

did what lay in their Power to prevent them, and it was with peculiar Sorrow they heard that any of the Burrows were the unhappy Scene of them.

That as it has been, so it always will be, our unwearied Endeavour to act on the Principles of Loyalty to your Majesty and your Royal Protestant Family, sent to us by the special and kind Providence of God, to support and maintain our Liberties and Holy Religion, and therefore to disappoint all the bad Arts, or open Attempts of the Enemies to your Majesty's Administration, and to our sacred and civil Rights, under whatever Mask they disguise themselves.

That we cannot be more fully perswaded of our own Firmness to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, than we are of your royal and gracious Intentions for the Welfare and Happiness of all your People; and therefore are encouraged to hope that your Majesty will not be provok'd against us by the insolent and wicked Practices of those who are ill affected to your Government, and to all who faithfully adhere to it, and the true Interest of their Country; and that your Royal Ear will be still open to our most humble and dutiful Requests.

That we have been, and are for giving all due Obedience to your Majesty's Laws; and cannot think of any Method of being relieved from such Things, as we apprehend to be heard upon us, but by humbly representing it to your most gracious Majesty and your Parliament; and therefore we beg Leave, with the most profound Submission, to represent,

That the Malt Tax is a Burthen too heavy for this Country to bear, our Poverty and want of Coin, the great Decay of our Trade, and the hitherto successful Attempts to relieve it, the Meanness of our Grain, especially this Year, occasioned by the unnatural Season, are melancholly Truths too certain and universally known, and are so many Proofs of our Inability to support the Weight of this new Tax.

That this Burthen will further incapacitate us to carry on the Fishing Trade and such other Branches of Commerce and Manufacture as Scotland appears peculiarly designed for, and whereby we hoped to improve this Part of your Majesty's Dominions, and to render ourselves and our Fellow Subjects more able to serve your Majesty on all Occasions.

May it therefore please your most excellent Majesty to consider our Circumstances, and to grant us such Relief as to your great Wisdom and Goodness shall seem fit.

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most loyal, most dutiful, and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

Sign'd in Name and in Presence of the Committee, by

Jo. Drummond, Prefes.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

I Am very sensible of the Loyalty, Duty, and Affection of my Royal Burrows of Scotland, which I have so often experienced, that I was greatly surpris'd to find that the Arts and Endeavours of disaffected and designing Men had been able to raise such Tumults and Disorders in many Parts of Scotland, upon the Execution of

an Act of Parliament for raising a Duty, imposed by Authority of the Legislature of the United Kingdoms of Great-Britain: And as the Royal Burrows do most justly reflect with the utmost Detestation upon such dangerous and illegal Proceedings, I can never think of giving the least Countenance to an open Disobedience of My Authority, and Disobedience to the Laws of the Land; a dutiful Submission and Compliance with the Laws under any suppos'd Hardship, being a better Recommendation to obtain legal Redress, than Violence and Contempt of the Legislative Authority.

An humble Address of the High-Constable, Petty-Constables, and the rest of the Peace-Officers of the Tower Hamlets in the County of Middlesex, has been presented to His Majesty by Clifford William Phillipps High-Constable, Joshua Gilbert and Joseph Cooper Constables, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

St. James's, February 7.

This Day General Diemer Minister from the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, had a private Audience of His Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

Leicester-House, February 9.

This Day General Diemer had his first private Audiences of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, in their respective Apartments, being introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, February 11.

This Day General Diemer was introduced to his first private Audience of the young Princesses, by the Master of the Ceremonies.

The Anniversary Meeting of The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, will be held at the Vestry-Room belonging to the Church of St. Mary Le Bow in Cheapside, on Friday the 18th of this Instant February, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon: Upon which Occasion, there will be a Sermon preached by the Right Reverend Father in God Joseph Lord Bishop of Gloucester; Prayers beginning at Eleven of the Clock.

Trustees Office South-Sea-House, Feb. 11, 1725.

The Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Estates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others give Notice, That they intend to expose to Sale by Cant or Auction, to the best Bidder, in the Hall of the South-Sea-House, on Wednesday the 16th Day of March next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, the several Estates following, viz. Two Freehold Houses in James-street in the City of Westminster, late the Estate of Sir William Chapman, Kt. and Bar. one of the said late Directors. The Mannor of Chilcompton in the County of Somerset, and the Lands and Tenements thereto belonging, late the Estate of Francis Hawes, Esq; one of the said late Directors. A Freehold Estate at Hearvetree, near the City of Exeter in the County of Devon, late the Estate of Richard Humditch, Esq; one of the said late Directors. Several Freehold Farms in Canvey Island, in the County of Essex,

late

