

safe and happy Return to your British Dominions: Events! which have gained Glory to your Majesty, Honour to this Nation, and given the greatest Satisfaction to us, and all your Majesty's faithful Subjects.

Permit us also, with Hearts full of Joy, to offer our Congratulations to your Majesty on the happy Marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Louisa with the Prince Royal of Denmark; and on the Increase of your Royal Family by the Birth of a Prince, which add Strength to your Illustrious House, to the Security of your Kingdoms, to the Protestant Succession, and to the Preservation of our Religion, Laws and Liberties — Blessings which nothing on Earth can parallel!

We most humbly beseech your Majesty, to accept the firmest Assurances of our inviolable Duty, Fidelity and Affection to your Majesty, and of our most ardent Wishes for your long and happy Reign over us; and that there never may be wanting one of your Royal Issue to sit on the Throne of this Realm.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Common Seal of our Borough to be hereto affixed, the Sixteenth Day of January, One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty Three.

*St. James's, February 1.*

This Day the following Address of the Mayor, Recorder, and Common Council of the Borough of Devizes, in the County of Wilts, was presented to the King by Dr. George Lee, and John Garth, Esq; who were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Holderness, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bedchamber in Waiting; which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, and Common Council of the Borough of Devizes, in the County of Wilts.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**T**O permit the Mayor, Recorder, and Common Council of this your ancient and loyal Borough, to congratulate your Majesty upon your safe Arrival in this Kingdom, after the Hazards your Majesty's Person was exposed to in the Battle of Dettingen: And to assure your Majesty, that we shall ever retain the highest and most grateful Sense of the great Share your Majesty's personal Courage and Conduct had in the Success of that important Day.

The great and glorious Spirit which so remarkably animated your Majesty on that Occasion, gives us a fresh and most convincing Proof of that Zeal and tender Concern, which, throughout the whole Course of your Reign, your Majesty has always manifested for the Honour and Interest of your British Dominions; the Welfare and Happiness of which we look upon to be most closely united with the Support of the House of Austria. The future Glories we may justly hope for from the firm and steady Conduct and Bravery of his Royal Highness the Duke; the Acquisition of Strength to the Protestant Interest in

Europe, by the Marriage of the Princess Louisa to the Prince Royal of Denmark; and the Prospect we have of a long Continuance of the Felicity we have hitherto enjoyed by the late Increase of your Majesty's Royal Progeny, are Circumstances that must fill every British Heart with the highest Satisfaction and Joy.

That the same good Providence which has hitherto blessed us with so large a Share of Prosperity, may continue to exert itself in Favour of your Majesty's Endeavours for the Support of so just and glorious a Cause; and extend your Majesty's most illustrious Line, for the Protection and Defence of the Rights and Liberties of Mankind, to latest Posterity, will be the constant and ardent Wishes of,

Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects.

Given under our Common Seal in the Council Chamber of the said Borough, the 19th Day of January 1743.

*Berlin, Feb. 1.* The King of Prussia set out last Night for Potsdam, and is expected to return hither some time next Week.

*Brussels, Feb. 4.* We hear that the French are at Work in forming a Line from Givet to Maubeuge, and that at the former Place they have lately cast Three hundred thousand Weight of Lead into Bullets; that they continue to augment their Magazines both at Givet and Valenciennes, at which last Place it is computed they have Five hundred thousand Rations of Hay; and that several Bodies of Troops are filed off by way of Valenciennes towards Dunkirk.

*Whitehall, Feb. 3.*

Captain Lofting, Commander of the Wolf Sloop, cruising off Oporto, having received Information of a Privateer and two Prizes being in the River of Mouro, and that the Castle which commanded the Entrance into that River had but few Guns, he proceeded thither, and on the 16th of December, batter'd the Castle from half an Hour past Eight o'Clock in the Morning, till Eleven, and in the mean time sent in his Tender and Boats to cut out the Ships that were there, and they accordingly brought off the two Prizes, but did not see any Privateer in the River.

His Majesty's Sloop the Baltimore, commanded by Capt. Rich, which sailed from England in December last, to cruize off Oporto, in her Passage thither met with and took a Spanish Privateer of Six Carriage and Fourteen Swivel Guns, and Sixty Men.

On the 29th of January, his Majesty's Sloop the Fly, commanded by Captain Tomson, met with a Spanish Privateer in the Latitude of 48° 17' forty Leagues from the Lizard, and engaged her from Eight o'Clock in the Morning till Ten, Yard Arm and Yard Arm, when the Privateer struck, and Captain Tomson has brought her into Plymouth. She is called the Nostra Señora del Rosario, had 12 Carriage Guns, and 133 Men, is a new Snow, and had been but four Days out of Bilbao.

*Dublin,*