

but themselves gave Rise; they have set forth the most innocent, necessary and prudent Steps of your Administration in the falsest and blackest Colours, and have even denied and ridiculed your Royal Goodness and Mercy, to which Multitudes of themselves, and of their nearest Relations, owe their very Lives and Fortunes; so monstrous is their Disingenuity and Ingratitude, and such is their unaccountable Fondness to have your Kingdoms again intrahled under all the Miseries of Popery and Arbitrary Power.

Your Enemies are abundantly sensible, that there is no accomplishing this their most wicked Desire, so long as the Throne is filled by a Prince so wise and steady in all his Measures, and so powerful a Protector and Guardian of the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of His People, as your most Sacred Majesty. But how shall we express Amazement and just Indignation, that any of your Majesty's Subjects, especially such as call themselves Protestants, should have contrived to destroy your Majesty's Sacred Person, and your Royal Family, and to cut off many of your best Servants and Subjects, by the complicated Wickednesses of Perjury, Murder and Parricide, in order to set a Popish Pretender upon your Throne. This we look on as striking at the Root of the Religion and Liberties of a Protestant and Free People, and of all that is valuable and dear to us, both as Men and Christians, and as a horrible Evidence to what barbarous Wickedness an incurable Malice can drive Men of abandoned Spirits.

Had God, for the Sins of your Kingdoms, permitted this hateful Conspiracy to take Effect, it must have been attended with such a dismal Train of fatal Consequences as makes our Hearts to tremble. And therefore, while with Hearts full of Joy and Thankfulness, we adore the Wisdom and Goodness of our Gracious God, in discovering and disappointing such an execrable Design, permit us, Great Sir, with the greatest Loyalty and most dutiful Affection, to congratulate your Majesty upon the Success of your prudent and watchful Administration in this Matter.

The Opening up so much of this deep laid Plot, and Tracing it through so many of its various Mazes and Windings, the Stripping it of these Veils of Darkness, which were so industriously spread over it by Men of the most artful Cunning, and the Deliverance thereby wrought for your Majesty's Sacred Person, and your Royal Family, and also for the dearest Privileges of all your faithful Subjects, and of this Church in particular, will, we hope, be remembered by latest Posterity, to the Honour of God, and as one of the Glories of your Majesty's most auspicious Reign.

We humbly presume, upon this Occasion, to assure your Majesty of the Continuance of our Loyalty and Affection, and of all that Duty and Fidelity which is owing from the most faithful Subjects to the best of Kings; and that we will use our utmost Endeavours to instill into the People among whom we have Charge, the same Sentiments of Duty and Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government, and the same Zeal for the Protestant Succession in your Royal Family, which we ourselves esteem it our great Happiness to entertain.

May the same wise and merciful God who brought you so seasonably to the Throne, and who hath hitherto so graciously preserved your Sacred Majesty, continue his watchful Care over you. May he lay open to the very Bottom, and effectually disappoint, all the dark and malicious Designs of your Enemies, and turn their Counsels into Foolishness. May the Crown wherewith he hath adorned your Royal Head, sit long and easy, and flourishing upon it: And may all your Subjects be made sensible of the valuable Blessings which they enjoy under your happy Government. May he eminently bless their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their Offspring; and make them the happy Instruments of much Good to the World, and to the Church in their Day. May Protestant Sovereigns of your Royal Line, allwise inherit your Crown, and these illustrious Qualities with which your Majesty does now adorn it. May you be long honoured to do eminent Service

to God on Earth, and at length enjoy a great Reward in Heaven. So pray,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient and most loyal Subjects,
The Ministers and Elders of this National Assembly.

Signed in our Presence, in our Name, and at our Appointment, by

Edinb. May *J. F. Smith, Moderator.*
Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Stockholm, May 1, O. S. At Nine a-Clock this Morning a most terrible Fire broke out in the Southern Quarter of this City, which has already consumed near 500 Houses, and still rages with great Violence. Colonel Basswitz's House is burnt to the Ground, and Mr. Resident Jackson's is at this Instant in great Danger. One of the finest Churches in the Town is destroyed. The Magazine for Pitch and Tar and Cordage for the Swedish Fleet, together with several Warehouses in which the Merchants kept their Goods, are now burning. Some of the English Merchants are great Losers by this unhappy Accident. The Fire began in a Windmill, and the Wind being very high it was soon carried to some wooden Buildings which were near, and for Want of Engines and Instruments useful on such Occasions near a third Part of the Town is destroyed. It is thought the Damage already done cannot amount to less than two Millions of Crowns Loss to Sweden. His Swedish Majesty has been all the Day on Horseback to give necessary Orders, but as yet the whole Town is in the greatest Confusion. The King of Sweden has been graciously pleased to forgive Count Freytag for what passed last Year, and has told him that he is willing he should stay here as Minister, if the Emperour his Master approves of it. The Affair of the Title of Emperour for the Czar, and that of Royal Highness for the Duke of Holstein, has been before the Senate, but as yet no Resolution is taken upon either of those two Points.

Stockholm, May 2, O. S. The Post having been kept back by the King's Order till this Morning, we have now the Satisfaction to add, that the Fire is every where extinguished, tho' the Damage is much increased since our Letters went last Night to the Post-Office. Mr. Jackson's House is safe.

Advertisements

THIS is to give Notice, that Robert Ham, of Tattiston, in Sufflk, Farmer and Malster, is lately dead, and left an Estate to his Son Robert Ham, who is hereby desired to return to Tattiston and take Possession of the said Estate.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Thomas Haynes, of Baffledon, in the County of Berks; Malster, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 31st Instant, and on the 8th and 20th of June next, at Nine in the Forenoon, at the Council Chamber in the Guildhall in Reading in the County of Berks; at the second of which Sitings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. Samuel Wheate, Attorney, in Reading aforesaid.

THIS Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Jonathan James, late of London, Merchant, (pursuant to an Order of the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain) intend to meet on the 13th of June next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS Henry Scott, of Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Linen-Draper, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and finished his Examination; This is to give Notice that the Commissioners will meet on the 30th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London when and where the Creditors may come and prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.