

assembled in pursuance of a Requisition to the High Sheriff from the Grand Jury at the late Assizes, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we have seen, with the deepest Concern, the Peace of your Kingdoms and the increasing Prosperity of your Subjects interrupted by a direct Aggression on the Part of the Executive Government of France, after every Attempt to disturb the internal Tranquillity of a free and happy People had failed. We feel ourselves forcibly called upon, in common with every good Subject in your Majesty's Dominions, to take this Occasion of renewing our solemn Assurances of the most dutiful Allegiance to your Majesty, and of the warmest Attachment to the Constitution as established by Law, in order to destroy, as far as can depend upon us, every Hope of Success entertained by our Enemies in their threatened Appeal to the Sentiments of the People from the Measures of your Majesty and the Proceedings of the Legislature. Persuaded as we are that the Security of our Laws, our Liberty, and our Religion, as well as the Safety of our Allies, and the general Quiet of Europe, are involved in the present Contest, entirely unprovoked on the Part of your Majesty, we shall cheerfully submit to the Burdens which the carrying it on with Vigor may render necessary.

The Loyalty, Duty and Attachment to your Majesty, which have been so universally manifested throughout these Kingdoms, and the Success which has already attended your Majesty's Interposition for the Protection of the United Provinces, together with the fortunate Events which have recently happened in the Low Countries, confirm us in the Hope which might naturally be entertained, that the united Exertions of a People, impressed with a strong Sense of the Benefits they enjoy under your Majesty's mild and just Government, will enable your Majesty to maintain successfully the Rights and Interests of your Crown, and to restore to your People, at no distant Period, the Blessings and Advantages of Peace.

George J. Tapps, Sheriff,
in the Name of the County.

[Presented by Sir George Tapps, High Sheriff, and Sir William Heathcote and William Cbute, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for the said County.]

At a numerous Meeting of the Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy and other Inhabitants of the County of Chester, held at Northwich on Monday the 18th Day of March, 1793, for the Purpose of considering of the Propriety of an Address to His Majesty on the present Situation of Publick Affairs.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy and other Inhabitants of the County Palatine of Chester, beg Leave most humbly to present this our Tribute of affectionate Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government in the present interesting State of Publick Affairs throughout Europe, and to declare our firm and determined Resolution to support the invaluable and admirable Constitution of King, Lords and Commons, as by Law established, within these Realms, under which the Nation at large has risen to a Pre-eminence in Riches, Honor and Power hitherto unknown, and by whose Protection every

Individual in it enjoys a Degree of Freedom, Security and Ease, which nothing but his own Transgression of the known Laws of his Country can take from him. We have beheld, with the utmost Indignation and Abhorrence, the Attempts of wicked and feditious Persons, to insinuate into the Minds of your Majesty's Subjects Inquietudes, Discontents and Jealousies, and acknowledge, with heartfelt Gratitude, the wise and prudent Means by which the traiterous Flame, just ready to blaze forth in Insurrection and Violence, has been stifled, and, as we most sanguinely hope, totally extinguished: We shall not cease in our respective Stations to labour to undeceive the Mised, to watch over the Evil-minded, and to confirm the Publick Tranquillity and Confidence in the best and mildest Government which human Wisdom ever devised.

Permit us, Sire, to express our grateful Sense of that paternal Regard for your People, so conspicuously manifested in the strictest Adherence to Neutrality with respect to France, and your Backwardness to plunge your Subjects into the Horrors of War, till the just Indignation, raised by the Infraction of a solemn Treaty, the most wanton Attack on our antient Allies, and an open Avowal of Sentiments of most mischievous Interference and determined Hostility towards this Country, called forth those Exertions of Self-Defence on the Part of your Majesty, which, we trust, the Almighty will crown with Success: And whilst we applaud the Caution and Wisdom which thus marked your Majesty's Councils and Conduct; ere yet the Sword was drawn, permit us also to declare our fullest Approbation of those timely and powerful Armaments, which have been so wisely prepared for our own internal Defence and the Assistance of our Allies; and to assure your Majesty, that how great a Calamity so ever we may deem War to be, and however we may regret the temporary Interruptions of our Commerce, and the Check given to the flattering Prospect of increasing Revenue, we cannot but give our hearty Support to Measures, which the open Aggression and secret Machinations of our Enemies have made so indispensibly necessary, and will, with our Lives and Fortunes, defend and vindicate the Dignity and Honor of the British Crown, and the Rights and Interests of the People.

[Presented by Mr. Egerton.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in and for the County Palatine of Chester, and of the rest of the Lodges within the Province of Chester, in Lodge assembled.

SIRE!

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Free and Accepted Masons within the Province of Chester, think it our indispensable Duty at this Time, and are happy to approach the Throne with our most cordial Expressions of Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, and the present happy Government of this Land.

Although, as a Society, our Meetings are withdrawn from the Public Eye, and having through Ages been distinguished for keeping ourselves clear from the Discussion of Political Questions and Opinions, yet