

Throne, of your being willing to receive them with Tenderness and Mercy, when they become sensible of their Error; and express our most fervent Wishes, that they may soon avail themselves of your Majesty's Clemency, so that Peace and Tranquility may be restored to all your Dominions.

That your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous over a free, a happy, and a grateful People, sensible of the many Blessings they enjoy under the Government of the best of Sovereigns, is the earnest Wish and Prayer of us your Majesty's most dutiful and affectionate Subjects.

Signed in our Name, and at our Appointment, by
LEVEN, Præsides.

Cupar, November 10, 1775.

The following Address of the Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Stirling, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable Sir Laurence Dundas, Bart. 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 Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Stirling.

WE, your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Gentlemen, Justices of Peace, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County aforesaid, impressed with the deepest Sense of the Happiness we enjoy under the Reign of a Prince so mild and beneficent, beg Leave to approach your Throne, with Assurances of our warmest Gratitude and most faithful Allegiance.

We have seen, with equal Concern and Surprise, many of your Majesty's Colonies, who derive their Origin from Britain, and owe their Protection to her Arms, influenced and misled by Men of turbulent Dispositions and democratic Principles, oppose, by Sedition and Tumult, every Constitutional Act of Government, till at length; throwing aside even the Appearance of Obedience to the Legislative Authority of Great-Britain, they have openly in the Field displayed the Ensigns, and unsheathed the Sword of Rebellion.

We trust in your Majesty's Steadiness and Wisdom for such an Exertion of the Power of your Kingdoms, as shall effectually enforce Submission and Obedience from the most Refractory; and that no Terms of Accommodation will be listened to, till abandoning every Idea of Resistance, they acknowledge the Supreme Authority of the Mother Country in Terms the most explicit, and in a Manner the most unreserved.

When so desirable a Period to the Contest shall arrive, we rely, with perfect Confidence, on your Majesty's Clemency for giving to that deluded People as favourable and indulgent Terms as your Majesty in your Wisdom shall see consistent with the Nature of their future Dependence on the British Nation.

We cannot but express our Astonishment that there should be found any of our Fellow-Subjects so infatuated by Prejudice, or so insensible to the Blessings of regular Government, as to countenance, in the smallest Degree, this unprovoked and daring Rebellion. We confide in your Majesty's Vigilance for directing such an Enquiry into the Correspondence from these Kingdoms with the Disaffected in America, as shall effectually disconcert and annihilate a Practice so unnatural and dangerous.

For our Parts, we shall esteem it our highest Honour, as it is unquestionably our Duty, to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in the Support of the Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, and the undoubted Rights of the Nation; and shall embrace with Ardour every Occasion to testify our Affection to your Majesty's Person, and Attachment to your Family.

Signed in Presence, and by Appointment of the Meeting, by James Bruce, of Kinaird, Præsides.
James Bruce.

The following Address of the Magistrates, Town-Council, and all the Principal Inhabitants of the Burgh of Fortrose, has been presented to His Majesty by Colonel Hector Munro, 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 Magistrates, Town-Council, and all the Principal Inhabitants of the Burgh of Fortrose, lawfully assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Animated with the most sincere and loyal Affection to your Majesty's Person and Family, with the

warmest Zeal for the Dignity of your Crown, and the Constitutional Legislative Authority of the King and Parliament of Great Britain, and filled with a just Sense of the many Blessings we enjoy, in common with Millions of our Fellow-Subjects, under your mild and auspicious Government, We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Magistrates, Town-Council, and Inhabitants of the Burgh of Fortrose, assembled, beg Leave to approach the Throne, and express our Indignation at, and Abhorrence of, the Measures adopted by our unhappy and deluded Fellow-Subjects in America, in direct Opposition to Law and Justice, and to every rational Idea of Colonization, especially in Colonies so long, so unweariedly, and so tenderly cherished by the Parent State, which with so liberal a Hand poured forth her Blood and Treasure, to rear them up to their present State of Power and Opulence.

With still greater Indignation, if possible, we behold this rebellious Disposition, which so fatally obtains on the other Side the Atlantic, fomented and cherished by a Set of Men in Great Britain, who, under the Mask of Patriotism, sow Sedition and Discord among their Fellow-Subjects, that, by involving every Thing in Confusion, they may accomplish their private Views, by which they seem to be actuated.

We heartily wish our untoward Brethren, your Majesty's deluded Children, may quickly return to their Duty without further Bloodshed, and upon Terms as mild and gentle as are consistent with the Dignity of our King, and a just Subordination and Submission to the Supreme Legislature of Great Britain. But if they shall persist in their unnatural and unprovoked Rebellion, we hope your Majesty will direct such vigorous, speedy, and effectual Measures to be pursued, as may bring them to a due Sense of their Error; in which we are persuaded your Majesty will be cheerfully supported by all your faithful Subjects of Great Britain and Ireland, however a few (and we trust they are but few) factious and turbulent Spirits may have entered into an unnatural Confederacy to encourage Ingratitude, Stubbornness, and Rebellion, among their Fellow-Subjects.

May Peace, Harmony, and due Subordination, everywhere prevail in your Majesty's extensive Dominions, to the last Period of a long and happy Reign; and under the Auspices of your Royal Progeny, copying the glorious Pattern, may every Constitutional Blessing, hitherto inviolated by the best of Kings, be perpetuated to Generations yet unborn.

Signed in Name and Authority of the Magistrates, Town-Council, and all the principal Inhabitants of the Burgh of Fortrose,

Hector Munro, Provost.

The following Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Borough of Nairn, has been presented to His Majesty by Colonel Hector Munro, 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 Borough of Nairn.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of the Borough of Nairn, think it our indispensable Duty upon this Occasion to approach our Sovereign, and with unanimous Voice to testify that Loyalty and Attachment, which so mild and equitable a Government must ever create in the Minds of a grateful and affectionate People.

Deeply sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under the happy Auspices of such a Reign, we cannot reflect without Horror and Detestation on the audacious Attempts that have been made to alienate the Affections of your Subjects and kindle the Flame of Civil War. — May such infernal Machinations recoil on those flagitious Heads that framed them, and every latent Viper of Sedition be dragged to open Light.

The Differences between Great Britain and her Colonies have now come to such a Crisis, that every Community, every Individual, ought to be interested in the Publick Cause. Weak as our utmost Efforts may be deemed, and limited our Powers, each Heart and Hand devoted to your Service, will, with the most ardent Zeal, contribute in promoting such Measures, as may be now thought necessary for re-establishing the violated Rights of the British Legislature, and bringing back to Order and Allegiance your Majesty's deluded and unhappy Subjects in America.

By Order of the Magistrates and Council,

Lewis Rose, Provost.

Nairn, November 6, 1775.