

express our most zealous Attachment to your Person and Government, and, at the same Time, our Veneration for the Constitution, as established at the Revolution. From that *Æra* we date the Rights of the People, the Privileges of the Peerage, and the genuine Dignity and just Prerogative of the Crown. The Appointment to all executive Offices we have ever considered as your Majesty's undoubted Right, and as such we reprobate every Endeavour to deprive your Majesty of a Power so sacred, whether it is attempted by open Violence, or by the dangerous Arts of refined Policy.

Situated at a Distance from the Seat of Government, we feel ourselves but little interested in those common Struggles for Power, which naturally attend a Constitution formed upon such Principles as that of Great-Britain, and have ever been unwilling to trouble your Majesty with our Opinions either of Ministers or their Measures: But when, at a most critical Period, we see the Execution of all Publick Business entirely prevented, and our Existence as a Nation upon the Point of being sacrificed to the Interests and Passions of a few Individuals, we think ourselves called upon to declare the Satisfaction we felt at the Dismission of the late Ministry; and to assure your Majesty, that we have the firmest Reliance and most perfect Confidence in the Virtue, the Integrity, and Abilities of the present: Therefore from our Loyalty and Attachment to your Majesty's Person we cannot conclude, without wishing your Majesty every possible Success, in supporting the just and undoubted Prerogative of your Crown.

Signed in Presence, and by the unanimous Appointment of the Meeting held at Hamilton, this 20th of February, 1784.

Hamilton and Brandon, Præses.

The following Address having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Sydney, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has by his Lordship been presented to the King: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

At Glasgow, and in the Black Bull Inn there, the 19th Day of February, 1784 Years, convened, a Number of the Præseses of the different Societies, in and about Glasgow, who represent many Thousands of His Majesty's loyal and well-affected Subjects, and unanimously agreed upon the following Address.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Præseses of a Number of the Societies in and about Glasgow, as representing, and in Name and Behalf of many Thousands of your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, acknowledge with the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction the Wisdom and Excellence of our happy Constitution, which has vested in your Majesty the undoubted Authority of appointing to all the Offices of executive Government; and from the late salutary and constitutional Exertion of that Authority in the Dismission of the late Ministry, we have the firmest Assurance and Reliance in your Majesty's Honour, Wisdom, and fatherly Care, that your Majesty will in future show the same Attention and Anxiety to call into, and continue in, your Majesty's Service, Men of the most distinguished Abilities, of eminent Worth and Integrity, and meriting the Confidence of your Majesty and the Nation at large; and it rejoiceth us to be able to assure your Majesty, that Nineteen of Twenty of your Majesty's dutiful Subjects entertain the same Sentiments with us upon this important Point.

We were lately filled with the deepest Regret at the unexpected Dismemberment of this once flourishing Empire, occasioned entirely by the Faction of self-interested Men, intent upon raising themselves and their Connexions, totally negligent and forgetful of the public Good: And now we are distressed to observe the fundamental Prerogative of our Sovereign, never hitherto abused, and lately so properly exerted, agitated and discourd of in the most indecent Language, and attempted to be encroached upon by the most ungrateful of Men; wherefore we are humbly of Opinion, we would be wanting to ourselves, and deficient in that Affection we owe to your Majesty, were we not to declare our Detestation of such Measures, and our Readiness, at all Times, to oppose such Attempts.

Attached to no Set of Ministers, (or Ministry,) or Men, whatever; further than their Virtues and National Services call for our Esteem and Gratitude, our sole and sincere Desire is, that your Majesty's Reign may be long, glorious, and prosperous, and that your Majesty's Council may be always filled with able and upright Men, of your Majesty's Choice, possessing the Confidence of your Majesty and People.

In firm Confidence then, that your Majesty will still continue to exercise the same Care and Attention to your People's true Interests, we beg Leave to approach the Throne with all due Humility, and with our most earnest Assurances, that we will, upon all Occasions, support your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in the just Exercise of these Prerogatives, which the Wisdom of the Constitution has entrusted to your Majesty; and upon the due and uninterrupted Exercise of which, our Liberties, Civil and Religious, and every other Blessing which we can derive from the best of all Forms of Government, must depend.

Signed, in our Name, in our Presence, and by our Appointment, by Mr. John Paterson, our Præses.

*John Paterson, Præses.
Robert Park, Sec.*

The following Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Borough of Dundee, has been presented to the King by Archibald Douglas, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Shire of Forfar, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bedchamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Borough of Dundee.

TO approach the Throne is the Privilege and Birthright of every British Subject: Permit us then, most gracious Sovereign, at this alarming Crisis, when Division, in its most threatening Forms, has invaded the high Councils of the Nation, to address your Majesty with Assurances of Attachment to your Sacred Person and Government, Assurances not the Result of slavish Principles, or improper Influence, but the warm Effusions of grateful Minds, sensible of the Blessings they enjoy under the best of Kings.

The preserving entire and inviolate the several Rights and Privileges intrusted by the Constitution to the different Branches of the Supreme Power, legislative and executive, is the Basis on which we found our Hopes for a Continuance of our distinguished political Liberties.

The Prerogative vested by the Constitution in your Majesty's Royal Person, we consider equally sacred with the Privileges of either House of Parliament, and any Infringement on this Prerogative as a deadly Wound