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AT the Court at St. James's, the 14th Day of February, 1777,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**IS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint William Edwards, of Sapey, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Hereford, in the room of James Clutton, of Kinnerley, Esq; deceased.

St. James's, February 14.

The following Adrefs of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses and principal Inhabitants of the Town of Stockton upon Tees in the County of Durham, having been transmitted to the Earl of Suffolk, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to His Majesty: Which Adrefs His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty.

Most gracious Sovereign,

**W**E, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and principal Inhabitants of the Town of Stockton upon Tees in the County of Durham, humbly approach the Throne with the purest and liveliest Sentiments of the most respectful Congratulation upon the rapid Progress of Your Majesty's Arms in North America.

We have seen, Dread Sir, with an equal Degree of Astonishment and deep Concern, an inconsiderable Number of ambitious and designing Men, grown averse from those necessary Restraints which can only make the Blessings of Civil Liberty either valuable or lasting, daring to treat the kindest and best of Kings with Rudeness and Ingratitude; scattering Madness and Rebellion through whole Provinces; and striving, (impotently enough) by a monstrous Confederacy, to subvert the true Interest and Constitution of their Mother Country.

Amidst the Wreck of every valuable Enjoyment, following close upon intestine Factions, we have seen also, with increasing Wonder and Delight, your Royal Arm extended to stem the wasteful Torrent of Oppression, Penury, and Death; and thus greatly sacrificing the justest Resentments to Clemency and the Public Good.

The united Experience of many Years hath convinced us how tender your Majesty is over the Rights and Liberties of all your Subjects;— how excellently framed for the arduous Employ of governing a great and free People: And we are proud to assure your Majesty, that a grateful Sense of these general Blessings is so firmly interwoven with our Loyalty and Affection, that we would as soon confound the Distinctions of Heaven and Earth, as weaken or dissolve such an Union.

May the universal Eye of Providence continue to guide your Majesty's Counsels, and favour your

generous Sollicitude to restore Peace and Order among your Majesty's seditious and distracted Colonies. May Liberty and Religion ever confide in Britain as their Bulwark, and contend in blessing our Gracious King: So shall the present Age venerate His unrivaled Greatness, and Posterity justify and emulate their Veneration.

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| George Hutchinson,<br><i>Mayor.</i> | Christopher Wray    | John Wilfon          |
| William Sleigh                      | Henry Hutchinson    | Will. Stephenson     |
| John Wilkinson                      | Robert Bolland      | James Weir           |
| R. Preston                          | Joseph Gray         | Robert Allan         |
| Benjamin Lumley                     | Thomas Bainbridge   | Christopher Smith    |
| James Lamb                          | W. Bloom            | S. Wheelwright       |
| John Pickering                      | Robert Smith        | John Lamó            |
| Cuthbert Burrell                    | Robert Sheraton     | John Ayers           |
| John Cock                           | John Rayne          | Joseph Mitchinson    |
| John Beckwith                       | Richard Buntley     | Benjamin Reed        |
| Robert Spark                        | Christopher Mawre   | John Wriglesworth    |
| Charles Wharton                     | William Barker      | Thomas Foxton        |
| William Wray                        | Robert Scurfield    | George Ferrand       |
| Thomas Hale                         | Christopher Heltus  | John Metcalf         |
| Thomas Simpson                      | Timothy Robinson    | Richard Vipond       |
| Ralph Whitfield                     | Henry Williams      | Jonathan Garbut      |
| Alexander Hunter                    | Matthew Wadefon     | William Thirkill     |
| Thomas Sheraton                     | William Brown       | John Milburne        |
| Thomas Dumble                       | Michael Appleby     | James Walker         |
| William Hodgson                     | James Wilkinson     | Thomas Metcalf       |
| John Dawson                         | John Charlton       | John Collings        |
| Thomas Sharp                        | George Wortly       | Robert Blakiston     |
| Joseph Mellanby                     | Joseph Pickering    | John Hardy           |
| Robert Richmond                     | John Allison        | Thomas Cliburn       |
| G. Grey                             | Robert Newham       | John Newham          |
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| Joshua Pattison                     | Ralph Foster        | Tho. Richardson      |
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| Alex. Cleeve, Clerk                 | J. Horsley          | William Preston      |
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| Luke Elstob'                        | Thom s Elstob       | John Hunter          |
| Henry Bushy                         | Henry Beckwith      | Joseph Robinson      |
| George Wilfon                       | Thomas Middleton    | Christopher Allison  |
| Thomas Eden                         | John Jefferson      | David Clarke         |
| William Beckwith                    | John Beckwith, jun. | Samuel Welch         |
| Matthew Pibous                      | John Rochford       | John Aysom           |
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| John Harker                         | Thomas Tanton       | Thomas Harrison      |
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| William Gowland                     | Joseph Robinson     | Thomas Kirton        |
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| George Brown                        | Michael Humphrey    | William Wilfon       |
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| Thomas Wright                       | William Hind        | George Philliskirk   |
| William Smith                       | William Gramshaw    | George Newton        |
| James Gridale                       | John Simpson        | Robert Coates        |
| James Gibbs, jun.                   | James Rayne         | James Gibbs          |
| Tho. Walton, jun.                   | Thomas Faith        | John Dunn            |
| William Wilkinson                   | Timothy Bulmer      | Mark Pye             |
| Thomas Pye                          | Edward Fawcett      | William Stubbs       |
| Tho. Stephenson                     | William Stubbs,     | T. Morland           |
|                                     | <i>jun.</i>         |                      |

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