

*St. James's, December 19.*

THE following Addresses have been presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Carlisle, beg Leave to approach your Majesty's Royal Presence, and to assure your Majesty, that the late Insult and Outrage on your Majesty's sacred Person and Dignity has filled our Minds with the deepest Anxiety and Concern.

Your Majesty has most happily escaped the Effects of the intended Outrage and Violence; on this Event we at once desire both to congratulate with every good Subject in your Majesty's Kingdoms, and to be thankful to Heaven for it's gracious Protection and Interposition.

Experience will not justify us in entertaining Suspicion of the Loyalty of the common People. They may doubt on some Occasions whether their Cries shall reach the Royal Ear, but they never doubt your Majesty's paternal Care and Affection; and we are convinced, Sir, that even their rudest Solicitations would have been tempered, as at other Seasons, with the sincerest Regard and Veneration towards your Majesty's Person if their Judgments had not been misguided, and their Passions inflamed by the Suggestions of artful and wicked Men.

It is therefore with much Pain and Indignation that we feel ourselves constrained to connect this atrocious and detestable Transaction with the many dangerous Endeavours which have lately been made to delude the Minds of the People by seditious Meetings and seditious Publications. When we say these Endeavours have been many and dangerous, we contemplate rather the Magnitude of the Crimes and the incessant Exertions of a Few, than the peaceable Dispositions and the good Principles of the great Body of your Majesty's faithful Subjects; for we are persuaded that there never was a Time in the History of this Country when a vast Majority of the People were actuated by a more firm and affectionate Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and to the illustrious House of Brunswick, by a higher Sense of the inestimable Value of the Constitution, or by a more determined Zeal and Promptitude to support it.

Permit us, Sir, at the same Time that we acknowledge and lament the Existence of a few disaffected Persons, to derive Comfort and Confidence from a firm Expectation that the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils and of Parliament will devise such suitable Provisions and Regulations as may in future effectually defeat their wicked Intentions, and by preventing, repressing, and punishing the Circulation of pernicious Doctrines, ensure the future Safety of your Majesty's Person and of our excellent Constitution in Church and State.

The Character of these turbulent Spirits is now better understood than formerly; and for that Reason it will be easier to guard against their dark Designs. They are evidently distinguished from the great Mass of the labouring Poor by a more extensive Knowledge and by a better Education than can be supposed to belong to that Class of the Community; and in their seditious Productions it is often not difficult to

trace the combined Operation of a wild Imagination, of profane and atheistical Principles, of immoral Habits, and of desperate Fortunes.

Against the destructive Violence and Innovation of such wicked and infatuated Reformers it is impossible for us not to cherish a well-founded Hope, that the Providence of Almighty God will ever be displayed in protecting your Majesty's sacred Person and Kingdoms, and in transmitting to Posterity the British Constitution, as a practical Contrast to all visionary Schemes of Government.

Ascribing, as we are taught to do from the highest Authority, every Escape from Danger which we experience, and every Blessing which we enjoy, to the wise Direction of an over-ruling Providence, we must still be careful not to be found wanting to ourselves. Your Majesty, by a late most gracious Address to the Houses of Parliament, has covered your domestic Enemies with Shame and Confusion. They have seen that at the very Moment when they were meditating the blackest Designs, your Majesty's Royal Breast was filled with the most anxious and compassionate Regards for the Happiness of your People; and they have seen also that your Majesty well understood the true Situation of the Country, and met the great Council of the Nation with Dispositions and Resolutions which were framed with Wisdom, Moderation, and Firmness.

Animated by such an Example, we are confident that all the Lovers of civil and religious Liberty will, according to their different Ranks and Professions, unite as one Man to support your Majesty's mild and equitable Government, and to give Strength and Energy to the Determinations of the Legislature.

As Clergymen we feel ourselves, in the present critical Conjunction, peculiarly called upon to incardinate on the Minds of the People the Necessity and Reasonableness of Submission to the Laws, and of a sincere Belief in the Authority of the holy Scriptures. It has appeared but too plain, that modern Revolutionists not only have in View the entire Subversion of all legal Governments, but also that they wish to efface from the Minds of Men every Sentiment of Awe and Veneration for the Name of God and of his Christ.

May Almighty God long preserve in Health and Prosperity the Monarch of this Country to be a tender Father of his People, a powerful Defender of the Protestant Faith, and a blessed Instrument of the Providence for the Suppression and Defeat of the wild Conspiracies of sanguinary and democratical Tyrants.

[Presented by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacon, Chancellor and Clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacon, Chancellor and Clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough, earnestly desire thus to approach your Royal Presence, having our Hearts deeply impressed with the utmost Grief and Concern, as well as burning with the liveliest Indignation at the late horrible Attempt, too plainly levelled against your Majesty's sacred Person, and at that daring Violation of our most excellent Constitution, which has been for a long Series of Years the Envy of so many Nations.

