

lawful Rights and Privileges, considered the Security of the Laws, and regular Government, as the sole Security of their Civil Liberty.—We their Posterity, equally inspired with a Veneration for the Laws of our Country, most heartily condemn the wicked Attempts of those, who under Pretences equally false and pernicious, prosecute Measures subversive of all good Government, and legal Authority.

Prompted therefore by Loyalty and Affection, we cheerfully embrace this Opportunity of expressing our most ardent Wishes for the Preservation of your Majesty's Person, the Dignity of your Crown, and the Prosperity of your Government; and of assuring your Majesty, that we look with Indignation on every Attempt that has a Tendency to infringe the Laws, or disturb the publick Repose; and that it is our firm Resolution to support your Majesty to the utmost of our Power, in the Exertion of such Measures as your Royal Wisdom shall suggest, for suppressing the licentious Spirit of designing Men, securing the publick Tranquility, and enforcing a due Obedience to the Laws.

May it therefore please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects,
the Magistrates and Council of your City
of Brechine.

Signed in Prefence and by our Appointment,
John Molison, jun. Provost.

The following Address of the Rector, Principal, Professors, and Masters of the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, has 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 Rector, Principal, Professors, and Masters of the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Rector, Principal, Professors, and Masters of the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen, beg Leave, with the rest of your Majesty's good Subjects, to approach the Throne; and to assure your Majesty, that we bear the most inviolable Allegiance to your Person, Family, and Government; that we love and admire your many Christian and Royal Virtues; and that we are zealously attached to the Liberties and Constitution of Great Britain.

We have seen these Kingdoms, under your Majesty's Influence, exalted to the highest Pitch of Prosperity and Grandeur that Wealth and Conquest can attain. We have seen, with peculiar Satisfaction, your Majesty's unwearied Assiduity, in securing, to all your Subjects, their invaluable Rights and Liberties, Religious and Civil; in promoting, both by Command and by Example, that Righteousness which is the true Glory of a Nation; and in discouraging, by every Method which Piety and Prudence can suggest, that Wickedness which is the Reproach of any People. We cherished the pleasing Hope, that, by the Blessing of Heaven upon your Majesty's Endeavours, a happy Reformation of Manners would take Place among all Ranks of your Subjects, and that the whole British Empire would soon be as eminent for Publick and Private Virtue, as for Commercial and Military Glory.

We cannot therefore, without Regret and Indignation, see your Majesty's gracious Purposes counteracted, the Glory of these your Kingdoms contaminated, and the publick Tranquility subverted, by turbulent, selfish, and impious Men; who, by Arts truly diabolical, have, for some Time past, been labouring to alienate the Affections of your Majesty's Subjects from your Person and Government, and from one another; and to diffuse a Spirit of Discord, Profligacy, and Sedition, destructive of all Liberty, Security, and good Order; and who have of late become so daring, as not only to threaten and attack the Lives of some of your Majesty's most respectable Subjects, but even repeatedly

to insult all the Branches of the British Legislature. However we may be disposed to pity the Infatuation of a deluded Populace, we will ever hold the Instigators of these rebellious Tumults in utter Detestation.

It shall be our constant Endeavour to inspire the Youth, under our Care, with the Love of Truth, Virtue, and Religion; and with Zeal for our Liberties and excellent Constitution, to which Despotism and Licentiousness would prove equally fatal; and to impress upon their Minds an affecting Sense of the many important Blessings derived to us from the Glorious Revolution, and maintained for us by your Majesty's most Illustrious House. That Peace and good Order may speedily be restored to these Kingdoms; that your Majesty's Reign may be long and happy; and that your Descendants, ambitious to imitate your Royal Virtues, may sway the British Sceptre to the latest Posterity, is our earnest and daily Prayer.

Signed in Name, and by Appointment of the
Marischal College and University of Aberdeen,
by
John Gray, Rector.
George Campbell, Principal.
May 1, 1769.

The following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Province of Aberdeen has 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 Ministers and Elders of the Province of Aberdeen, in full Synod assembled at Aberdeen the 12th Day of April, 1769.

May it please your Majesty,

Permit us, the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Aberdeen, to express those Sentiments of Loyalty, which are due to a Sovereign, whose Piety and whose Virtues we venerate, and whom we regard with Gratitude and Affection, as the faithful Guardian of our excellent Constitution, our Liberties, and our Laws.

The Sentiments of our Hearts lead us to observe, with equal Astonishment and Indignation, many of our Fellow-Subjects insensible of the Blessings which we securely enjoy under your Majesty's just Administration, and yielding to a Spirit of Faction and Riot, artfully raised by interested and designing Men, on Purpose to promote their own sinister Views. We prize our Liberty as our Birth-right; and, persuaded that it cannot subsist where Laws are not esteemed sacred, we detest, as its most dangerous Enemy, that Licentiousness which assumes its Name, and under that Colour tramples upon Laws and Order. When we see the Spirit of Sedition audaciously aspersing the most respectable Characters, obstructing the Administration of Justice, traducing the most necessary Measures of Government, insulting the Legislature of the Nation, violating the sacred and darling Privilege of the Subjects Access to the Throne, and, in the Attempt to violate it, carrying Tumult and Confusion to the very Gates of the Royal Palace, we are filled with Concern for the Delusion of so many of the People, and with anxious Solicitude for all that we hold dear and valuable. Conscious that Religion and Virtue are essential to the Prosperity of every Nation, we reflect with Sorrow on the Depravation of Morals, and the Want of Religious Principle, which the Licentiousness of the present Time appears to us to indicate, and which it has the strongest Tendency to increase.

It gives us sincere Pleasure to be able to assure your Majesty, that ourselves, and the People under our Care, regard every Attempt to disturb the Tranquility of your Majesty's Government, with Abhorrence. While we rely, with perfect Confidence, on your Royal Wisdom and Paternal Care, for such Administration of Government as is fit to promote the publick Good, it shall be our Business to inculcate the Principles of pure Christianity, the firmest Foundations of Obedience to the Laws, and