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AT the Council Chamber *Whitehall*, the 7th Day of November, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

WHEREAS Information hath been given to the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, that a great Number of Journeymen, in the Cabinet and Chair Branches, have lately entered into a Combination to lessen the Hours of their daily Work, and to raise the Price of their Piece Work; and that on Monday the 14th of September last, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, the Journeymen, in several of the Shops of the principal Cabinet and Chair-makers in London and Westminster, came in Bodies to their respective Masters, and demanded the Lessening their daily Hours of Work, and Raising the Prices of their Piece Work; which being refused, they immediately quitted their Services. That the said Masters have, by all Means, endeavoured to prevail on the said Journeymen to return to their Business, and offered them Protection and Encouragement according to their Merit; notwithstanding which, they hold frequent Meetings at Publick Houses, and raise Subscriptions among themselves for supporting such Journeymen as are unemployed, and for carrying their Demands into Execution; which, if complied with, would increase the Prices of Work, and greatly affect not only the Foreign Trade of those Commodities, but also those that are provided for Home Consumption. — And whereas it hath been further represented, That the said Journeymen Cabinet and Chair-makers, so in Combination, deter and hinder others from working as usual, and threaten them with Death or Maiming, if they do not come into, and assist them in their Demands—In order to put a Stop to such unlawful Combinations and riotous Proceedings—It is hereby Ordered in Council, That all and every His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, and all other Civil Magistrates whatsoever, do cause the Laws against such Offenders to be immediately put into Execution, and use their utmost Endeavours to put an immediate Stop to such unlawful Meetings and Combinations; and that, in order to prevent the same, they do particularly enquire into the Behaviour of all Masters of Publick Houses, where the said Journeymen assemble and resort, in order to carry on their illegal Practices, to the End that such Prosecutions may be carried on against them, as may be thought just and reasonable, to prevent this great Evil: And their Lordships do hereby Command the respective Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, that they do, from Time to Time, transmit an exact Account of what they shall do, pursuant to this their Lordships Order, to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Hen. Fane.

St. James's, November 14.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Salop, has been presented to His Majesty by the High Sheriff of the said County, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Gentle-

men, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Salop.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful Subjects beg Leave to present our warmest Congratulations to your Majesty, on your auspicious Marriage, with a Princess, whom your Royal Choice hath already endeared to these Nations.

Sensible of the Blessings of Government which we enjoy under your Majesty, and happy in the Prospect of deriving the same to our Posterity, we cannot but rejoice at an Event, in which your Majesty's Happiness is so perfectly combined with that of your People. It is your Majesty's peculiar Felicity, while your Arms are crowned with Conquest Abroad, to triumph in the Affections of your People at Home; united as one Man in applauding the personal and publick Virtues of their Prince, and in offering up their Vows to Heaven for every Blessing on your Majesty and your Royal Consort.

From this happy Alliance may your Country be blessed with a Race of Princes formed to Virtue by your Example, and educated in those Principles of Government, and that sacred Regard to Law and Liberty, which have so early procured to your Majesty the Confidence of your Subjects, and have made dear to them the Memory of your illustrious Progenitors.

With these Hopes before us, we share most sensibly in the Blessings that attend your Majesty: The Interests of your Royal House are become the common Interests of your People; who think it the best Service they can render to their Country, their Allegiance to a Prince whose first Object and Happiness it is to make his Subjects happy.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Worcester, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Coventry, Lord Lieutenant of the said County: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Worcester.

PERMIT us, most gracious Sovereign, to approach your sacred Person, with our very sincere and affectionate Congratulations, on the happy and interesting Occasion of your Marriage with a Princess, adorned with every Virtue and Accomplishment, and of an ancient and Royal House, which early distinguished itself in embracing the true reformed Protestant Religion; and is also most acceptable and dear to us for long Attachment to your Majesty's august Family.

Such an Alliance, while it must afford the truest Happiness and Comfort to your Majesty, presages to the People of these Nations the most fortunate Events under your Majesty's Government, and gives the pleasing Hope of a Succession of Princes, who, forming their Conduct by the perfect Model of your Majesty's bright Example, shall acquire to themselves that true Glory, and confer on their Subjects that real Happiness, which are only to be found where the best of Kings reigns over the most loyal, free, and united People.

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