

and who in Return are now setting the World in fieth Flames, by an unnatural joyning Hands to raise an exorbitant and formidable Power in themselves, with Views to oppress and injure their quondam Allies, and chief Instruments of seating them on their respective Thrones.

But alas! their vain vaunting Menaces and Threats of Spanish Armadas, and German Hosts, are too chimerical to affrighten and terrify your ever valiant Britons; especially when we consider the consummate Wildom of your Majesty in contracting such powerful Alliances, and taking such early Precautions for the Safety of your People; the true British Zeal of your glorious Parliament, and the Indefatigable Gains and Industry of your most incomparable Ministry: Or when we call to Remembrance how that our single County hath heretofore in like critical Times furnished your Royal Predecessors with a renowned Drake, whose Name the Sons of Spain still tremble to hear; and of later Years with a Churchill (the Immortal Marlborough) to whom Hochstedt witnesseth, that all Germany owes its Preservation, and the Head of it his now Imperial Greatness: Which Heroes, tho' now lain down in the Dust, your Majesty hath still a Wager and an Hoier, whose gallant Actions, we promise ourselves, will give the Spaniards equal Cause to remember them. And our Borough now sends to your Senate a Wills, who, as he hath been the Scourge of perfidious Rebels at Home, will, we doubt not on Occasion, with like Courage and Success, vanquish and confound all your Majesty's Faith-breaking Enemies abroad.

The Four Shillings per Pound Land-Tax, fet on us by your Parliament, is so far from making us any wise uneasy, that we shall not only pay it with the greatest Cheerfulness imaginable, but also readily add the other Sixteen, and every thing else that is dear and valuable to us, as a Free-Will-Offering for the publick Service, rather than that such provoking Indignities and insulting Threats shall be ever offered to your most Sacred Majesty, or the British Nation, on Behalf of a spurious Popish Pretender; whom, as we and all your loyal Subjects have so frequently and deliberately abjured, we are resolutely determined to oppose to the very last Breath of the longest Liver of us all, that so if ever, which Heavens forbid! he should at last happen to succeed, there shall not then remain one Protestant Briton left for him to exercise his tyrannical Usurpation over.

These, may it please your Majesty, are our solemn Vows and unalterable Resolutions; and our most earnest Prayers to the Almighty King of Kings are, and constantly shall be, That long, very long and prosperous, may be your Majesty's Reign over us; and that whenever it shall please God to take your most sacred Majesty from this your earthly Crown, to a heavenly Diadem, your Royal House may never want a Prince, equal in Virtue, Piety and Magnanimity, to sit on the Throne of

these Realms, by whom the many Blessings and unspeakable Happinesses we now enjoy under your Majesty's most glorious and auspicious Reign, may be perpetuated to our Children and latest Posterities.

An humble Address of the Noblemen, Barons, Freeholders, and Heritors of the Shire of Banff, has been presented to His Majesty by Alexander Abercromby, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

An humble Address of the undersubscribing Magistrates, Councillours, and Burgeses of the Burgh of Dundee, has been presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, having been transmitted to his Grace in the Absence of their Representative in Parliament.

*Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.*

*Lisbon, Feb. 22, N. S.* His Portuguese Majesty has appointed Dom Fernando Mascaren, has Marqueis of Fronteira, to be President of the Dezembargo de Paco, and Master of the Household to her Portuguese Majesty, in the Room of the Duke of Cadaval deceased: And the Marqueis D'Abrantes to succeed the Marqueis de Fronteira in the Employment of Inspector General of the Navy. His Majesty has also appointed Dom Antonio da Silva Caldeyra Pimentel, to be Governour of the Province of St. Paulo. The 12th Instant arrived several Merchant Ships from Amsterdam, under the Convoy of two Dutch Men of War. The Chevalier Strozzi, who had been appointed Resident from the Emperour to this Court, died in his Passage on board one of these Ships 14 Days before they arrived here; and was interred in the Royal Monastery at Bellem the 15th Instant.

*Navy-Office, Feb. 24, 1726.*

*The Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half-Pay to Sea Officers from the 1st of January 1725, to the 31st of December last, according to His Majesty's Establishments on that Behalf: These are to give Notice, that the said Payments will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad-street, on Monday the 6th of March next for the Captains, Tuesday the 7th for the Lieutenants, and Wednesday the 8th for the Masters: That all Persons concerned may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the Affidavits required, touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment whatsoever, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates (if they have not done it already) that they have subscribed the Test, and taken the Oaths required by the late Act of Parliament; and in Case any of the said Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.*

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