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Translation of the Answer returned by the Doge of Venice to his Excellency the Earl of Holderness.

My Lord Ambassador,

THIS solemn Day, wherein we have had the Pleasure to receive in your so worthy Person the Extraordinary Ambassador of his Majesty the King of Great Britain, will create a Remembrance of our Administration, as happy as it is most acceptable to this Republick to give and to receive visible Proofs of an honourable Correspondence with so great a King, and so illustrious a Crown. To this is to be added, that all the glorious Kings, Predecessors of his Majesty, have worthily employed themselves in cultivating this ancient mutual Friendship, which has been still more firmly established since the Reigning Electoral Family of Hanover has mounted the Royal Throne of England. In Fact the same his Majesty's Ancestors have been formerly pleased to send their valiant Troops as Auxiliaries to our Armies, even into Greece, and that under the Command of a Prince nearly allied to his Majesty, who, through the most difficult warlike Undertakings, shewed himself a worthy Heir of the Name, the Blood, and the Glory of his so illustrious Progenitors.

But at present we have, to our great Satisfaction, received more plain and more authentick Arguments of his Majesty's Benevolence, both from your acceptable Commission, and from his Majesty's Royal Letter, the Value of which is greatly raised by being signed with the Name of a King, who, reigning over the Minds and the Hearts of so noble, free and generous a Nation, employs all his Cares in augmenting the Lustre of his great Crown, and the Happiness of his Subjects: A Name which will be always memorable for the religious Faith with which he maintains the sacred Engagements of his Alliances.

Advices so welcome to us, could not come by a more acceptable and more agreeable Conveyance than that of your Lordship, since, besides the several hereditary Titles which illustrate your ancient and noble Descent, and besides so many

personal Virtues, which still more illustrate your Descent and Titles, we ought to reflect, that your Lordship being sent upon so honourable a Commission from his Majesty's own Presence, we are to regard you, not only as the Interpreter, but also as a living Witness of the Sentiments of the King your Master.

All these are Arguments from which you may easily judge yourself, how great is the Esteem, the cordial affectionate Observance, and the sincere unalterable Friendship of our Republick towards his Majesty; and we can assure you, that it will be the continual Study of the Senate, to transmit intire to their Posterity these Maxims, which, through the Course of so many successive Ages, we have inherited from our most remote Ancestors.

Translation of the Answer of the Senate of Venice to his Excellency the Earl of Holderness.

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My Lord Ambassador,

EQUAL to the very high Value our Republick has always had for the Friendship of the Crown of Great-Britain, has been the Pleasure with which she has received a new and signal Testimony of it, by the Appointment of your Lordship in Quality of Ambassador Extraordinary of his Majesty the King your Master.

The Assurances given by you in his Majesty's Name of his Royal Benevolence, and authorized by the Sentiments set forth in the respected Letter you have delivered on his Part, are held by the Senate in that high Esteem, which is suitable to the Grandeur of so great a Prince, whose eminent Talents and Virtues have advanced the Happiness of his most flourishing Kingdoms beyond all the Memory of former Times.

As our Obligation to his Majesty for acquainting us with his favourable Disposition towards our Interest, is increased by his having chosen for so agreeable an Office, a Person of your Lordship's Reputation, illustrious Birth, and uncommon Qualifications; so it will be agreeable