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*St. James's, April 18.*

**T**HE following humble Petition of the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgesfes, Commonalty, &c. of Poole, has been presented to His Majesty by Dennis Bond, Esq; Member of Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Dread Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful Subjects the Mayor, Bayliffs, Burgesfes, and Commonalty of your ancient and loyal Corporation, Town and County of Poole, and the several Masters, Owners, and Proprietors of Ships using the Newfoundland, Portugal and Spanish Trade, being deeply sensible of the tender Regard your Majesty has on all Occasions shewn to distressed Mankind in general, and in a more eminent Manner when the Interest of your Subjects and Cry of our afflicted Protestant Brethren in many Parts of the World reached your sacred Ear, and felt the Influence of your Power and Compassion, emboldens us humbly to implore your Majesty to cast a pitying Eye on our fellow Christians your Liege Subjects now in a slavish Captivity in Salle, Mecquinez, and other Parts of the Empire of Morocco. And that the like Misfortunes may be prevented from falling on us and our Posterity, if you shall in your great Wisdom think it not proper to conclude a Peace with them, we beg you would be pleased to secure the Persons and Trade of your Subjects from being made a Prey to these merciless Tyrants, by appointing a sufficient Number of Cruizers to be always stationed off Salle, and not to depart thence till relieved by others your Majesty's Ships of War; which would not only protect and secure our Trade from the Salle Rovers, but guard us from the Pirates that infest the African Coast and Canary Islands; which has already much injured, and will, if not prevented, be very destructive to our Trade, not only to Spain, but Portugal; which is very considerable from these Western Ports, in the Newfoundland and Pilchard Fishery, as well as Woollen Manufacture. And that such Cruizers as your Majesty shall in your great Goodness direct to guard such Coast, may have its intended Effect, we pray your Majesty would restrain your Ships of War from Trading and carrying Freights, which not only puts them out of a sailing Posture and Defence, but is very injurious to such Ships as depend entirely on the same.

And your Petitioners (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray, &c.

*Which Petition His Majesty was pleased to accept very graciously.*

*Berne, April 17.*

A Company being become vacant in one of the Regiments of this Canton in the States General's Service, our Sovereign Council assembled on the 10th Instant to dispose of it according to the Tenour of the Capitulation made some Years ago between the two Republicks, by which this Canton reserves to it self the Choice of their Officers. A Captain-Lieutenant of the same Regiment was accordingly chosen in the Room of the deceased, and a Letter written to the States General to acquaint them therewith, and to recommend to them the Payment of the Arrears due to their Officers. The Deputies, who went last Week to Arberg on the part of this State, to confer with those of Soleurre and Fribourg about adjusting several Matters of Trade and Commerce, whereof these Cantons had complained, are returned hither after having executed the Commission, and will make their Report to the Sovereign Council in a few Days. M. Steiguer, a Senator or Member of the Little Council here, died yesterday Morning of an Apoplexy.

*Algier, Jan. 12.* On the 8th Instant Mr. Charles Hudson receiv'd His Britannick Majesty's Commission, constituting him Consul here. On the 9 h he had Audience of the Dey, who took that Occasion to assure him he would faithfully maintain the good Correspondence and Friendship between the two Nations, pursuant to the Treaties. M. Dufault, who came hither about three Months ago, in the Quality of Envoy from the Court of France, sailed the 1st Instant for Tunis, in order to endeavour the accommodating of some Differences there. He could not obtain the Demands he made here, which were, 1. The Restitution of two French Vessels taken by the Algerines, and their Cargoes of considerable Value, which were condemned and sold for Want of proper Passes. 2. The Freedom of 122 Spanish Soldiers, with Restitution of their Effects; they were brought in here in a French Tartan, and are detained by Way of Reprisal for 170 Turks and Moors who embarked here on a French Ship for Alexandria about three Years ago, and were cast away and made Slaves in Sicily. He brought a Letter, and a Present of considerable Value from the French King, for the Dey and his principal Officers; besides 30 Slaves who were discharged from the Gallies at Marseilles: In return, the Dey gave four French Slaves and five Horses. The said Envoy during his Stay here, purchased the Liberty of 30 French Slaves from private Persons; and four French Fryars who came with him, redeemed 70 Slaves mostly Germans and Dutch.

*Lisbon,*