

to approach your Royal Person, in order to express our grateful Senses of the Happiness which we enjoy under the Government of a Prince, whose Administration hath been uniformly distinguished by a Sacred Regard to the Constitution, and to the Welfare of His People.

Conscious of the many Blessings which every Part of the British Empire derives from your Majesty's mild and equitable Government; it is with deep Concern, that we have observed the Attempts of domestic Faction, to disturb the Tranquillity of your Reign; and with Astonishment, that we now behold the Rebellious Spirit, which hath excited the deluded People of America to take Arms in Opposition to your Majesty's just Authority, and the Supreme Jurisdiction of Parliament.

At such a Juncture we should deem ourselves inexorable, if we did not join our Voice to that of our loyal Fellow Subjects, in declaring our Detestation of those seditious Principles, which have alienated the Colonies from their Duty; and in professing our fixed Purpose of supporting your Majesty's Government, and Supremacy of Parliament, to the utmost of our Power.

May your Majesty's Reign, over a happy and grateful People, be long and glorious.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, at Kinross, the 3d Day of November, 1775.

*Mich. Malcolm, Preses.*

The following Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of the Burgh of Kirkaldy, in Common-Council assembled, having been transmitted to the Earl of Suffolk, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of the Burgh of Kirkaldy, in Common-Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE** beg Leave, with all Humility, to approach your Throne, our Hearts glowing with Zeal for your Majesty's Person, and the Honour of Great Britain.

We see, with the utmost Concern, the Conduct of your Majesty's Subjects in America, who, encouraged by daring and factious Men at Home, have proceeded to Attempts of the most criminal Nature, and, with Ingratitude equal to their Folly, rebelled against your Majesty's Government, and that State, to whose Protection they owe the Prosperity they enjoy.

We trust, that your Majesty in your Wisdom will take the most effectual Measures for bringing these infatuated People to a true Sense of their Duty; and we humbly presume to assure your Majesty, that we will cheerfully join your other faithful Subjects in supporting your Majesty's Authority, and the Supremacy of the British Legislature.

That your Majesty may long enjoy an uninterrupted State of Felicity, and reign over a free and happy People, is the united and ardent Wish of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of your Burgh of Kirkaldy.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, the Seal of the Burgh being affixed.

*Kirkaldy,  
November 1, 1777.*

*Thomas Mackie, Provost.*

The following Address of the Noblemen, Justices of Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Colonel James Murray, 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 Address of the Noblemen, Justices of Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth.

**WE**, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Justices of Peace, Freeholders, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Perth, beg Leave, with all Humility, to express to your Majesty the deep and unfeigned Sorrow with which we have beheld Sedition in America artfully fomented by designing and wicked Men there, until it has burst forth into open Rebellion.

Having Reason to apprehend that our deluded Fellow-Subjects in America have been misled into a Belief, that their Resistance to the Supreme Authority of the

Parliament, and their Disobedience to the Laws, are agreeable to the Sentiments of many of your Majesty's Subjects in Great Britain; we think it our indispensable Duty to make this publick Declaration, That we detest and abhor such Practices and false Principles, so repugnant to the Spirit of our excellent Constitution, and destructive of true Liberty, which can only subsist in Conformity to, and under the Protection of the Laws: We therefore, upon this serious and important Occasion, respectfully approach your Majesty's Throne with the warmest and most solemn Assurances, that we will, in our respective Stations, exert every Means in our Power to strengthen the Hands of your Majesty's Government.

May your Majesty, whose Arms have heretofore been crowned with Victory, still, by the Blessing of the Almighty, triumph over all your Enemies: May our Fellow-Subjects in America soon return to a proper Sense of their Duty: May your Majesty long reign over a free, grateful, and united People; and may the British Dominions be transmitted to your Majesty's latest Posterity entire and undivided.

At Perth this 3d Day of November, 1775. Signed in the Presence and by the Appointment of the Meeting, *KINNOULL, Preses.*

The following Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Lord Robert Spencer, One of their Representatives 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.

**WE**, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Oxford in the County of Oxford, in Common-Council assembled, should think ourselves failing in that Duty which we owe to your Majesty, if at a Time, when the greatest Part of your British Dominions has declared their Loyalty to your Sacred Person, we should remain in Silence, without giving your Majesty the same Assurances of our Affection towards You, the same Promises of supporting your just Rights, and the same Expressions of that Indignation which we feel at the unnatural and rebellious Spirit which now pervades the Continent of America.

We have observed with the most sincere and heart-felt Pleasure, that your Majesty has not been tempted to endanger the Constitution of Great Britain, by accepting the alluring Offers of an unconstitutional Increase of your Prerogative.

We have observed too with the same Satisfaction, that your Majesty has made every possible Effort to put a Stop to the Effusion of Blood, and to bring back your American Subjects to their former Obedience, without tainting the Dignity of your Crown or hurting the Safety of your Realm. That Part of your Majesty's gracious Speech, by which we are given to understand that your Commissions, sent to America, contain in them a Power of granting special or general Pardons, and of receiving the Submission of whole Provinces, confirms our Ideas of your Majesty's earnest Desire of a Reconciliation with your deluded Colonies.

We thought that America had Reason to complain of the unconditional, unlimited Right of Taxation claimed by the Parliament of Great Britain, but as the Grievance was, in our Apprehension, redressed by a Measure taken in the last Session of Parliament, and as America has contemptuously rejected that Redress absolutely, even without making it a Ground of Treaty, we cannot but think that she entertains Views totally inconsistent with the Subordination which she, by every Principle of Right and sound Policy, owes to the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain.

Confiding in your Majesty's good Intentions, in the firm Resolution of your Ministers, in the steady Support of your two Houses of Parliament, in the Loyalty of your faithful Subjects, and in that high Spirit of this Nation, which in a just Cause has always enabled her to surmount the greatest Difficulties, we offer to your Majesty our most hearty Assurances of supporting the Rights of your Crown, and of maintaining the Legislative Authority of your Parliament in every Part of your extended Dominions.

Given under our Common Seal, at our Council-Chamber in the City of Oxford, the Sixth Day of November, in the Sixteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign.