

ing: Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Berwick.—Met at Greenlaw, the 7th Day of June, 1763.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Berwick, with Hearts full of Gratitude to Heaven for all the Successes, with which it has been pleased to bless your Majesty's Arms; full of Duty and Affection to your Royal Person, by whose Hand, Providence has guided the War to so glorious an Issue; beg Leave to Congratulate your Majesty on the Immortal Honour you have acquired, not more by your Conquests, and the Reputation of your Arms, than by the Peace you have made; for, when your Foes were humbled in every Quarter of the Globe, when every new Conquest rendered another more easy; while Victory was fixed to the British Standard; when your Majesty's early Time of Life might have excused the most violent Thirst of Glory, yet touched with Paternal Love for your People, and Compassion for the Miseries of your Enemies, you sheathed the Victorious Sword, on Terms so Glorious and Advantageous, as will reflect lasting Honour on your Majesty, and on your Councils.

Your Majesty has given us a double Security for the Stability of this Peace, by leaving in the Minds of your Enemies, and of Mankind, the Awe of your Arms, and the deepest Impression of your Virtue, Justice, and Moderation.

It is with the utmost Abhorrence we see licentious Men, under the specious Mask of Liberty, endeavouring to insult the Throne, and to disturb that Concord, so peculiarly necessary to procure to us, and to our Posterity, the great Advantages acquired by the Peace.

That your Majesty may long reign over a grateful and united People, is the ardent Prayer of your Majesty's faithful Subjects.

Signed in Presence, and by Appointment of the Meeting, *Home.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the County of Linlithgow.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, and others of the County of Linlithgow, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the happy Success of your paternal Care of your Subjects, in concluding the late, long, just, and successful War, by a Peace, which, in Spite of all Detraction, we are fully satisfied is both Honourable and Advantageous; and therefore we flatter ourselves well, by the Blessing of the Almighty, prove a national Benefit, not only to the Present, but to future Generations.

Permit us also to declare our Abhorrence of every licentious Attempt to distract and mislead the Minds of your faithful Subjects, from that Duty and Gratitude they owe to your Majesty's wise and mild Government, for the long Continuance of which, as the surest Foundation of our own Happiness, we shall ever most sincerely pray.

Charles Hope Wair, Præses.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply in the County of Renfrew, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon the happy Re-establishment of a general Peace.

To enumerate the Successes of the War, or the Advantages of the Peace, would extend this Address beyond its proper Limits. The present Age hesitates, and even Posterity, when instructed by Experience, will doubt which they should most admire, the vigorous Prosecution of the War, or the judicious and sea-

sonable Termination of it: Your grateful Subjects render to their Sovereign, the Praise of both; and rejoice in the Virtue of their Prince, who in early Youth preferred the solid Welfare of his People to the dazzling Glories of Victories and Conquest. But though Peace has been preferred to War, neither Interest nor Honour have been sacrificed to Repose. The Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils has adorned and enriched Peace with the Spoils of War, and rendered even Tranquillity triumphant. The immense Increase of Territory and Power arising from these Conquests, which your Majesty has retained, makes this Country more formidable than ever to its Enemies; whilst the sacred Faith preserved with your Allies, the Defence of Portugal, so magnanimously undertaken and accomplished, secure to Britain the lasting Confidence and Esteem of every Nation.

Whilst we thus exult with Joy and Congratulations upon those great and splendid Events, permit us, Great Sir, to testify our most feeling Sense of that anxious Care, and tender Concern, with which you have been pleased to mention the Burdens and Necessities of your People. Your Majesty's generous Actions, as well as your Words, give us the most pleasing Hope, that your wise Regulations, your beneficent and prudent Oeconomy, in Times of Quiet, will alleviate those heavy Burdens under which your Kingdoms labour, will repair the Breaches which War has made, and will extend that envied Commerce which enabled Britain to stretch its irresistible Arms over the World.

We most sincerely rejoice in the happy Prospect of a Reign that promises, with every present Blessing, Duration and Continuance to our Felicity, from those many Years of Life, which we may reasonably hope, and most ardently pray, that Heaven may grant to our revered and beloved Sovereign.

Signed at the Desire, and in the Presence of the Meeting, by Sir James Maxwell, Bart. their Præses.

Renfrew, May 30, 1763.

James Maxwell.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe in the County of Bucks, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe in the County of Bucks.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs and Burgesses of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe, beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence with our most sincere and humble Congratulations on the happy Return of Peace, by the Conclusion of a glorious and successful War.

We cannot sufficiently applaud the Wisdom and Steadiness of those Councils which, under the Divine Favour, enabled your Majesty to defeat the powerful and inveterate Designs of your Enemies, and thereby reduce them to the Necessity of accepting Terms of Peace, most honourable and advantageous to your Majesty and your People, and humiliating to your Enemies.

May your Majesty's future Reign be as famous for the Cultivation of the Arts of Peace, as the first Years of it have been signalized by warlike Achievements; and may Loyalty and Respect to your Majesty's Royal Person and Dignity, be the just Tribute of a grateful People, for the many inestimable Blessings which we enjoy under your mild and auspicious Government.

Moscow, May 16, N. S. The Empress having directed the Chancellor to acquaint the Foreign Ministers, that they were at Liberty to set out, as soon as they thought proper, for Petersburg, some have already left Moscow, and all the Rest are upon their Departure.

The Empress will not come to Petersburg sooner than