emperor of Morocco having caused the Effects of several of the Queen's Subjects to be seized, and their Persons sent into Slavery, Her Majesty hath thought proper to order Don Ventura Zari, Ambassador from that Prince, to be taken into Custody, in order to procure Satisfaction for the Violences that have been committed upon Her Subjects.

Whitehall, January 16. 1712.

Whereas the Rt. Hon. the Lords and other Commissioners of Her Majesty's Royal Hospital near Chelsea, have resolv'd to proceed forthwith to examine the Qualifications of the several Out-Pensioners belonging to the said Hospital, and their Pretensions to the same; these are therefore to give Notice to the Gentlemen