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St. James's, December 5.

THE following Address having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Ministers and Congregations of the Episcopal Churches in Boston, in the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave to condole with your Majesty on the Death of your Royal Father our late Gracious Sovereign; a Loss only to be repaired by your Majesty's happy and peaceable Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, to which you are intitled by your Virtues, as well as by your Birth; it being the united Voice of all your Majesty's loyal Subjects, that the Graces and Perfections which adorn your Royal Person reflect a greater Lustre upon the Crown you wear, than they receive from it; and the Gems in your Imperial Diadem are not so resplendent as the shining Accomplishments of our most excellent Queen, rendered still more glorious by the beautiful Prospect of your illustrious Offspring.

We are indeed far remov'd from the Center of your Majesty's Government, nevertheless we doubt not but your propitious Influences, like the Rays of the Sun, will be extended to the utmost Bounds of your large Dominions. Your Majesty's most gracious Declaration has already filled our Hearts with extraordinary Joy; we are thereby encouraged to hope for your Majesty's Protection and special Favour to the Episcopal Churches in New-England, being in their Infancy, and struggling with many Difficulties; and tho' we are not so capable of serving your Majesty as some of our Fellow Subjects who are placed under your immediate Presence, yet in

our inferior Stations we shall embrace all Opportunities of demonstrating our hearty Zeal and unfeigned Affection for your sacred Person and Government. We shall always esteem it our principal and most comprehensive Duty to fear God, and honour the King, our rightful and lawful Sovereign, King George the Second; and pray with the most fervent Devotion, that God would be graciously pleased to grant your Majesty a long and happy Reign over us; that He would crown you and your Royal Confort with everlasting Felicity, and make you glad with the Joy of His Countenance; and grant that there never may be wanting Princes of your august Family, and of your Faith, who may transmit the Blessings of your Majesty's Reign to after Ages.

Lisbon, Nov. 21, N. S. The 18th Instant came into this Port His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Gibraltar, Captain Bing Commander; and this Day she sailed from hence in order to joyn Sir Charles Wager. In this Ship the Honourable Mr. Compton His Britannick Majesty's Consul General of Portugal, with his Lady, arrived here, in Seven Days from Plymouth. The next Day the British Factory went to pay their Compliments to them. Last Night entered this Harbour the Ludlow-Castle Man of War, Captain St. Loe Commander, from Newfoundland.

Navy-Office, Dec. 4, 1727.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half-Pay to Sea Officers from the 1st of January 1726, to the 30th of June last, according to His late Majesty's Establishment 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 18th Instant for the Captains, Tuesday the 19th for the Lieutenants, and Wednesday the 20th 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 enjoy'd the Benefit of any publick Employment either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half-Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed the Test, and taken the

oath,