

will, by an uninterrupted Succession in your illustrious Family, continue the Happiness of this Nation down to the latest Posterity.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Reading, in the County of Berks, has been presented to His Majesty by Henry Grey, Esq; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. 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, Burgesses, and other Principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Reading, in the County of Berks.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, think ourselves under the highest Obligations of Duty to express our utmost Repentments at the pernicious Measures entered into by two great and formidable Potentates, to seize the important Town of Gibraltar, and to deprive us of one of our most valuable Branches of Commerce, which have been assured to us by solemn Treaties; and what most sensibly affects us, to impose a Popish Pretender on this brave and free Nation, in exchange for the best Government and best of Kings.

To see a Prince, from whom this Nation (by his own Acknowledgment) deserves Returns of Gratitude and good Services, engage in such odious Confederacies, must raise the strongest Indignation in every Briton's Breast.

But to your Majesty's great Wisdom and Penetration it is owing, that their secret Designs were timely discovered; and to your prudent Precautions, that they were baffled and rendered Abortive.

That any foreign Minister should, in so shameful and scandalous a Manner, abuse the Liberty of having free Access unto your Majesty's sacred Person, as to deliver an infamous Libel into your Royal Hands, and in a most daring Manner presume to publish and disperse the same, is such a flagrant Instance of Insolence that is not to be equalled, and fills us with a Repentment equal to the great Offence. This Outrage on Majesty, (the Effect of impotent Malice and enraged Disappointment) discovers the Weakness both of their Politicks and Cause; and at the same

Time furnishes your faithful Subjects with a proper Occasion of demonstrating to the World, how entirely your Majesty possesses their Hearts and Affections.

Amidst all these Dangers, Threats, and Insults, we have the Pleasure and Satisfaction to see both Houses of Parliament faithfully and resolutely supporting your Majesty's and the Nation's Interest, manifesting a becoming Zeal at the Affronts and Indignities offered to your sacred Person, and treating the Authors thereof with suitable Contempt.

Give us Leave, most gracious Sir, to assure your Majesty, that our Loyalty is too firm to be shaken by such Attempts; and that we will, to the utmost of our Power and Ability, assist and support your Majesty in Defence of your Royal Person, and our undoubted Rights and Privileges.

That your Majesty may have a long and prosperous Reign over an obedient People, and that all your Counsels may prove successful, and terminate in the desirable Blessing of Peace upon just and honourable Terms, are,

May it please your Majesty,

The unfeigned Prayers of,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and obedient Subjects.

Given under our common Seal this 3d Day of April 1727, and in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Portsmouth, April 3. The Transport Ships having on board a Battalion of His Majesty's Foot Guards, and Colonel Clayton's Regiment of Foot, sailed by this Place this Morning, and having been immediately joyned by His Majesty Ships the Prince Frederick and the Yarmouth from St. Hellens, they were almost out of Sight by Eleven a-Clock, having the Wind very fair at North East.

South-Sea House, April 6, 1727.

The Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their New House in Threadneedle-street, on Thursday next, the 13th Instant, at Eleven a-Clock in the Forenoon, on special Affairs.

Whereas at the Meeting which was appointed to be at the Sign of the Bull in Pu'ney, on the 3d Instant, by the Trustees for building a Bridge cross the River of Thames, &c. there did not appear a sufficient Number to adjourn; Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Act of Parliament, That the said Trustees are desired and appointed to meet at the said Sign of the Bull in Pu'ney, on the 24th of April Instant, at Nine in the Forenoon.

John Eden.

Trustees