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The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the KING.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great-Britain, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty the Thanks of this House, for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to assure Your Majesty, that we will not fail, when this House shall be supplied with its Members, to apply ourselves, with the utmost Diligence and Attention, to those important Occurrences in America, which Your Majesty recommends to our Consideration; and to exert our most zealous Endeavours for the Honour of Your Majesty's Government, and the true Interest of your People, in all Parts of your extended Empire.

Permit us, at the same Time, to congratulate Your Majesty on the late Increase of Your Royal Family, by the Birth of a Prince. Your Majesty's Happiness and that of Your People are one; and every Increase of Your Majesty's illustrious Family, is considered by Your faithful Commons as a further Security to that Religion, and those Liberties we enjoy under Your Majesty's most auspicious Government.

We also beg Leave to offer to Your Majesty our sincere Condolence, on the great Loss which Your Majesty and this Kingdom have sustained, by the Death of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland; whose private and public Virtues, whose Duty and Affection to Your Majesty, and whose distinguished Merits and Services to this Country, as they made His Person dear to this Nation while he lived, so they cannot fail to render His Memory sacred to the latest Posterity.

His MAJESTY'S Most Gracious ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I RETURN you Thanks for this loyal and dutiful Address. The Satisfaction you express in the Increase of My Family, and the affectionate Share you take in the great Loss I have sustained by the Death of the Duke of Cumberland, are fresh Proofs of your Zeal and Loyalty.

Your Resolution at the same Time to support the Honour of My Government, and to provide for the true Interest of all my People, cannot but be acceptable to Me. My Conduct shall always shew, that I consider their Interest as insupportable from My own.

L I S B O N, November 5.

A New Regulation just issued, dated 26th of last Month, by which His Majesty directs, that within the Space of 5 Months, all the Vineyards in the Plains, and upon the Banks of the Tagus, the Mondego, and the Vouga, shall be grubbed up, and the Ground converted into Corn Land, under Penalty, to the Proprietors, of having their Lands taken from them, in Case of Non-Compliance; nevertheless, certain Vineyards are expressly excepted by this Law. The same Ordinance directs, that Wine shall be no longer sold at Lisbon under 10d. per Pot; and that after the 1st of January next, no weak or bad Wines shall be permitted to be brought there, upon any Pretence of converting them into Brandy. His Majesty's Intention is to put a Stop to Distilling, which not only renders Wood so scarce, that we have not enough for common Firing, but likewise exposes the City to frequent Accidents of Fire.

Madrid, Nov. 8. An Edict of the King is just published, the Object of which is the Increase of Commerce in the Island of Cuba, and in those of Barlovento, by suppressing divers Taxes and Imposts which were Obstacles thereto.

Stockholm, Nov. 15. A Tea-Tree having been lately brought from China to France, and represented as the first Tree of the Kind ever seen in Europe; the Baron de Linne has published an Account here, that there are in his Botanic Garden, at Upsal, two Tea-Trees, which were brought him from the Indies, in 1763; that those

Trees are in a thriving Condition, that they increase every Year, and are certainly the first that ever appeared in Europe.

Versailles, Dec. 21. The Dauphin (Heir Apparent to the French Crown) died at Fontainebleau on the 20th, about 8 in the Morning, aged 36 Years, 4 Months, and 16 Days. He married, on the 25th of February, 1745, Maria Teresa, Infanta of Spain, who died in Child-Bed on the 22d of July, 1746, after having brought into the World a Princess, who lived only till the 27th of April, 1748. On the 9th of February, 1747, he married, to his second Wife, Maria Josepha of Saxony, and has left by this Marriage his Highness the Duke de Berry, the Count de Provence, the Count d'Artois, and two Princesses. The King has conferred the Title of Dauphin on his Highness the Duke de Berry, who was born the 23d of August, 1754.

Paris, Dec. 21. The Dauphin who died Yesterday Morning at Fontainebleau, is lamented by the whole Kingdom of France.

The following are the last Words in which he addressed himself, the Day before his Death, to the Duke de Berry, his eldest Son, valuable Words, consecrated by Wisdom and Truth.

"My Son, I am now going to pay the Tribute of Humanity. To what Length the Supreme Being has destined your Life, I know not; but forget not to pray for the Preservation of that of the King. If it should however happen, through the Difference between his Age and yours, that you should succeed to the Throne, be ever mindful, my Son, that the sole Difference made by Providence between you and your Subjects, consist in that ineffable Blessing entrusted with you, the Power of contributing towards their Happiness, and of protecting them in the Enjoyment of it."

Constantinople, Nov. 16. We have this Instant received Letters from Bassora, which advise, that Affairs have taken another Turn in Bengal; the Nabob, it seems, has gained an Advantage over the English, who have retreated to Calcutta, where they are blocked up. It is added, that two English Ships, the Cargoes of which were valued at 150,000 Crowns, had been robbed by some Renegadoes, near the Strait of Bassora, on their Passage from Bengal.

L O N D O N.

A Gentleman of the highest theatrical Eminence, lately having made great Interest to obtain His Majesty's Pardon (which has been most graciously granted) for Turbott, under Sentence of Death for stealing a Silver Cup; a Person asked one of the Players, remarkable for his Drollery, what the Delinquent was condemn'd for; to which the Actor replied, "Only for taking a Cup too much," which as my Friend Joe Miller has observed on "a like Occasion, has been the Case of many an honest Fellow."

We are assured, that Mr. Wilkes some Time ago wrote to his Friends here, to solicit his being sent in a public Character to a certain foreign Court. The obvious Answer to this was, that it would be highly absurd to send an Outlaw any where to represent his Sovereign. A noble Lord, hearing of this Application, said very jocosely, that he should have no Objection to see Mr. Wilkes for once represent his Majesty, as he had already so often misrepresented him.

When Sir Robert Walpole, was Minister in the Spanish War, a Scheme was mentioned to him of Taxing the American Colonies; he smiled and said, "I will leave that for some of my Successors, who may have more Courage than I have, and less a Friend to Commerce than I am." He added, "It has been a Maxim with me during my Administration, to encourage the Trade of the American Colonies in the utmost Latitude (nay it has been necessary to pass over some Irregularities in their Trade with Europe) for by encouraging them to an extensive growing foreign Commerce, if they gain 500,000*l.* I am convinced, that in two Years afterwards, full 250,000*l.* of their Gains will be in His Majesty's Exchequer by the Labour and Product of this Kingdom, as immense Quantities of every Kind

of our Manufactures go thither; and as they increase in their foreign American Trade, more of our Produce will be wanted." He ended with saying, "This is Taxing them more agreeable both to their own Constitution and to ours."

A short Time ago, a Lady big with Child, passing by an eminent Butcher's at the West End of the Town, observed the Master of the Shop cutting a fine Rump of Beef into Steaks, which so struck her Imagination, that she stood to look at him a considerable Time: Her Behaviour being taken Notice of by the Butcher's Wife, who happened to be sitting in the Shop, she good naturedly begged the Lady would walk in, and asked her in the customary Manner, if she had the least Inclination for any of the Steaks. The Lady thanked her, and said, "I have no Inclination to eat any; but you will think me very strange, when I tell you, that I wish earnestly to flap your Husband's Face with some of them: To this the good Woman answered, "My Husband, Madam, is a very good humour'd Man, and if you really have a Desire of that Kind, I make no doubt but he will oblige you." Upon this the Husband was called in, and being informed of the Lady's Wish, readily consented, swearing heartily the Boy should not be spoiled on his Account. The Lady, after she had gratified herself, withdrew; and the Butcher, before the Conclusion of the Week, received a Present of a Pipe of Madeira, accompanied with a very genteel Letter, thanking him for his extraordinary Civility.

Dec. 14. There has been a Report industriously propagated for three or four Days past on the Royal Exchange, and around it, that the Portuguese Court is about entering into the Family Compact. Upon which it has been observed, that from the Conduct of that Court towards Great-Britain, it might be supposed they had entered into such Engagements a long Time ago: But as open Enmity must be deemed preferable to false Friendship, if such is the Case, the sooner there is certain Knowledge thereof, it must be thought so much the better; as then we may take Measures, which there will be Scope enough for doing, that may leave us without Cause to Regret their Violation of Friendship with us, who have ever been the People to whom they were most obliged.—Nay, there are those who venture to say, that, in such a Case, the Jesuits of Paraguay will make no bad commercial Allies, being Men of too much Understanding not to be sensible of, and steady to, their own Interests, which is the utmost that can be expected from any People whomsoever, and more, as we see, than by some will be practised.

Dec. 24. By all our late Advices from America, we learn, that Ministers of State are not more fortunate there in pleasing the People, than they are in England: And yet 'tis certain, that no Man could exert himself more for the real Prosperity and Happiness of a People, than the late Minister did for that of our Colonies, by opening their Eyes in Order to see their true Interest, and compelling them to a Determination of becoming Manufacturers, and for which every Colony in Gratitude ought to erect his Statue; and for this his signal Service done to our Fellow-Subjects in America, we ought not to neglect rewarding him.

The Price of Logwood, has within these few Days been considerably advanced, and it is said the Exportation will soon be totally prohibited; the Places occupied by the English in the Bay of Honduras being greatly exhausted.

It is whispered, that an illustrious young Lady, of the first Rank, will be espoused to a Prince of the Royal House of Brandenburg.

Dec. 31. Sunday, at half an Hour past Three in the Afternoon, died of a Complication of Disorders, in Leicester-Fields, his Royal Highness Prince Frederick William, His Majesty's youngest Brother, in the 16th Year of his Age, being born May 24, 1750. At 11 o'Clock in the Morning, Notice was sent to St. James's, that on Account of his Royal Highness being dangerously ill, there would be no Court nor Drawing Room.

A Stop is put to all public Diversions on the above Occasion.

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