

to extend Our Most Holy Religion throughout the vast Dominions, added to My Crown by the late Honorable and Advantageous Peace: In this pious Work, I am persuaded, I shall have the Hearty and Zealous Assistance of My Faithful Clergy; and They may be assured of My constant Protection, and Support.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and Grand Jury at the Assizes assembled, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Salop, has been presented to His Majesty by Robert Burton, Esq; High Sheriff, attended by the Earl Bath, Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Aitley, Bart. Knight of the Shire, Sir Robert Lawley, Bart. Sir Thomas Jones, Thomas Hill, Esq; Member for Shrewsbury, and other Principal Gentlemen of the 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.

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and Grand Jury at the Assizes assembled, Gentlemen and Clergy of your County of Salop, beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence with our most sincere and humble Congratulations on the Return of Peace.

From a Principle of Humanity, we cannot but be glad to see a Period put to the Distress of Nations, and to the Destruction of our Fellow-Creatures; but we feel a peculiar Satisfaction, on the Occasion, when we observe that while the Splendor of our Victories has raised the British Nation to the Summit of Glory, your Majesty's wise Councils have improved them, to obtain, for your happy Subjects, the more solid and durable Advantages, of augmented Commerce and extended Empire. A Peace which not only fully insures to us all the Objects for which we fought, but has also secured to us, most important Acquisitions in every Part of the Globe, could not but meet with the warmest Approbation of both your Majesty's Houses of Parliament, and becomes still more welcome, to the whole Body of your People, who find, with grateful Pleasure, many important Points more firmly established in Favour of this Country, by the Definitive Treaty, than they were by the Preliminaries; and who cannot but be sensible how much they owe to your Majesty for extricating them from Dangers and Distresses, which the Glare of Success could no longer conceal, and for closing a bloody and expensive War, before the fatal Moment was come, when we should have known, too late, that Conquests may be purchased too dear, if they cannot be acquired without depopulating our Country, and loading Posterity with an enormous, and almost irredeemable Debt. While we presume to applaud your Majesty's paternal Wisdom, thus nobly and effectually displayed, by putting so honorable a period to the War, permit us, most gracious Sovereign, to give full Scope to our Joy, by looking forward to those domestic Blessings, which, on the happy Establishment of Peace, we may expect from the Virtues of a Prince, who, anticipating the Wishes of those who feel for the public Distresses, has most graciously been pleased to be the first Proposer of a Plan to remove them, by recommending from the Throne, that public Economy, which our multiplied Incumbrances render necessary to be adopted, and an universal and invariable Adherence to which can alone preserve the Greatness, the Independence, and the Liberties of Great Britain.

Happy, as we are in indulging such pleasing Prospects, it is our ardent Wish, and constant Prayer, that your Majesty may be long preserved to complete the Happiness of your faithful and united Subjects, by employing that Peace which you have established (and which, we trust, will be as permanent, as it is honourable) to perfect the great Work of national Reformation: A Work which will fill up the Measure of your Glory, and distinguish your Majesty's Reign, as much for strengthening the

Foundations of the British Constitution, as it has been already distinguished for enlarging the Bounds of the British Empire.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Citizens of the City of Carlisle, having been transmitted by Sir James Lowther, Bart. to the Earl of Halifax, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Citizens of the City of Carlisle, in Council assembled, beg Leave hereby to testify our grateful Acknowledgement of your Majesty's paternal Tenderness, in stopping the Effusion of the Blood and Treasure of your Subjects, as soon as the End of Warfare was effectually obtained. Our inveterate and most powerful Enemies have been feelingly taught, that no Person, or State, under your Majesty's Protection, can be injured with Impunity. New and considerable Territories have moreover been acquired to these Kingdoms, and a durable Barrier of Property established.

This Blessing of Peace, and these advantageous Conditions of it, are owing evidently to your Majesty's Conduct and Resolution. It is our Duty to return your Majesty our particular Thanks for such Benefits; and it is our Interest to pray, that a Monarch, who can so well support the Honour of His Crown, and the Welfare of His People, may happily and long reign over us.

Given under the Seal of the said City of Carlisle, the Seventh Day of March, in the Third Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address of the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven, having been transmitted by Sir James Lowther, Bart. to the Earl of Halifax, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Port of Whitehaven, having had frequent Occasion to felicitate your Majesty upon the Success of your Arms, do now with an Increase of Joy, approach your Throne with our warmest Congratulations, upon the happy Fruits of your Glorious Victories, a Safe and Honourable Peace.

It has common been the Fate of the greatest Conquerors, that from the Want of Moderation in Setting fit Bounds to their Conquests, the Glory of their Victories hath been allayed by the Vicissitudes of War; or through a Defect of Prudence in Directing the Issues of them to a proper End, their most illustrious Triumphs have produced no other Effects than the most detestable Scenes of unavailing Slaughter and Desolation, in which their Subjects and their Enemies have been equally involved. But your Majesty, amidst the Tumults of War, ever attentive to the Blessings of Peace, hath displayed the greatest Goodness, joined to the most consummate Wisdom, in improving the favourable Crisis, by cultivating the first Dawnings of a Pacific Disposition, into which your Enemies had been awed by the Splendor and Rapidity of your Victories, and making it productive of Peace equally beneficial to your Subjects and to your Allies.

When we consider the Power of your Enemies, who had already in their Imaginations possessed the Dominions of your Allies, it gives us the highest Idea of the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, and the Valour of your Arms, which, by your timely and powerful Support, could so alter the Face of Affairs,