AN
Historical Account
OF THE
RISE and PROGRESS
OF
ADDRESSING.

It is to be noted, that the first contrivance of Address was from Oliver Cromwell, 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 him 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 Soldiers and others of the Parliament Army and Party, upon the Dissolution of the Parliament, were every where drawn together to subscribe Address to their General Cromwell, 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 Cromwell, Addresses came in flocks from all parts of the Nation to Whitehall, to Salute and Magnifie his Son Richard's assumption to the Soveraignty, 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 Address from the Army in Scotland, wherein they confessed and lamented their
their own former miscarriages towards them; but at the end thereof there was an hard word subjoined, 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 promis'd 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 confer, &c. this went throughout the Army, one Regiment after another.

They also had Addresses from Foreign Princes, for to court and oblige the Souliery about Town, and who as their Guards attended them, they raised the Poors pay a Penny, and the Horse three pence a day. Colonneil Allured and Overton being taken into favour, the last made Governour of Hull, the other Captain of their Life-Guard. Lockhart 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 Genua and Portugal.

And thus we most evidently see that those who most bitterly de- sic 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 Cromwell, who was visited with magnificent Addresses, but when Deposited, found not one of them faithfull Assistants.

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