

ner to express our Affection for your Royal Person and Government, and our ardent Attachment to that Constitution.

At a Time like this, when our Country stands in Need of Unanimity, and the Exertion of the Abilities of all honest Men, we sincerely hope that all Party Animosities may be laid aside, and such an Administration formed, as may hold forth the Abilities of all Parties in Support of the Interests of this Country. But should that not be the Case, we beg your Majesty will accept our faithful Assurances of supporting such legal Exercise of the Prerogatives of the Crown, as may be necessary to restore Stability to your Government, and Security to your People.

[Signed by 669 Persons.]

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Halifax, in the West Riding of the County of York.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Halifax, in the West Riding of the County of York, think it our Duty, in this critical Moment, to approach your Majesty's Presence with our humble and sincere Assurances of Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We have observed, with much Indignation and Concern, that although every Branch of the Legislature has declared the Military, Commercial and Civil Interests of the Community to require immediate Attention and Arrangement, the Proposals which your Majesty has most graciously submitted to the House of Commons, relative to these Points, have been postponed for the Discussion of other Questions, some of them of partial Concern, and the rest tending to abridge the constitutional Extent of your Majesty's Authority, and dangerous to the general Liberties of the People.

We consider the Power of dissolving Parliaments at Discretion as the most sacred and salutary Branch of the Royal Prerogative. Subject to such a Check, the Representatives of the People cannot long betray the Public Interests, without it, the Apprehension of a Septennial Servitude, in a Moment like the present, would produce Alarms, just indeed, but dreadful, because incompatible with Public Peace. It is with infinite Gratitude and Satisfaction therefore, that we acknowledge your Majesty's Wisdom and Magnanimity, in resisting the Effects of these Discussions, and discountenancing the Authors and Promoters of them.

In the farther Exertion of your Powers on this Occasion, we shall look up to your Majesty, as the Guardian of the Constitution; and we venture to add, that should your Majesty appeal at length to the Event of a General Election, a Conduct so worthy the King and Father of his Subjects, would receive the most animated Support of a grateful and liberated People.

[Signed by 656 Persons.]

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the Borough of Ripon, and of the Gentlemen and Clergy residing therein, has been presented to the King by the Honourable Frederick Robinson, one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough, 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the Borough of Ripon,

in the County of York, in Common Council assembled, and of the Gentlemen and Clergy residing within the said Borough.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said Borough of Ripon, in Common Council assembled, and the Gentlemen and Clergy residing therein, beg Leave to approach your Majesty, to express our most grateful Attachment to your Majesty's Person, and Determination of supporting your Government on Constitutional Principles.

We sincerely trust that your Majesty, under the Direction of Divine Providence, will be assisted by a firm and permanent Administration, whose Wisdom may be equal to direct the important Concerns of these Kingdoms at this critical Conjunction of Affairs, in whose Integrity your People may confide.

We have seen, with the utmost Concern, an Attempt made by your Majesty's late Ministers to deprive a great Commercial Body of their Chartered Rights, which we humbly conceive to be repugnant to the Principles of a free Government.

We therefore rejoice, that your Majesty has dismissed your late Ministers from their Employments, and appointed others, in whose Abilities, Honesty and Integrity we fully rely.

We therefore heartily pray, that your Majesty may long live to reign over a free and loyal People.

Given under the Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said Borough, and under the Hands of the Gentlemen and Clergy residing therein, this Second Day of February, 1784.

By Order,

H. Atkinson, Common Clerk.

[Signed by 125 Persons.]

The following Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants and Traders of the Town and Neighbourhood of Wakefield, has been presented to the King by the Rev. Dr. Bacon, accompanied by Major General Tottenham, John Milnes, Esq; and other Gentlemen, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty has been pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, and Traders of the Town and Neighbourhood of Wakefield in the West Riding of the County of York, assembled by public Notice at the Town-Hall there, on Friday the Sixth Day of February, 1784.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, and Traders of this Town and Neighbourhood, beg Leave to approach your Majesty, to express, at this alarming Moment, our sincere and uninfluenced Assurances of Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, and of Zeal for our excellent Constitution: We cannot therefore but highly disapprove of any Intention of Men to erect a new Power which appears to us as invading your Majesty's Prerogative, abrogating the Privileges and Rights of the East India Company, and subverting our most valuable Constitution; we therefore trust that your Majesty's paternal Care will steadily support such Ministers as will inviolably adhere to the true Constitution of this Kingdom, firmly vindicate your Majesty's just Prerogative, the due Privileges of Parliament, and the Rights and Liberties of your People: We pray that