

by L. Stukely, Esq; their Recorder, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The most humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and Merchants of Bideford, in the County of Devon.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and Merchants of Bideford, humbly beg Leave to declare our Astonishment and Indignation, at the vain Attempt of the French, with a despicable Fleet of Ships, to make a Descent upon your Majesty's Dominions, in order to settle the Pretender here.

Your Majesty's Subjects have too just a Sense of the established Difference between absolute and limited Monarchy, between the Government in France, and your Majesty's Government, which is limited by Law, to exchange the happy and glorious Constitution of Great Britain, for the Chains, Fetters, and Wooden Shoes of France, or ever to intrust a Viceroy of France, or a Popish Pretender, with their Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties.— Against all such Designs, your Majesty may be assured of our Readiness, to act with the utmost Vigour, with the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

That your Majesty may long reign in full Glory and Security, and that the Protestant Establishment of the Crown may always continue in your illustrious Family, for the Defence and Preservation of all our just Rights and Liberties, against all Attempts and Invasions whatsoever, whether from Foreign or Domestick Enemies, is our sincere and constant Prayer.

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

DÉVONSHIRE.

WHereas We have received His Majesty's Royal Pleasure, that the Parliament of this Kingdom, which now stands prorogued to Thursday the Fifteenth Day of March Instant, should be further prorogued; We do therefore hereby publish and declare, that the said Parliament be, and accordingly the said Parliament is, hereby further prorogued to Tuesday the Third Day of July next: Whereof the Lords-Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament, are to take Notice accordingly.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the Thirteenth Day of March 1743.

By his Grace's Command,
J. Potter.

GOD save the King.

Petersbourg, Feb. 25. M. Korff, one of her Imperial Majesty's Gentlemen of the Bed, who was sent to compliment the Duke Administrator of Holstein, upon his being elected Successor to the Crown of Sweden, and afterwards followed

his Royal Highness into that Kingdom, arrived here Yesterday from Stockholm, and will proceed to Moscow in two or three Days. The Imperial Minister sat out Yesterday for Moscow; the Danish Ambassador goes To-morrow, and will be follow'd in a Day or two by the Residents of the Queen of Hungary and the States General.

Toulon, March 7. The Spanish Commissary, who is here, has just received Advice from the Intendant of Barcelona, that the Neptune Man of War, commanded by Don Olivarez, had put in there in a very shatter'd Condition to resist; that a Captain and seven Officers out of eight that were on board, had been killed in the Engagement, besides fourscore of the Crew; that that Vessel had left her Squadron upon the 27th, and that upon that Day the English were still in pursuit of the combined Fleets. The Intendant here has also received Advice from Marseilles, that upon the 3d of this Month a Ship was arrived there from Havre de Grace, the Captain of which Reports, that upon the 26th and 27th of last Month, about 30 Miles off Barcelona, he met the Spanish Squadron making towards the West; that he had spoke with Don Navarro, whose Ship the Royal Philip had lost two of her Masts in the Engagement. - Not one of our Ships is returned hither. Some Vessels belonging to the English Fleet that were left at Villa Franca have taken seven or eight Tartans and Transports. The Infant Don Philip arrived at Aix the 3d of this Month. Provence is full of Soldiers, who are preparing to pass into Italy; but as there is not much Appearance of their being able to do it by Sea, they must endeavour to force the Passage of the Vor.

Berlin, March 21. The King of Prussia is expected here towards the 29th Instant. His Majesty returns by Peytz in Lusace, to see the new Fortifications there.

Paris, March 21. Count de Saxe arrived here last Wednesday Night with several other Officers who were appointed to serve in the Expedition at Dunkirk.

Hague, March 24. The States of Holland separated last Saturday, and expect upon their Return hither, to find their three Colleges of Admiralty, namely, those of the Meuse, Amsterdam, and North Holland, ready with their Recommendations of proper Officers to be promoted to the Rank of Admirals. In the mean Time the Colleges of the Meuse and Amsterdam are hard at Work in getting their respective Quotas of the Ships, proposed to be equipped, in Readiness as soon as possible. That of the Meuse has already engaged several hundreds of Sailors; and that of Amsterdam has put seven of its best Ships into Commission. And we hear the Zealanders are no less active at Middleburg.

Hague, March 27. The Provinces of Over-ryssel and Zeeland have consented to the two Petitions for the Land Service this Year. And we hope very soon to receive a favourable Resolution from the Province of Guelderland. Our Letters from Italy confirm the Retreat of the Spaniards from Pesaro, and add, that Count Brown, who was in pursuit of them, had taken 200 of their Miquelets Prisoners, and three Pieces

