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Stockholm, May 3, O. S.

THE King of Sweden came back from Waxholm on the 27th past. His Majesty was somewhat indisposed when he went and has since been very much out of order with a continued Fever; but, as it is at last turned to an intermitting one, 'tis hoped he will soon recover by the usual Remedies. On the 28th past an Express arrived at Court from Gottenburg with an Account, that Sir John Norris, with the British Fleet under his Command, passed by that Place on the 24th past. The Wind has been since, at times, very fair, so that we expect every Day to hear of that Fleet's being arrived at the Dahlers. The same Express brought Letters from Sir John Norris to Mr. Finch, His Britannick Majesty's Minister here. We have Advice from Neustad, by an Express which came hither on the 1st Instant, that the Swedish Plenipotentiaries, Count Lillisted and Baron Strumfield, arrived at that Place on the 24th past, O. S.

Gnos, May 13 Last Week came into this Port a small Vessel belonging to Port-Mahon; the Master says he was nine Days in his Passage, and that at his coming from thence the British Men of War Dragon and Loo were getting ready to sail for Tunis, to carry thither Consul Thompson, and to proceed afterwards to Leghorn and this Place.

St. Jam's, May 19. On the 11th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. Thomas Black. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Rothes was read, as was likewise His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator; and a Committee was appointed to draw up a Dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported on the 13th, was unanimously approved; and having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty, and is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

THE particular Notice your Majesty is pleased to take in your most gracious Letter to us, of the steady Loyalty and Affection of the Church of Scotland to your Majesty's Person and Government, which they have always judged their Duty and Interest to maintain, does encourage and will excite us to give renewed Instances of both on every proper Occasion that may occur. We esteem it a singular Instance of the Divine Goodness that we can hold our Assemblies under the Protection of your Majesty's Authority, and do with all humble Thankfulness acknowledge your Royal Favour in countenancing our Meeting at this Time, and renewing to us your repeated Resolutions to promote the Interest and inviolably

to maintain the Rights and Privileges of this Church. We should be extremely wanting in our Duty to that God by whom Kings Reign, and unworthy of a King who hath shewed so great Zeal for promoting the Reformed Religion and Virtue, and for discouraging Vice and Immorality, if we did not on our Parts most cheerfully concur with your Majesty for obtaining these valuable and desirable Ends. We are very sensible of the fatal Consequences which would unavoidably attend Divisions among our selves, and do resolve in the Strength of our most gracious God, through Christ, to guard against all Matter of Contention, and to dispatch the Affairs proper and necessary to be considered in this Assembly, with that Unanimity and Concord which becomes the Members of a Body whereof our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, is the Head.

The many faithful Services of the Earl of Rothes when representing your Majesty in so many former Assemblies, and his having distinguished himself on all Occasions for the Interest of your Majesty's Government and of the Protestant Religion, and for the Safety and Welfare of the Established Church of Scotland, does render your Majesty's Choice of him to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly most acceptable to us.

We do with the greatest Thankfulness acknowledge the Goodness of God in protecting your Majesty's Person and conferring so many signal Blessings upon your Royal Family, particularly in strengthening the Protestant Succession by the Birth of a young Prince.

That your Majesty may be long preserved for the Comfort of this Church, the Happiness of your People, the Support of the reformed Interest, and Relief of distressed Protestants abroad, and the general Good of Europe; that the best of Blessings may be bestowed upon their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and all their Royal Issue, and that after a long and prosperous Reign upon Earth, you may be crowned with a blessed Immortality, are the earnest and fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name,

Edinb. May 13, 1721.

and at our Appointment, by
Tho. Black, Moderator.

St. James's, May 7.

Whereas Information hath this Day been given to His Majesty in Council, that Mr. Levermore, Supervisor of the Riding Officers at Lydd, together with some other Officers under his Inspection, did on the 17th of March last, apprehend one Jacob Walter a notorious Owlter and Smugler, who sometime since broke out of the Fleet Prison, to which
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