

show their Zeal and Readiness to contribute every Thing in their Power to the strengthening the Hands of Government, by the procuring of Volunteers for the speedy manning of the Navy, that they will raise by Subscriptions such a Sum as shall enable them to offer Bounties for that Purpose; and the Members present subscribed liberally on a Paper of this Date; and in order that the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others of the County, whose Business or Residence elsewhere has prevented their Attendance this Day, may have an Opportunity of subscribing and contributing also, the Meeting resolved, that the Praeses shall send circular Letters to them, requesting their Subscriptions; and that Mr. McKillop, their Clerk, find proper Hands to send Subscription Papers through the County, along with Lord Graham's Letters; and that the Money shall be paid in to the Clerk, and be issued by him according to the Directions of the following Gentlemen, who are hereby appointed a Committee, to the Effect following, viz. Sir James Dunbar, of Mochrum, Bart, William Morehead, Esq; of Herberthshire, William Caddell, Esq; of Banton, John Napier, Esq; of Craiganal, and David Gourlay, Esq; of Hepdarroch, or any Two of them, to apply the Money subscribed in the Manner they shall find most conducive for that Purpose; and appointed Mr. Gourlay Conveener of the Committee, with Power also to him to call a General Meeting of the County upon this Business, when he or the Committee shall think fit; and ordained these Resolutions to be published in the Edinburgh Newspapers, and Extract to be transmitted to London, with the Address (signed) Graham. Extracted by
William McKillop, Clerk.

The following Address of the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Society of Merchant-Venturers of the City of Bristol, has been presented to His Majesty by Mess. Hart, Vaughan, and Jones, (attended by Sir James Laroche, Bart. and Richard Combe, Esq;) being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously; and the Gentlemen who presented it had the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Society of Merchant-Venturers of the City of Bristol, ever zealous for the Welfare of your Kingdoms, your Majesty's Royal Person and Family, and the Government, as by Law established, beg Leave to approach your Majesty, at this Time of public Threatning, with our humble Address.

And we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that neither the ambitious Insolence of the French, nor the insidious Treachery of the Spaniard, shall dismay us, but that with united Hearts we will stand firm in the Defence of all that is dear to us.

We do not forget the Chastisement which the Bravery of Englishmen has often inflicted on both France and Spain; and we trust, that under the Protection of that Providence which has so often and so eminently displayed itself in Favor of this Nation, we shall baffle the Designs and humble the Pride of those faithless and insulting Foes, our jealous Rivals; and to whom we are unconscious that any just Cause has been given for their present hostile Designs.

Impressed with these Sentiments, we shall use our utmost Endeavors to forward such Plans of Operation as your Majesty in your great Wisdom shall devise, and with Cheerfulness commit our Cause to Him who ruleth over all.

Given under our Common Seal the 26th Day of June, in the Nineteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign, which God long continue.

Whitehall, July 17.

Yesterday the following Address was presented to His Majesty by Sir William Pepperell, 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.

Most gracious Sovereign,

AT this important Period, when your Majesty's Arms are engaged in reclaiming your revolted Subjects in America, and in repelling the combined and unprovoked Attempts of France and Spain, We, your Majesty's Subjects, who from your Colonies have taken Refuge in Great Britain, beg Leave to approach the Throne with Hearts and Lives devoted to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to offer our unfeigned Thanks for those unparalleled Exertions which your Majesty has been pleased to make, for the Relief and Protection of your faithful Colonial Subjects:—And, notwithstanding your Majesty's Arms have not been attended with all the Effect which those Exertions promised, and from which Occasion has been taken to raise an indiscriminate Charge of Dissaffection in the Colonists;—we beg Leave, some of us from our own Knowledge, and others from the best Information, to assure your Majesty, that the greater Number of your Subjects in the confederated Colonies, notwithstanding every Art to seduce, every Device to intimidate, and a Variety of Oppressions to compel them to abjure their Sovereign, entertain the firmest Attachment and Allegiance to your Majesty's sacred Person and Government.—In Support of these Truths, we need not appeal to the Evidence of our own Sufferings; it is notorious, that we have sacrificed all which the most loyal Subjects could forego, or the happiest could possess: But with Confidence we appeal to the Struggles made against the Usurpations of the Congress, by Counter Resolves in very large Districts of Country, and to the many unsuccessful Attempts by Bodies of the Loyal in Arms, which have subjected them to all the Rigours of inflamed Resentment;—we appeal to the Sufferings of Multitudes, who for their Loyalty have been subjected to Insults, Fines, and Imprisonments, patiently enduring all, in the Expectation of that Period, which shall restore to them the Blessings of your Majesty's Government;—we appeal to the Thousands now serving in your Majesty's Armies, and in Private Ships of War, the former exceeding in Number the Troops enlisted to oppose them;—finally, we make a melancholy Appeal to the many Families who have been banished from their once peaceful Habitations; to the public Forfeiture of a long List of Estates; and to the numerous Executions of our Fellow Citizens, who have sealed their Loyalty with their Blood.—If any Colony or District, when covered or possessed by your Majesty's Troops, had been called upon to take Arms, and had refused; or if any Attempts had been made to form the Loyal as Militia, or otherwise, and it had been declined, we should not on this

Occasion