

should consider of some speedy and effectual Method for raising Men for His Majesty's Navy; whereupon the Convention Unanimously Resolve, That they will give every Aid and Assistance in their Power to the speedily manning of His Majesty's Navy; and heartily approve of the spirited and zealous Conduct of those Boroughs, who, by advertising large Bounties, had encouraged Volunteers to offer their Service, so essentially requisite to the Public in the present Emergence: And the Convention further declare, and recommend it to the Attention of the respective Boroughs, that, if neither their Duty to serve the Public, nor the many high Bounties which have been offered, shall induce Seafaring Men to enter voluntarily on Board the Fleet on or before the First Day of August next, they will hold such Seafaring Men altogether unexcusable; and will use the most vigorous Exertions to compel that Service by Force, which neither Duty to the Public, nor the Encouragement of large Bounties, has been able to produce.—Extracted from the Records of the General Convention of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, by me, Conjoint General Clerk,

Jn^o Dundas.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of your antient Royal-Burgh of Ayr, in Common Council assembled.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, beg Leave to express our deep Sense of the various Blessings which we have enjoyed under your mild and constitutional Government.

We at the same Time lament with the utmost Concern the alarming Situation of the present State of Publick Affairs, when the Crowns of France and Spain have confederated themselves against the Safety of the British Empire. We do apprehend that at so critical a Juncture it requires the greatest Unanimity and the utmost Exertions of all Ranks of your Majesty's Subjects to be aiding to the Strength of your Majesty's Fleets and Armies; and we doubt not, by the Blessing of God, and the Vigour and Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, that such rash and desperate Designs must and will be totally frustrated.

Animated by the strongest Motives, Duty, Gratitude, Affection, and Interest, we beg Leave to give your Majesty the most solemn Assurances, that we and the Inhabitants of this Burgh are determined to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession in your Illustrious House; persuaded that the Preservation of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, entirely depends thereon.

May the Almighty long preserve your Sacred Majesty, the Protector of your Subjects, and Defender of the Rights of Great Britain; and may your Subjects with Thankfulness be ever sensible of the Happiness they have enjoyed, and cannot fail to be blessed with, during your Majesty's Reign.

Ayr, July 5, 1779.

Signed in Presence and by Order of the Council,

Da. Fergusson, Provost.

The following Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, and Manufacturers of the Town and Neighbourhood of Birmingham, has been presented to the King by the Earl of Hertford, Lord-Lieutenant

of the County of Warwick: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants and Manufacturers of the Town and Neighbourhood of Birmingham, humbly beg Leave, in the present critical Situation of National Affairs, to express our inviolable Fidelity and Attachment to your Sacred Person, Family and Government.

We view with Indignation the insidious Conduct of the House of Bourbon, and prompted by every Motive of Duty, Affection and Interest, we beseech your Majesty to accept the strongest Assurances of our zealous and vigorous Support in every Measure which may be necessary for maintaining the Honor and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, defeating the hostile Designs of our common Enemies, and preserving to your Majesty's faithful Subjects the invaluable Blessings of Liberty, Security and Commerce.

We beg Leave, with great Humility, Most Gracious Sir, to add our earnest Prayers, that the Divine Providence may protect your Sacred Person, and bless your Councils and Arms with Success; and that the Disturbers of the Peace of your Majesty's Dominions, being baffled in all their Attempts, your Majesty's Reign may be long over a free, happy and united People.

[*Signed with 180 Names.*]

St. James's, July 4.

The King has been pleased to appoint his Grace Brownlow Duke of Ancafter and Kesteven to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Lincoln, and of the City of Lincoln and County of the same; and also to be Custos Rotulorum of the same.

Dublin Castle, July 8, 1779.

John Foster, Esq; was this Day sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

War-Office, July 24, 1779.

3d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant George Henry Monson is appointed to be Captain of a Troop, vice Thomas Trewren.

Ditto, Cornet Joseph Kirkman to be Lieutenant, vice George Henry Monson.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards, Captain George Gibson to be Adjutant, vice Thomas Willet Saltren.

Ditto, Cornet John Francis Cradock, of 4th Horse, to be Ensign, vice William Hodgson.

1st Regiment of Foot, 2d Battalion, Ensign Archibald Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Fane.

15th Regiment of Foot, Chaplain William Chester, from Half-Pay, to be Chaplain, vice Robert Newburgh.

44th Regiment of Foot, John Richie, Gent. to be Ensign, vice David Starke.

46th Regiment of Foot, Edward Jenkins, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Digby.

To be Majors of Brigade,

Captain Thomas Edwards, of 6th Foot.
Captain Jonas Watson, of 6⁵th Foot.
Sutherland Regiment of Fencible Men, William Wemyss, Esq; late of 2d Foot Guards, to be Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas Sutherland, of 47th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.