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*Kensington, July 19.*

**T**HIS Day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London; waited on his Majesty to congratulate him on the Birth of a Princess, and being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, Richard Adams, Esq; the Recorder, made their Compliments in the following Speech.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the safe Delivery of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and the Birth of a Princess.

As we are truly sensible of the Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's Government, and are convinced that the Security of our Rights and Liberties, in Times to come, depends on the Protestant Succession established in your illustrious House; it is, at this Time, a peculiar Satisfaction to us, that we have, once more, the Honour of congratulating your Majesty on the Increase of your Royal Family.

And, upon this Occasion, permit us, Sir, to tender our most dutiful Thanks to your Majesty, for a late signal Instance of your Majesty's paternal Care of your People, in the Provision made by Parliament for the future Tranquillity of this Kingdom: A Provision moving primarily from your Majesty's Goodness, and brought to Perfection by your Majesty's Wisdom. Yet, wise and salutary as it is, we cannot forbear to express our Wishes, that a long Continuance of your Majesty's Life, may make it unnecessary.

Fixed in these Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude, our Prayers shall always be, That your Majesty may long Reign over us; and that the Throne may be filled by your Majesty's Descendants, even to remotest Ages.

To which his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

*I Thank you for this fresh Instance of your Zeal, and Affection, for me, and my Family. The City of London may always depend upon the Continuance of my Favour and Protection.*

They were received most graciously, and all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

**A**T the Court at Kensington, the 12th Day of July 1751,

**P R E S E N T,**

The King's most Excellent Majesty in his Privy Council:

Whereas it has appeared to his Majesty, by the Representation of the Master of the Mint, that notwithstanding the Laws in Being for the Punishment of Offenders convicted of counterfeiting Halfpence and Farthings, and uttering and receiving them, knowing the same to be false, such Practices are of late grown to a great Height, and more especially in the principal Manufacturing Counties, where, from the great Number of Workmen employed, Opportunities are given of dispersing this Sort of counterfeit Coin; and many considerable Dealers are induced, by the great Profit they make, to buy up large Quantities at low Prices, and pay them away by Tale at the nominal Value to the Labourers and Manufacturers, to the great Fraud and Injury of the poor People, the Detriment of Trade, and the Danger of Publick Credit: And whereas not only the Counterfeiters, but those who buy, sell, utter, or take, knowingly, such Counterfeit Coin, or are concerned in the dispersing the same, are guilty of a High Misdemeanor, and subject to severe Punishment by the general Law of the Realm: And whereas by an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Preventing the Counterfeiting of the current Coin of this Kingdom, and the Uttering or Paying of False or Counterfeit Coin*—It is, amongst other Things, enacted, That if any Person whatsoever shall make, coin or counterfeit any Brass or Copper Money, called a Halfpenny or a Farthing, such Offender therein, and his, her and their Aiders, Abettors and Procurers, being thereof convicted, shall suffer two Years Imprisonment, and find Sureties for his or her good Behaviour for two Years more, to be computed from the End of the said first two Years: And whereas, for the Encouragement of Persons to discover and bring to Punishment such Offenders, a Reward of Ten Pounds, without paying any Fee, is by the said Act given for every Person convicted of such Counterfeiting, to be paid by the Sheriff within one Month after such Conviction, to the Prosecutors. And whereas his Majesty, duly weighing the great Publick Mischief arising from these Practices, has resolved that the Laws against such