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St. James's, December 10.

**T**HIS Day Sir John Eyles, Sub-Governour, John Rudge, Esq; Deputy-Governour, and the Directors of the South-Sea Company, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Chamberlain, presented the following Address to His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

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

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the South-Sea Company, humbly beg Leave to take this our earliest Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty on the Success that has attended your wise and steady Measures for preserving the Peace and Commerce of the Nation: Happy are the People, whose Prince, eminent for warlike Endowments, does yet prefer their Tranquility to his own military Glory.

As your Majesty has shewn a true Concern for our Sufferings, among those of your other trading Subjects, under the late Misunderstandings with Spain, and made ample Provisions for our Redress in your Treaty of Peace concluded with that Crown, we, Sir, have abundant Reason to express the highest Satisfaction, since we find our Expectations, grounded upon an absolute Reliance on your Royal Protection, so fully answered.

When the Preservation of British Property, the Trade, and the Happiness of your People in the secure Enjoyment of it, are, in your Majesty's Deliberations so evidently made the directing Guides to Peace or War, your paternal Goodness diffuses universal Joy and Felicity. And we faithfully assure your Majesty, that we shall ever demonstrate our grateful Acknowledgements for the Share we enjoy of the Blessings you distribute throughout the Kingdom, by our utmost Endeavours to make your Government easy, and our incessant Prayers, that your Majesty, with your Royal Consort, may long reign in the Hearts of a dutiful and united People.

His Majesty's most gracious Answer.

**I** Return you my Thanks for this very Dutiful and loyal Address.

I am very glad that my Endeavours for restoring Peace have proved to the Satisfaction of so considerable a Body of my Subjects, and I am perswaded, when the Terms of the Peace now concluded by me and my Allies with Spain shall be made Publick, the World will be convinc'd, that the securing the general Inte-

rests, and in particular, the Trade and Commerce of these my Kingdoms, has been my principal Care, preferable to all other Considerations.

*Hague, Dec. 13, N. S.* We expect with Impatience the Arrival of a Courier from M. van der Meer, the States of Holland continuing assembled in order to dispatch as soon as possible the Ratification of the Treaty of Seville when it comes signed by the Plenipotentiary of the States. In the mean time the Letters which passed between the Marquess de la Paz and M. van der Meer, upon the Signing of the Treaty by the other Ministers of the Allies, have been communicated to the States of the several Provinces, and been received with great Satisfaction.

*Hague, Dec. 16, N. S.* On the 13th Instant late at Night the Courier expected from M. van der Meer arrived, with the Act of Accession of the States to the Treaty of Seville, which was communicated this Day to the States of Holland, and also sent to those of the other Provinces. This Accession met with so general an Approbation in the Assembly of the States of Holland, that it is not doubted but the Ratification of it will be forwarded with the utmost Dispatch that the Forms of this Government will admit of.

*The Court of Directors of the Governour and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court will be held at the Bank on Thursday next, the 18th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, being one of the Quarterly General Courts appointed by their Charter.*

Excise-Office, London, December 8, 1729.

By an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon Compound Waters or Spirits, and for Licencing the Retailers thereof, It is Enacted, That for all mixed or compound Waters or Spirits, commonly called Gin, Geneva, Juniper-Water, or any Compositions of any other Ingredients with Brandy, Low Wines or Spirits, by whatsoever Name or Names they are or may be called, which any Distiller, Compounder, Seller, Dealer, or Maker for Sale, of or in any of the said Liquors, or any Person or Persons in Trust for him, her, or them, or for his, her, or their Use, shall be possessed of, or interested in upon the Twenty Fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine, a Duty shall be raised and paid, after the Rate of Five Shillings for every Gallon thereof, and in that Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity, and that all Compound-Distillers, and all other Persons whatsoever, who, on or before the said Twenty Fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine, shall be Compounders, Sellers, Dealers, Makers for Sale, of, or in any of the aforesaid Liquors, shall, on or before the said Twenty Fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty nine, make a particular Entry at the next Excise-Office, of their Stills, and all other Utensils, &c. as by the said Act

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