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AN

Historical Account OF THE RISE and PROGRESS OF ADDRESSING.

IT is to be noted, that the first contrivance of *Addresses* was from Oliver Cromwel, who having by a Salvo to him from the injunction of the Ordinance, the Regiment of Colonel Leg (which had been in some Muttering and Discontent against the Parliament) conferred on him; did, as soon as he had mustered them. present 'em a Paper, wherein they professed their future adherence to the Parliament in all duty and affection, as to the utmost hazard of their Lives: which leading case was followed throughout the Army, and since throughout the times.

In the Year 1653. The Souldiers and others of the Parliaments Army and Party, upon the Dissolution of the Parliament, were every where drawn together to subscribe *Addresses* to their General Cromwel, declaring their approbation of what he had done to the Government, and promising to assist him with their very Lives; Praying that he might go on prosperously.

Also upon the Decease of *Oliver Cromwel*, *Addresses* came in flocks from all parts of the Nation to *White-hall*, to Salute and Magnifie his Son *Richard's* assumption to the Sovereignty, being highly celebrated for his Wisdom and Nobleness of Spirit, &c. comparing his dead Father to *Moses*, to *Zerubbabel*, to *Joshua*, to *Gideon*, to *Elijah*, to the Chariots and Horsemen of *Israel*, to *David*, to *Solomon*, to *Hezekiah*, to *Constantine*, to all that was either great or good in Holy or Humane Writ.

Anno 1659. The Parliament having chosen some Members of their own for a Council of State, they were saluted with an *Adresse* from the Army in *Scotland*, wherein they confessed and lamented their
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their own former miscarriages towards them; but at the end thereof there was an hard word subjoyned, viz. That the defection was fomented and caused by some of themselves, which caused some difference amongst them.

The Parliaments Army presented an Address to the Council of State, in Prosecution of their Condition of dividing the Judicative and Executive Power; and to that purpose they had Couched therein a Project of a Co-ordinate or Select Senate. This was promised to be forthwith considered, and the Presenters had the thanks of the House, who Resolved to new Commissionate the Officers; which was done in this manner, the Speaker in few words declaring, that the Parliament in confidence of their fidelity and ability did conferr, &c. this went throughout the Army, one Regiment after another.

They also had Addresses from Forreign Princes, for to court and oblige the Souldiery about Town, and who as their Guards attended them, they raised the Foots pay a Penny, and the Horse three pence a day. Collonel *Allured* and *Overtor* being taken into favour, the last made Governour of *Hull*, the other Captain of their Life-Guard. *Lockheart* was also confirmed Governour of *Dunkirk*, from which place they had received Addresses, as also an Ambassadour from *France*, another from the States General, from the King of *Poland*, an Envoy from *Sweden*, the like from the *Hanse Towns*, from *Genoa* and *Portugal*.

And thus we most evidently see that those who most bitterly detest and seem to abominate the procedures of those times, still reject not to repeat the same Method of Addressing (though it is indubitable that great is the distance between a Lawful and Usurped Authority) yet doubtless how unuseful these Addresses are, being rather stuffed with Flattery, than filled with Loyalty, as may be apparent from that of *Richard Cromwel*, who was visited with magnificent Addresses, but when Deposed, found not one of them faithfull Assistants.

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