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Westminster, February 20.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Sanderfon, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land-Tax to be raised in Great Britain for the Service of the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven.

And to Two private Bills.

St. James's, February 21.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council Men, Gentlemen, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable George Berkeley, Esq; and Henry Furnese, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council Men, Gentlemen, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent.

AMongst the earliest of those who are desirous of expressing their Duty to your Majesty, and Zeal for your Service, in this critical Conjunction of Affairs,

We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects beg Leave to approach your Throne, with Hearts truly sensible of the Happiness we have enjoyed in a long and uninterrupted Peace under your Majesty's most wise and gracious Government. But dear as the Blessings of Peace are to us, we desire them no longer

than they are consistent with the Honour of your Majesty, and the Welfare of your People.

It is with the utmost Indignation and Repentment, we behold the Peace of Europe endangered by new and formidable Alliances; the most opposite Interests uniting and entering into secret Engagements to the Prejudice of these Kingdoms; a valuable Branch of our Trade usurped; a Commerce laid open contrary to express Stipulations, by which it was limited and restrained; your Majesty's strong Fortresses of Gibraltar threatened with a Siege (that only Acquisition of real Importance remaining to England, with the Consent of all the Powers in Europe, at the Expiration of a long and expensive War, undertaken in Defence of the Liberties of Europe, and for the Preservation of the House of Austria.)

When Schemes of this dangerous Nature are concerted by foreign Princes, well might we wonder if the first Step to be taken, was not an Attempt to dethrone your Majesty, and impose the Pretender on these Nations; for they must know, Measures so pernicious to these Kingdoms, will never be suffered to take Effect, whilst your Majesty continues at the Head of a brave and free People.

We should be unworthy the Name of Englishmen; unworthy the glorious Privileges we enjoy of Religion, Liberty, and Property, if we were not at all Times ready to support with our Lives and Fortunes your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Establishment of the Protestant Succession in your Royal House, against all Opposers whatsoever; and to restrain by Force of Arms, those whom the Ties of Honour, Justice, and Gratitude are too feeble to bind.

The following humble and unanimous Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff and Common-Council of the City of Canterbury in Burghmote assembled, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Thomas Hales and Samuel Milles, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which

[Price Two Pence.]



Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble and unanimous Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common-Council of the City of Canterbury in Burghmote assembled.

YOUR Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common-Council of this your Majesty's ancient City of Canterbury, beg Leave, among the most faithful of their fellow-Subjects, to congratulate your Majesty upon the seasonable Discovery and timely Prevention of those Designs which our Enemies had formed against the Trade, the Rights and Liberties of Great Britain.

The Contrivers of such Mischief must be strangely infatuated to imagine, that the Spirit of the British Nation is sunk so low, as tamely to submit to the unjust Demands of one Power, or the Usurpation of another.

Your faithful Subjects are bound to return your Majesty their hearty Thanks, for your great Care in sending your Navy to give so early an Earnest of the Repentment due to such Measures, and to assure our Enemies, that Alliances, tho' formidable, will not deter a loyal People from assisting your Majesty to the utmost of their Power, in the just and honourable Defence of their undoubted Rights against those whom neither the Faith due to the most solemn Treaties can bind, nor the vast Profusion of British Blood and Treasure spent in their Cause can oblige.

Your Protestant People find themselves filled with a just Indignation against those Engagements which are formed for the placing a Popish Pretender on the Throne of these Kingdoms. The Disappointment of such Engagements gives us a Pleasure to be felt by none but the true Lovers of their Country, who are all convinced, that the utter Ruin of what is most dear and valuable to them must necessarily follow the Success of such an Enterprize.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that you will never want our chearful Assistance to enable your Majesty to preserve a due Balance of Power in Europe, to defend the Possessions of the Crown of Great Britain, to protect our Trade and Commerce against all unjust and pernicious Encroachments.

And that we will always faithfully stand by and support the present happy Establishment in your Majesty's most illustrious House, as the only Means (under God) to secure to us our Religion, Liberties and Properties.

Given under our common Seal at the Guild-hall of the said City, the 15th Day of February, 1726, and in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgeses of the Town and County of Southampton, has been presented to His Majesty by *Eyre, Esq;* Recorder of Southampton, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellour of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgeses of the Town and County of Southampton, in Common-Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THOSE Dangers with which we see your Majesty's Dominions threatened at a Time when we had good Reason to believe a settled Peace and Tranquility had been happily established by your Majesty's Vigilance and wise Counsels, cannot but excite in us a just Indignation, especially when Gibraltar and Port Mahon, those Securities to your Majesty's Royal Navy, and your Subjects Ships trading to the Streights, those just Rewards of the Expences of British Blood and Treasure, and the glorious Acquisitions of your Majesty's Royal Predecessor, confirmed by the most solemn Treaties, are now boldly demanded of your Majesty, and our Trade (in a very valuable Branch of it) invaded by a Prince whom the victorious British Arms placed and supported upon the Throne; and what justly raiseth our Resentments much higher; is the ungrateful though vain Endeavour of such a Prince to disturb us with the opprobrious Cause of the Pretender.

But when we consider your Majesty's paternal Love for your Subjects, the early Providence of your Majesty in making and forwarding the so necessary Defences against all foreign Attempts by your Fleets in the Indies, Mediterranean, and Baltick, and the Union, Harmony, and Strength of your Allies, we may bravely condemn any of their weak Efforts, and repose ourselves safely under your sacred Majesty's Protection, not doubting but by the Blessing of God, your Majesty will sit long undisturbed on your Throne, and the full Enjoyment of Trade and Commerce be restored to your People, the great Benefit and Blessing of all your Subjects, especially those of our happy Situation for those Advantages.

We therefore, as your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg to be admitted to return you our hearty and sincere Thanks for your Majesty's most wise Precaution to preserve those important Places, and render all the Designs of your Enemies ineffectual; and to assure your Majesty, that as we of this Place have the Honour to enjoy many great and peculiar Privileges by the Bounty of your Royal Progenitors, so we shall always endeavour to obey your sacred Majesty,
and

and defend your Royal Person and Government, with all that is near and dear to us against all your Enemies whatsoever.

Given under our common Seal this 11th of February, 1726.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeffes of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, has been presented to His Majesty by Thomas Bootle and Thomas Brereton, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeffes, of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

May it please your Majesty,

IT is with Hearts the most sensible and acknowledging, that your Majesty's Trading Subjects of your ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool do presume to thank your most gracious Majesty for all your unwearied Endeavours to preserve the Trade of your British Subjects, and to defeat the pernicious Schemes of those Powers who are known to owe your Majesty and this Nation far other Returns.

As Trade is our principal Subsistence, it is also the true Riches that defrays the several Expences, and augments the Glory of this Nation; it manns our Fleets with the ablest Hands, which strike a timely and proper Terror into every Adversary of your Majesty's Government, however remote by Situation or Policy; and how violent must those Enemies be judged by us, who would attempt to strip us of such an invaluable Blessing; or rather, how detestable should we esteem those, who dare to act all this in open Violation of publick Faith.

As if publick Treaties, Sentiments of Gratitude, and common Honesty, were only Words, meer unmeaning Words, rarely to be met with among some Princes Reasons of State.

Your Majesty is not only become the tenderest Parent of your People, but the noblest Pattern of inviolable Honour, both to present and future Princes, and the Avenger too (under Heaven we trust) of every Injury offered to the Glory of your Government, or the Vigour of your Treaties.

And Europe (we hope) will soon be convinced, that there is no other Way for any of her Princes to lose the happy Effects of your Majesty's Friendship, but by affecting to themselves any unwarrantable Degrees of Power, or Uniteadiness of Behaviour in their National Faith.

That all your Treaties, concerted with so much Wisdom, Honour and Justice, may be supported, and your Fleets and Armies (so early and wisely employed for the Preservation of all that is valuable to English Men) ever be successful, are the ardent Prayers of your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rochester, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Thomas Coleby, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously,

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rochester.

May it please your Majesty,

TO permit us, your loyal Subjects of this City, humbly to assure you of our unshaken Allegiance and Fidelity against the Pretender and all his Adherents at all Times, but then especially, whenever it shall be attempted to put in Execution the vain (as we hope) Project of advancing him to the Throne of this Kingdom.

For Foreign Potentates to take upon them to dispose of the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, is the greatest Injury they can possibly offer to your Majesty and the whole Nation; since the Settlement of this Crown depends only on our own Laws and Constitution, independent of all Foreign Authority whatsoever.

But their demanding the Restitution of Gibraltar, and the insisting on carrying on the Trade to the East-Indies from Ostend, contrary to and in Violation of former Treaties; at the same Time they had formed the Design in favour of the Pretender, shews that they have no other way of effecting their injurious Purposes against our Welfare, but by first putting this Nation into Confusion, upon a Question which they themselves have determined, by having owned your Majesty's just Title.

Your Majesty, by sending out your Fleets (the Security and Glory of this Nation) the last Year, has happily disappointed the Designs formed against us at that Time, and in all Probability so maimed the Alliance of the enterprizing Confederates, that for want of Power to support them, they are reduced even to disown their Secret Engagements to one another.

We trust that the vigorous Resolutions of both Houses of Parliament, and the great Support

Support which your Majesty will receive consequent thereto, will put a speedy End to whatever remains of Danger to your Majesty's Quiet, to your Possession in the Mediterranean, or to the Trade and Commerce of your People.

But if for the Preservation of the just Balance of Power in Europe, the Defence of the Possessions of the Crown of Great Britain and our Trade and Commerce (the Support of all our valuable Rights) it shall be thought necessary to enter into a War, we pray God to continue the Union amongst the High Allies of your Majesty, and to bless your Arms with Success; that after the Expence and Inconvenience of War, we, and all Europe, may be settled in a Peace long to continue.

And for the Good and Welfare of this Protestant Church and Nation, we wish your Majesty a long Reign over us; and that afterwards his Royal Highness the Prince, and his Posterity successively, may take upon them the same Trust of preserving and defending us from Popery and Slavery, and whatever is inconsistent with a just and free Government.

Advertisements.

TO be sold peremptorily, on or before Tuesday the 7th Day of March next, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the several Mannors, Parks, Farms, and Woodlands of Cobham, Cliffe, Frinsbury, Cuxton, East-Chalk, Shorne, and Gravesend, &c. with the Mansion-House, Out Houses, Gardens, Orchards, Parks, and Woods, late the Estate of Sir Joseph Williamson, Kt. deceased, with their Appurtenances, in the County of Kent, before Francis Eldc, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at the said Master's Chambers in Symond's-Inn in Chancery-Lane, London; where Particulars may be had.

ALL Persons to whom James Bourdell, late of Sclaters-Street, Swan-Fields, is indebted (who about the Month of March last left his Dwelling-House and Business, and hath not yet returned) are desired forthwith to send an Account of their respective Debts to Mr. Peter Nouailles, of Corbett's Court in Spittlefields, in whose Hands the Effects were deposited for the Use of the said Bourdell's Creditors, in order that a Dividend may be forthwith made, the said Peter Nouailles being resolved to make a Dividend on the First Day of March next.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against William Saunders, late of London, Broker and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 24th Instant, and on the 2d and 2d of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against David Baschard, of Cheap-side, London, Mercer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 2d, 8th and 22d of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sittings 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 to give Notice thereof to Mr. Abraham Davis, Attorney, in Red-Lyon-street, Spittlefields.

WHEREAS Frederick Shippen, of Sheffield, in the County of York, Mercer, hath surrendered himself, and finished his Examination; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners will meet on the 6th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors are, to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS Charles Brandon, of Clement's-Lane, in Lombard street, London, Broker, hath surrendered himself, (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 9th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the

Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS Henry King, Sen. late of Watling-street, London, Skinner and Merchant, hath surrendered himself, (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined: This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 6th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS Henry Glover, Jun. of Cammomile-street; London, Coach-Maker, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 9th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHEREAS Major William Beton, of Adle-street, London, Upholsterer, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice examined; This is to give Notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 6th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to finish his Examination; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Richyate Coole, of the City of Bristol, Merchant, intend to meet on the 10th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Corbett's Coffee-house, in Corn-street, Bristol, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Price, late of the City of Bristol, Milliner and Surgeon, intend to meet on the 9th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Corbett's Coffee-house in Corn-street, Bristol, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against George Large, of the Parish of Barton Parva, alias Barton Mills, in the County of Suffolk, Innholder and Vintner, intend to meet on the 10th of March next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the House of Anne Ches-fon, Widow, known by the Name of the Ship Tavern in Bury St. Edmund's, in the said County, to make a 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 to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Roger Cooke, of Cannon-street, London, Merchant, intend to meet on the 8th of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a 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 to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against John Lane, late of the City of Bristol, Dealer in Copper and Lead, have certified to the Right Honourable Peter Lord King, Baron of Ockham, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said John Lane hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 13th of March next.

WHEREAS the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Charles Adams, of Puddle-Dock-Hill, London, Joyner, have certified to the Right Honourable Peter Lord King, Baron of Ockham, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Charles Adams hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice, that his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 13th of March next.