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Whitehall, July 23.

ON Monday the 19th Instant Mr. *Shepherd*, the Deputy-Governor of the *South-Sea Company*, with several of the Directors, attended Her Majesty at *Kensington*, and being introduced by the Most Hon. the Lord High Treasurer of *Great Britain*, the Governor of the said Company, presented to Her Majesty the following Address.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

YOUR Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor and Company of Merchants of Great Britain Trading to the South-Seas and other Parts of America, and for Encouraging the Fishery, in General Court assembled, have, with great Pleasure and Satisfaction, been acquainted by a Letter from the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, That as a further Proof of Your Majesty's Goodness and favourable Intentions towards them, and to Encourage to the utmost a vigorous Prosecution of the *Assiento Trade*, Your Majesty has graciously Resolved to Grant to this Company, that Fourth Part which, by the *Assiento*, You had reserved to Your Self: For which, as well as for all other Instances of Your Royal Favour, and particularly for Your Majesty's Sign Manual, whereby You have been graciously pleased to assist them with Four Men of War, for Transporting to the Spanish West Indies their Factors and Merchandizes; they do (as they are indispensibly oblig'd) return Your Majesty their most dutiful and thankful Acknowledgments.

May G O D long preserve Your Majesty's most valuable Life, whereon the Welfare of Your Subjects and the Happiness of Europe so much depend.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to give this Answer.

I Thank you for your Address. I wish you good Success in carrying on your Trade, and Hope you will make a better Use than you have hitherto done, of what I have bestowed upon you.

Madrid, July 9. N. S. The King continues still with the Prince of Asturias and the two Infants in perfect Health at the Palace of the *Parado*. His Majesty has appointed Brigadier *Mendoza* to command in *Ciudad-Rodrigo*, during the absence of the Governor *Don Pedro Borrás*, who is sent with a Commission into *Andalusia*. The Prince of *Santo Bueno*, Vice-Roy of *Peru*, is preparing to set out very soon for *Cadiz*, in order to embark for the West Indies on board a British Man of War, which waits there to receive him. Very strict Orders have been sent from time to time to the Vice-Roys and Governors in the West Indies, to put a stop to all clandestine Commerce which Foreigners, particularly the French, may endeavour to carry on in those Kingdoms. Besides the *Cedula* of *October 1713*, a new and a more rigorous One was issued in June last to Prohibit this kind of Trade. We hear, that notwithstanding these Discouragements, some French Ships have ventur'd to go both to the

South and North Seas, but as they have no permission from this Court, it is not doubted but they will be Seiz'd and Confiscated as some have been already; the *Francis*, a Ship belonging to the French *Assiento Company*, which came to *Vera Cruz* about the end of last Year under Pretence, of bringing Negroes, had Goods on Board to the Value of Fifty seven thousand *Piasters*, which were made Prize by the Governor; the *Griffin*, commanded by *Monfieur Daire*, who upon paying Fifty thousand Crowns to the King of Spain, had Leave in March 1712, to carry Three hundred Tun of Goods to *Vera Cruz*, being arrived there, was search'd by the Officers, who finding One hundred Tun on Board more than the Contract, confiscated the same, and refus'd to take a Present of Twenty four thousand *Piasters*, which *Monfieur Daire* offer'd to give: This Cause is now before the Council here. A French Vessel commanded by *Monfieur Herard*, with Negroes and Goods, was condemn'd in March last at *Caracas*, for bringing them thither. The same happened at *Carthagená*, to a Frigate call'd the Duke of Burgundy: At the *Havana*, to the two Frigates call'd the *St. Lewis* and the *Subtile*; and at *Cuba*, to a Ship nam'd the *Dragon*; whereby we hope that the Governors, by executing the King's Orders, will effectually put a Stop to such Practices; and we hope, that when the *Assiento-Contract* made with Great Britain shall be put in Execution, the Powers therein granted will be a further Means of sufficiently preventing this clandestine Trade. Letters from the Camp before *Barcelona* bring an account, that *Mareschal Berwick* was expected there on the 6th Instant. The Inhabitants of the Town persisted in their Resolution of defending themselves to the last Extremity, and as they were very much streightned for want of Provisions, they had sent away a great number of useles People in Boats to *Majorca*.

Venice, July 13. N. S. Signor *Pifani*, late Proveditor General of the Republick in *Dalmatia* and *Albania*, is arrived here, and hath given the Senate an account of his Transactions. Signor *Emo*, his Successor, was Landed at *Zara* the Day before his departure from thence. Letters from *Rome* bring an account, that the Pope had conferred the Bishoprick of *Sinegaglia* upon Cardinal *Paracciani*. Cardinal *Scrottenbach* was come from *Frescati*, and was preparing to make his Publick Entry. On the 6th, Count *Gallas*, Ambassador of his Imperial Majesty, had an Audience of the Pope. There had been warm Debates in the Congregation of the Ecclesiastical Immunities upon the Affairs of the *Carmelitan Friars*. They write from *Naples*, that the Country thereabouts had been very much damaged by the Flames of *Sulphur*, which were lately cast from *Mount Vesuvius*. The Recruits design'd for the German Regiments in that Kingdom, were arrived at *Manfredonia*.

Hamburg, July 24. N. S. The Duke-Administrator of *Holstein*, who continues still at this Place, hath dispatch'd an Express to recal *Monfieur Goertz*, his Minister at the Court of *Berlin*. We are informed, that the King of *Denmark*, having review'd his Troops at *Bremervorde*, was gone from thence to *Oldenbourg*. The King of *Prussia* is expected very soon at *Hanover*, where it is said he will continue three-Days. The Danish Squadron