

Calamities of War, beg Leave to lay at your Majesty's Feet an humble Tender of our unfeigned Loyalty, Affection, and Zeal, to renew our sincere Professions of the most inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Family, and to express our Abhorrence of all Foreign Invasions or Intestine Commotions, tending to disturb the Tranquility of your Majesty's mild and humane Government.

We humbly presume to indulge the pleasing Hope, that the dutiful and peaceable Behaviour of your Majesty's Irish Roman Catholic Subjects, ever since the Accession of your Majesty's Illustrious Family to the Throne of these Realms; our zealous Conduct under the Administration of Lord Halifax, when this Kingdom was before threatened with a Foreign Invasion; and the solemn and sacred Pledge, which we have lately given, of our Loyalty to your Majesty, of our good Will towards the Constitution, and of our Affection for our Fellow Subjects, by taking and subscribing the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration proposed to us, by an Act passed in this Kingdom the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of your Majesty's Reign, will clearly evince to your Majesty, and to all the World, the Sincerity of those Sentiments of Duty and Fidelity; Sentiments founded in Principle, and cherished by the warmest Gratitude for that kind Protection and Indulgence which we have long experienced under the mild and gracious Government of your Majesty and your Royal Ancestors.

We are not conscious of having omitted any Thing, which Men in our peculiar Circumstances could do, to demonstrate the Sincerity of our Professions; and we shall continue to use every Means in our Power, not only by our Example, but by the utmost Exertion of our Influence, in common with the rest of your Majesty's loyal Subjects, to confirm the lower Class of People in a steady Adherence to that Duty, Fidelity and Allegiance, so essentially necessary to their present as well as future Happiness; and to offer up our most earnest and fervent Supplications for the Success of your Majesty's Arms against all your Enemies, and a happy and speedy Re-establishment of Peace, Concord and Unanimity, throughout all your Majesty's Dominions.

Dublin, April 13, 1778.

[Signed with 301 Names.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Roman Catholics of the Town of Newry in your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland.

WE, the Roman Catholics of the Town of Newry, with Hearts full of Gratitude, humbly presume to lay at the Foot of the Throne our most sincere Acknowledgements for the Indulgence and Protection we enjoy under your Majesty's humane Government.

We humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that the undutiful, obstinate, and ungenerous Perseverance of America gives us heart-felt Grief. We feel for the Distresses of the Parent State like afflicted Sons; and weep that Tears are the only Arms allowed us to prove our Attachment to your Royal Person, and to support the Rights and Dignity of the Crown and Constitution of Great Britain.

At the present alarming and unexpected Crisis, when Enemies seem to multiply, and Hostilities threaten this Country and every Thing dear to us, we think it an indispensable Duty humbly to approach the Throne, with the most unfeigned Assurances of our inviolable Allegiance to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government; and with all Sincerity of Heart to declare, that we are willing, by every Means in our Power, to contribute to the Defence of the Honour and Dignity of your Crown, and the Constitution of England, against all Enemies who would attempt to disturb the State or invade this Kingdom.

Given under our Hands, at a Public Meeting, the 8th of April, 1778.

[Signed with 311 Names.]

AT the Court at St. James's, the 22d of April, 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 25th Day of October 1776, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 31st of December then following, enter themselves, to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Vessels as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy. And whereas His Majesty was also pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen, who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service, by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the 31st Day of December, 1776. And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 15th Day of August last, to promise and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should voluntarily enter himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships, on or before the 31st Day of October then next, should receive as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed. And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations, for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 30th Day of this instant April; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said 30th Day of this instant April to the 30th Day of June next, inclusive. — Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Costrell.

Admiralty-Office, May 5, 1778.

WHEREAS it has been represented to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Divisions of His Majesty's Marine Forces, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of Pardon, and that such Instance of Clemency would have due Influence on their future Behaviour: Their Lordships, in order to encourage them to return to their Duty, and to remove their Apprehensions of the Punishment due to their Crime, do hereby give Notice, That such of the said Deserters as shall surrender themselves at any of the aforesaid Divisions at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, or to any Recruiting Party of the Marines in Great Britain or Ireland, before the 30th Day of June next, will receive His Majesty's Free Pardon.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol or Military Custody: Their Lordships do hereby farther give Notice, That His Majesty's Free Pardon will be extended to them also, of which they are to have the Benefit, upon their Arrival at any of the Marine Head Quarters.

And any Marine who may desert, after this Public Notice of His Majesty's most gracious Intentions,