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THE following Address of the Merchants and Traders of the City of London, has been presented to the King by Samuel Smith, Esq; accompanied by John Rogers, Esq; Jackson Barwis, Esq; Matthew Towgood, Esq; John Withers, Esq; Philip Sansom, Esq; Mr. George Griffin, and Mr. Randle Jackson, 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 Merchants and Traders of the City of London, assembled by publick Advertisement at the London Tavern, on the 23d of January, 1784.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Merchants and Traders of London, assembled in a General Meeting, publickly convened, are led by every Motive of Duty to give your Majesty, at this Time, a fresh Testimony of their Affection for your Royal Person and Government, and of their zealous Attachment to the free Constitution of this Country.

The general Security of your Majesty's People ever requires a solemn Adherence to the Faith of Parliamentary Engagements; but the particular Situation of Merchants and Traders is such, that any Breach of that Faith (which has hitherto been kept sacred) must be fatal to them: It is the Basis of Public Credit, and of the Commerce of the Nation; if it be undermined, or shaken, they must fall together.

The Merchants and Traders could not therefore be indifferent Spectators of the late violent Attack upon the Privileges of the East India Company, (in a Bill which bore a fatal Aspect on all the Chartered Rights of the Kingdom, and which would have erected a new Power, at once derogatory to your Majesty's Crown, and highly dangerous to the Liberties of your People). We sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the Issue of that Measure, and acknowledge your paternal Care in the Removal of the Ministers by whom it had been supported.

The Attempts which have been since made to impede the ordinary Issues from your Majesty's Exchequer, and to interrupt the established Course of Government, although calculated to excite Apprehensions in the Minds of the Public Creditors, and to disturb the Tranquillity of the State, we trust will be productive of a contrary Effect, and cause that Union amongst your faithful People, which is so important to their own Happiness and to your Majesty's Glory.

S I R E,

In a Moment so arduous as the present, when the utmost Exertions are necessary to restore and preserve the Commerce of your Kingdoms, to support the Public Credit, and to relieve the Burthens which a

War of unprecedented Expence, has imposed, your Majesty has Occasion for all the Virtue and Abilities which can be found amongst your People: We do not despair that Virtue and Abilities, equal to the Exigencies of the Times, yet remain, and we acknowledge, with the warmest Gratitude, the Proofs of your Royal Determination to call them forth.

Knowing well the Value of our excellent Constitution as established at the glorious Revolution, we are resolved to preserve it free from Innovation. Your Majesty's just Prerogatives form a Part of that Constitution; and we beg your Majesty will be pleased to accept our faithful Assurances, that in such legal Exercises of them as may be necessary to restore Stability to your Government, and Security to your People, your Majesty depend on the firm and Ready Support of the Merchants and Traders of London.

Signed by Order of the Meeting.

Samuel Smith, Chairman.

The following Address of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, has been presented to the King by James Hunter Blair, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the said City, 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 Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, think ourselves called upon in the present Situation of Publick Affairs, to approach your Majesty's Throne with fresh Assurances of our Attachment to your Person, and unremitting Zeal for your Government. We could not help being greatly alarmed at the Attempt lately made to violate the Rights of a most respectable Body of your Majesty's Subjects; to impair the Security of every similar Title founded on Charter, or on the most solemn Acts of the Legislature; and even to raise up a new executive Power in the State, which might have been attended with the most pernicious Consequences. With Satisfaction, therefore, we observe, that a Measure so fatal, though hurried through one Branch of the Legislature, has been effectually checked in another; and we are happy in perceiving the Effect of that excellent Balance in our Constitution, which secures the whole from any dangerous Innovation, to which a Parliament may be inclined. With Gratitude to your Majesty, and with a just Sense of your Royal Wisdom, we learn, that the Persons who urged that dangerous Measure, are removed from your Councils.

