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Windsor, December 28.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

THE humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, having taken into our serious Consideration the Calumnies and Reproaches which have been cast upon Sir Constantine Phipps, Your Majesty's Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, and Speaker of this House; and having this Day had under our Examination several groundless Aspersions thrown upon him by one Richard Nuttall, whereby he was traduced, even whilst he was one of Your Majesty's Lords Justices, as having been a Promoter of all the Dissentions which have lately happen'd in this Kingdom, do think our selves obliged in Justice to that Excellent Minister, in all Humility to represent unto Your Majesty, That We do not find, but that in the several Eminent Stations in which he hath served Your Majesty, since his coming into this Country, he hath acquitted himself with Honour and Integrity, as becomes a Discerning and Vigilant Governor, an equal Administrator of Justice, and a true Lover of the Church as by Law Established, and a Zealous Assertor of the Prerogative, in Opposition to a Factious Spirit which hath too much prevailed in this Nation.

We therefore most humbly beseech your Majesty, That You will not suffer any evil Report against him, (if any such should reach Your Majesty) to make an Impression on Your Royal Heart to his Disfavour.

Her Majesty's most gracious Answer to the Address of the House of Peers.

HER Majesty has always look'd on the Lord Chancellor as a Faithful Servant to the Crown, and a true Lover of the Constitution in Church and State; and is therefore extremely well pleased to find by their Address that This House concurs in the same Opinion of Him.

Petersbourg, December 12. N. S. The Czar set out this Day for Cronstot, where he intends to stay but a short time, and it is said soon after his return he will go to Revel. Vice-Admiral Cruys, and the rest of the Officers of the Fleet, are order'd to deliver in their Journals of the last Campaign at Sea, in order to give an Account of the following Points. First, Why the Admiral suffer'd three Swedish Ships to escape, though his Squadron consist'd of thirteen Sail. Secondly, How the Wybourg Man of War came to be burnt. Thirdly, Why Monsieur Cruys would not allow the Rear-

Admiral to go to Sea. Monsieur Jaguzinky, one of his Majesty's Chamberlains, is to set out very soon with a Commission to the Courts of Berlin and Copenhagen.

Lisbon, January 5. N. S. On the 26th past the Brezil Fleet arrived in this River very richly laden, but the King's Fifths, which have been due for the last Three Years, were left behind, that Money not being brought from the Mines when the Ships came away, and the Commodore would not stay beyond the Time he was order'd. The Paulistas have discover'd a rich Mine of Gold in the same Country, and offer to inform the King where it is to be found, and likewise to present his Majesty with Fifty Rooves of Gold, provided they may have the Propriety of digging it. The Lord Lexington arrived here some Days ago from Madrid, having been received with great Honours in all the Towns through which he pass'd in this Kingdom. His Lordship intends to embark very soon for Great Britain. Mr. Delavall, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to this Court, has had his Audience of Leave of the King and Queen.

Venice, January 5. N. S. Several Milaneze Barks loaden with Salt from hence, have been lately sunk in the new Canal of Ferrara, by Order of Cardinal Ruffo, the Pope's Legat, upon Pretence that the Venetians are obliged to Export all their Salt upon the Po, and that this new way was taken, only to avoid paying the usual Duties to the Pope. It is thought this Matter will occasion great Differences between the Court of Rome, and the Government of Milan, and put a stop to the Negotiations for the Restitution of Comachio to the Papal See. They write from Rome, that the Pope was recover'd of his Indisposition, and had given a long Audience to the Marquis de Prie, who deliver'd him a Letter from the Emperor. Part of Count Gallas's Equipage was arrived there, and he was expected himself in a few Days from Vienna. Signor Conventati was created Archbishop of Ragusa. On the 27th past, Signor Pierfanti Fanti de Camerino, Master of the Ceremonies, died in the 88th Year of his Age, and is succeeded in that Employment by the Abbot Candido, Dean of Sancta Maria Maggiore. They write from Naples, that several new Impositions were laid upon all Commodities imported into that Kingdom.

Hague, January 19. N. S. The States of Holland and West-Friezeland began their Meeting on the 17th, and came to some Resolutions in relation to their Military Affairs. Yesterday Morning the Marquis de Chateaufneuf, Ambassador of France, had his Publick Audience of the States General, being follow'd by the same Train of Coaches with which he was attended at his Entry.

Dublin-Castle, Jan. 5. Yesterday the Council met, and a Proclamation was order'd for Proroguing the Parliament to Monday the 18th Instant.

Westminster, Jan. 12. This Day the Parliament met, and was further Prorog'd, by Commission, to Tuesday the 10th Day of February.