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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the Seventeenth Day of *May*, 1742.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was, by his Majesty's Command, introduced into the Privy Council by the Right Honourable the Earl of Harrington, Lord President; where his Royal Highness took his Place at the upper End of the Board on his Majesty's Left Hand.

*Whitehall, May 17.*

On Friday the 14th Instant, arrived at St. Helens his Majesty's Ship the Prince Frederick, Captain Boscawen, in nine Weeks from Jamaica, who brings Advice, that his Majesty's Squadron, under the Command of Vice-Admiral Vernon, together with the Land Forces on board the Transports, under the Command of Major General Wentworth, were all under Sail from Jamaica, upon a new Expedition against the Spaniards, the 9th of March last, and that Captain Boscawen had left them together at Sea on the 11th of the same Month.

By Letters from Rear-Admiral Lestock, dated May 1, on board the Neptune, off Antibes, there is Advice, that Vice-Admiral Haddock having, upon Account of the Continuance of his Indisposition, been obliged to charge him the said Mr. Lestock, with the Command of his Majesty's Mediterranean Squadron, he had set Sail therewith from Port Mahon the 12th of April, in order to the Execution of his Majesty's Instructions, which he had received from Mr. Haddock, having first appointed Cruizers in proper Stations for procuring Intelligence, and annoying the Enemy, and that they had already had the good Fortune to take and destroy several Vessels, laden with Provisions for the Use of the Spanish Forces, and prepar'd with proper Accommodation for transporting their Horse to Italy. The same Letters also mention, that on the 4th Instant, some Days before the Departure of the Fleet from Port Mahon, the Victuallers, with Six Months Provisions for the Squadron, arrived there under the Convoy of Captain Norris, so that the whole Squadron had thereby compleated their Victualling before they sail'd from thence.

[ Price Two Pence. ]

*Whitehall, May 15.*

On the 6th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. Thomas Tulledeph. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven was read, as was likewise his Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to his Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported, was unanimously approved; and having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to the most Honourable the Marquess of Tweeddale, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to his Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously. It is as follows.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE acknowledge with the greatest Thankfulness, the Honour of your Majesty's gracious Letter to us, and your Royal Favour, in continuing to countenance our Assemblies.

The many Assurances of your Majesty's Resolution to maintain inviolable, the Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, and the Confidence your Majesty is pleased to repose in the Wisdom and Prudence of our Conduct, in promoting the true Interests of Religion, encourage us to persevere in our inviolable Loyalty, and most sincere Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to continue our most strenuous Endeavours to propagate the true Reformed Religion, to promote Virtue, to suppress Vice and Immorality, and to prevent the Growth of Popery in this Part of your Majesty's Dominions.

As we are sensible of the Importance of Harmony and Union among ourselves, to the Success of our Councils and Resolutions, we are determined, through the gracious Assistance of Almighty God, to observe that Candour, Moderation and brotherly Love, in all our Reasonings and Deliberations, which becomes us as Ministers of the Gospel, and which may further recommend this Church to your Majesty's Royal Favour.

The Continuance of your Majesty's Bounty, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, we accept of with all Thankfulness, as a fresh Instance of your pious Intentions to promote the Knowledge of true Religion in these Parts; and it

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