

Man kind, and the only just Ends of Government, rescued by our Ancestors from the oppressive Encroachments of Tyrants and Papists, maintain'd at a vast Expence of Blood and Treasure to this Nation, and enjoy'd by us in the full Vigour during the whole Course of your Majesty's mild and gracious Administration, and shall, we trust in the Divine Providence, be enjoy'd by our latest Posterity, under Princes of your illustrious House.

These are national Felicities, which the People of other Countries must envy us, and none but the most infatuated or abandon'd Wretches of our own would attempt to ravish from us.

We presume to assure your Majesty, from the Bottom of our Hearts, that with the most zealous of your Subjects, we are ready to hazard our Fortunes and our Lives in the Defence of those invaluable Blessings.

May that glorious Ardour of Loyalty and Affection for your Majesty, which now so universally animates your faithful People of all Orders and Degrees amongst us, constantly attend and adorn your Reign; and may the wicked Attempts of its Enemies ever end in the Stability of your Majesty's Government, and their own Confusion.

*Florence, December 7.* By Advices from Rome we hear, that the Pope has given the Pretender Fifty Thousand Crowns to carry on the Expedition in Favour of his Son in Scotland: And publick Prayers have been made in some of their Churches, and their Sacrament expos'd for his Success.

*Venice, Dec. 17, N. S.* We are in daily Expectation of hearing that the Spaniards have entered Milan. Don Philip, after having staid a few Days at Parma, went to Pavia, and some Detachments of his Army being advanced within a few Miles of Milan, he sent to demand the Keys of the City, and to notify that he would soon come and receive Homage for the Dutchy. The Government immediately held a Council, and sent a proper Deputation with the Keys to the Infant. The Great Chancellor, and other Officers of the Empress, after having provided in the best Manner for the Defence of the Citadel, in which there is a Garrison of 2400 Men, set out for the Mantuan. Prince Lichtenstein, with 13,000 Men, among whom were some Piemontese Battalions, was advanced to the Ticino, and had very near compleated his Bridge before the Spaniards were apprised of it: As he had a good Train of Artillery, and the Spaniards wanted Cannon, he will probably have effected the Passage.

*Turin, Dec. 18.* The Spaniards have for

this Week past kept hovering about the Lumelina, Vigevano, and the Borders of Tesin on both Sides that River, which has obliged the King of Sardinia to continue with the Army, and has kept Prince Lichtenstein between Vercelli and Novarre: But they seem now determined to march to Milan, where they already have some Troops; and his Sardinian Majesty is again expected at Turin in three or four Days. Marquis de Gorzegne is expected here To-night or To-morrow.

*Annan, Dec. 21, Eleven at Night.* The Rebels, to the Number of about 3000, came here last Night, and staid till Ten of the Clock this Forenoon, except about 4 or 500, who proceeded forward to Drumfries last Night. Amongst those who staid here were the young Pretender, the Persons styling themselves Duke of Perth, and the French Ambassador, as also Lochiel, Clanronald, Glangarrie, and Keppoch. Lord Elcho went last Night with the 400 to Drumfries, as did the rest this Day, intending, as they gave out, to stay there till Monday next.

Another Body of the Rebels, of about 2000, marched Yesternight from the Esk to Ecclefechan, and staid there all Night. The Mac Phersons were of this Party, and Lord Ogilvy was with them.

It is thought that those of them who went to Drumfries, will march towards the Forth by Sancqhair, Douglas, &c. and those who were at Ecclefechan will march by Moffat, and join the others before they get to the Forth.

*Annan, Dec. 23.* The Rebels, to the Number of about 4000 (as is computed) went from hence to Drumfries on Saturday last the 21st Instant, and remained there till Seven of the Clock this Morning, at which Time they began to march, and had all left the Town before Eight. They demanded Two Thousand Pounds Contribution at Drumfries, One Thousand whereof was immediately paid, and, as a Security for the other, they have taken along with them Two Gentlemen as Prisoners. They also insisted on One Thousand Pair of Shoes, paid nothing for Quarters, and did a prodigious deal of Mischiefe every where. It is said they marched from Drumfries this Morning in great Precipitation, being alarm'd by a Report, that a Party of the Army under the Command of his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was at Annan. We hear, that the Rebels who went to Moffat, and were computed about 2000 in Number, had Orders not to march from that Place till this Day; and it is said the whole Rebel Army was to march North by