

the Earl of Essex, Lord of the Bed-Chamber to His Majesty in waiting. 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, Capital Burgesses, Common-Council and Freemen of the Corporation of Lancaster, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

May it please your Majesty,

AFTER condoling the Decease of your Royal Father, to permit us to congratulate your happy Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, and to express that uncommon Joy which fills our Hearts, upon the Accession of a Prince to rule over us, whose Royal Virtues and known Affection to his People, give so pleasing a Prospect of Happiness to these Kingdoms.

This agreeable View being confirmed to us by your Royal Declaration, devotes us with the most ardent and becoming Zeal to your Majesty's Person and Government, and will ever engage us, in Interest as well as Duty, to exert our utmost Endeavours in Defence of both, and to pray, (as we fervently do) that your Majesty's Reign over us may be long and prosperous, and that the Succession to the Crown may ever be continued to your illustrious Family.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, High Steward, Steward, Bridge-Masters, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Corporation of Maidenhead, in the County of Berks, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir John Werden, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Essex Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, High Steward, Steward, Bridge-Masters, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Corporation of Maidenhead, in the County of Berks.

Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and obedient Subjects, being this Day assembled to proclaim your Majesty's undoubted Right to the Crown and Government of these and all other your Majesty's Dominions by the Death of your most dear Father our late gracious Sovereign,

Humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty's peaceable and quiet Possession thereof, and present unto your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks for your so early and gracious Declaration; assuring your Majesty, that we shall be ever ready to testify our Loyalty in the Defence of your sacred Person and Royal Prerogative.

And we humbly beseech Almighty God to grant your Majesty a long and prosperous Reign over us, and that we may never fail of one of your Majesty's Royal Issue to sway the Sceptre of these Kingdoms, and govern us and our Posterity.

The common Seal of the said Corporation was by a full and free Consent of the Mayor, Bridge-Masters, and all the Burgesses of the said Corporation, hereunto affix'd on the 19th Day of June, 1727.

Lisbon, June 21, N. S. This Day was launched a Portuguese Man of War of 56 Guns, called Nossa Senhora de Alampadofa; the Court were present on this Occasion. Last Week a Spanish Privateer attempting to go out of the Port of Aveiro after an English Merchant Ship, was prevented by the Fort, and made to remain till 24 Hours after the other was sailed. Letters from Gibraltar of the 17th Instant say, the Spaniards had so much disabled their Guns by continual Firing, that out of 60 Pieces of Cannon, they had no more than 15 that remained serviceable. During the great Abatement of their Fire, the Garrison repaired the Old Mole, Willis's Battery, and all the other Parts of the Town which had suffered, made them as strong as ever, and had mounted again 57 Guns, which are as many as they have had at any Time. There had not been more than fifty of the Besieged killed since the Beginning of the Siege. The Garrison was in great Heart; and had but very few sick Men in the Hospital. The Spanish Army was so much diminished, that there did not remain 8000 effective Men. Their Trenches were not yet brought within Musket-Shot of the Lines of the Besieged, nor their Batteries near enough to make a Breach. By the Accounts of Deserters, the Spanish Officers impatiently expected Orders from the Court to raise the Siege.

Whitehall, July 3.

This Day his Excellency Horatio Walpole, Esq; His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the most Christian King, set out on his Return to Paris.

War-Office, July 1, 1727.

Whereas it hath been represented to the King, that there hath been a great Desertion from His Land Forces, and that divers Deserters have been taken, and are now confined in several Goals in Great Britain; His Majesty is graciously pleased hereby to declare His Pleasure, That if any Deserters will within the Space of one Month return to their Duty in the Regiments to which they did last belong, they shall receive his free Pardon, otherwise they shall be prosecuted, if taken, as the Law directeth. H. Pelham.

The Society of London for the Irish Plantation do hereby give Notice, That they intend to meet at the Irish Chamber, Guildhall, London, on Thursday the 27th Instant, at Four in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals in Writing, sealed up, for Letting by Lease from Lady-Day 1728, the Four Quarterlands of Molenan, Ballyowry, Termonbacco, and Ballynegowan, within the Liberties of the City of Londonderry in Ireland, and the Mill, &c. on Termonbacco; whereof further Particulars and Information may be had of James Brack their Secretary, at the Irish Chamber aforesaid, or in St. Lawrence-Lane, London.