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St. James's, March 21.

THE following humble Address of the South-Sea Company in General Court assembled, was this Day presented to His Majesty by Sir John Eyles the Sub-Governour, accompanied by John Rudge, Esq; the Deputy-Governour, and the Directors of the said Company, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the South-Sea Company in General Court assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty has at all Times shewn so just a Regard to the Security and Promotion of Commerce and Navigation in general, upon which the flourishing Condition of your Kingdoms depends; and so remarkable a Tenderness for the Interest, Welfare and Prosperity of all your People; that we your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the South-Sea Company, cannot but express the utmost Satisfaction, in being, in a particular Manner, under your Royal Protection and Patronage; the Benefit of which we are made truly sensible of, by your Majesty's special Instance and Interposition in Regard to the Restitution of our Annual Ship the Prince Frederick, and her Effects; for which we humbly beg Leave, with Hearts full of Gratitude, to offer your Majesty our most unfeigned Thanks.

As we have, in Consequence of the Preliminary Articles, and the Project for a Provisional Treaty, laid before your Majesty, and your Ministers Plenipotentiary, an Account of such Losses and oppressive Grievances, as during the Course of our Trade we have sustained from the Spaniards, by their frequent Violations of those Treaties whereby our Commerce with them is regulated; we do with great Confidence rely, that by your Majesty's continued Endeavours, such Satisfaction for our past Injuries as in Justice will be due to us, will in the proper Time be procured, together with such Security for an uninterrupted Enjoyment of our Trade for the future, as may make it evident that very valuable Benefits will arise, not to our selves only, but to the whole Nation, from the Affiento Contract.

By Order of the General Court,

John Eyles, Sub-Governour,

John Rudge, Deputy-Governour.

*South-Sea House,
March 18. 1728.*

To which His Majesty was pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Return you my Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Address; and as the greatest Care has hitherto been employed, through the whole Negotiation, for recovering and securing your Interests and Effects, you may depend upon the Continuance of my utmost Endeavours for the Service and Satisfaction of the South-Sea Company.

Vienna, March 16. N. S. The 12th Instant being the Birth-day of the Queen of Great Britain, his Excellency the Lord Waldgrave gave a most magnificent Entertainment to all the Ministers and other Persons of Distinction of this Court, amongst whom were Prince Eugene, the Princes of Wirtemberg, Schwartzembourg, and Leichtenstein, Count Sinzendorff, Count Starhemberg, the Generals Altham, Hamilton, Alcaudet, &c. with several Ladies of the first Quality. The Company were numerous, and appeared extremely pleased. Baron Crassau, the Swedish Envoy at this Court, received some Days ago a Letter from the Emperour to the King his Master, in Answer to the Complaint against Count Fritag; by which his Imperial Majesty disapproves his Minister's Conduct, but refers the Matter to a further Examination at the Count's Return.

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This Day M. de Platen de Linn, Resident from the Elector Palatine, had his first private Audience of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; to which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

He was afterwards introduced to a private Audience of His Royal Highness the Duke, and of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Emilia, Caroline, Mary, and Louisa, in their respective Apartments, by the Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, March 20, 1728.

Whereas the House of the Right Honourable the Lord St. John, at Woodford in Northamptonshire, was on Monday the 27th of January last broke open and robbed of a strong Box, wherein were several Jewels of a considerable Value, and Papers and Writings; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Robbery, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Criminals who shall discover his Accomplices, so as they or any of them be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a further Encouragement to any Person who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, so as the Things then taken out of the said House may be recovered, viz.