

met at Aberdeen on the Fifth Day of April, 1769.

WE the Nobility, Gentry, Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, truly impressed with the inestimable Blessings of our happy Constitution, and with your Majesty's constant Care of giving to your People a full Security and Protection in the Enjoyment of their Rights and Liberties, Sacred and Civil, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our sincere and inviolable Attachment to your Royal Person, Family, and Government, and that we are determined to support the same, at the Risque of our Lives and Fortunes, against all seditious Attempts; and, at the same Time, to declare, with Concern and Indignation, our Disapprobation of all the late most riotous and unlawful Assemblies, and of their violent and unconstitutional Proceedings, which at length have grown to such a Height, as to be attended with Threats of a most dangerous Kind.

In no Period of our History did the Rights and Liberties of the Subject stand on a firm Basis.—At no Time, from mere Motives of paternal Affection to the People, were such Concessions made by a Sovereign, for the Freedom and Security of his Subjects.—No King ever possessed, in a more exalted Manner, the Sentiments and Practice of true Piety and Devotion.—We trust therefore in the good Providence of God, that the Eyes of the deluded People will be opened; that they will see the wicked Arts by which they have been abused; and that your Majesty will reign long and happy over a willing and contented People.

Signed in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Meeting, by their Preses, the Earl of Findlater and Seafield.

Findlater and Seafield, Preses.

The following Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Thomas Lyon, their Representative in Parliament, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen.

May it please your Majesty,

Permit us, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen, to express our Sentiments of unfeigned Loyalty to a Sovereign whom we venerate and love, and our Sense of the manifold Blessings which we enjoy under his Government, ever directed with an inviolable Regard to our Laws and Liberties, and with uniform Attention to the true Interests of our Country.

Under such a King, it is with equal Surprise and Indignation that we have seen a Spirit of Faction, Licentiousness, and Riot, artfully excited by designing Men, on Purpose to promote their own base Ends, propagated with too great Success among some of your Majesty's Subjects; disguising itself under the prostituted Name of Liberty; and, under that Disguise, obstructing the Exercise of Justice, and the most necessary Acts of Government; reviling the most distinguished and venerable Characters; treating the Legislature with the most unbecoming Contempt; violating those Laws which are our Security for all that we hold dear; daring to raise

outrageous Tumults, and to carry them even to the Gates of the Royal Palace; and pursuing such Measures as have a direct Tendency to subvert that admirable Constitution, which is the Glory and Happiness of Britain, and the Envy of Foreign Nations.

Warmly attached to true Liberty, we detest that Licentiousness, which is its most dangerous Enemy. Happy under your Majesty's Government, we abhor every Attempt to disturb it; and are persuaded that we speak the Sense of all the best and wisest of our Fellow-Subjects, when we profess our heartiest Affection to your Majesty's Person and Administration, and our most ardent Wishes for the Prosperity of your illustrious Family.

Signed in Name and by Appointment of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen, by

Aberdeen, March

James Jopp, Provost.

29, 1769.

The following Address of the Magistrates and Counsellors of the Borough of Linlithgow has been presented to His Majesty by Mr. Dixon, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates and Counsellors of your Majesty's ancient Borough of Linlithgow, in Council assembled, beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence, and lay before your Majesty the most unfeigned Sentiments of our Hearts.

Happy are we in the most excellent Constitution reared at the liberal Expence of Blood and Treasure, and so improved by the Wisdom and Experience of Ages, as to be the just Boast of Britons, and the Admiration and Envy of all Nations. Happy are we in a most Gracious Prince, who makes Law the Rule of his Government, is the faithful Guardian of his Subjects Rights, and founds his Glory in the Prosperity of his People.

Unworthy should we be of the many inestimable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, did we not feel the utmost Indignation and Abhorrence of that malicious Spirit of Faction, Riot, and Licentiousness, that prevails among some of your Majesty's deluded Subjects, while a few turbulent and factious Persons of the most abandoned Principles, and the most flagitious Practices, by false Representations and groundless Clamours, are endeavouring to sow the Seeds of Sedition and Licentiousness among the deluded and unthinking Multitude. Permit us to assure your Majesty of our unshaken Loyalty, and most cordial Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and of our most vigorous Endeavours to oppose and defeat every Attempt of designing Men to debauch the Minds of your Majesty's Subjects, and disturb our domestic Tranquillity.

That your Majesty may long reign in the Hearts of a free, happy, united, and grateful People; and that some of your illustrious Race, inheriting your Royal Virtues as well as Throne, may transmit the Blessings of your Gracious Reign to latest Posterity, is and shall be the constant Prayer of our Community.

By Appointment, and in Presence of the Town-Council,

Linlithgow, April 1,

Thomas Dundas, Provost.

1769.