

the likeliest Way to avoid public Danger is to meet and resist it: Your Majesty's Magnanimity, and that of the Nation, hath adopted this Method. And we confidently hope that, with the Divine Blessing on your Majesty's Arms and Counsels, the presumptuous Attempts of the Enemy will be defeated.

Every Member of the State hath a Part to perform in this great Contest. That which belongs to your Clergy is of the last Importance. To infuse the Principles of true Christian Religion into those committed to our Care; to fire their honest Hearts with a Glow of Loyalty and Patriotism in a Moment of Alarm and Danger; and to awaken and call forth all our own and their Energies in a Cause the most just and animating we have ever known: These, Sir, are Duties which we owe to your Majesty, to our Country, and to ourselves. And it is by a zealous Discharge of these Duties that we shall best approve ourselves faithful Subjects and good Churchmen.

R. Worcester.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary
Torke.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, the Archdeacons, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

IN the present awful and alarming Situation of the Country, when the Invasion of your Majesty's Dominions, the Destruction of your Government, and the total Subversion of our invaluable Constitution, are avowedly intended and openly proclaimed to the World; when the Expiration of the Laws, the Liberty, and the Religion of your faithful Subjects, with whatever else is most dear to them as Men, as Englishmen, and as Christians, is audaciously threatened by an insolent and ferocious Enemy, who has waded to an Empire through Blood; who has already subdued the greater Part of Europe to his Yoke, and terrified the Rest into a tame Acquiescence in his unjust Aggressions, which do not immediately affect themselves; in this Time of Danger, we, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, the Archdeacons, and the Clergy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, humbly beg Leave to present ourselves before your Majesty to renew the Expression of our inviolable Attachment and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to assure your Majesty of our firm Resolution to support and carry into Effect, to the utmost of our Power, the Measures adopted by the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils for the Defence of the Kingdom in this arduous and perilous Conflict.

As Ministers of the Gospel of Peace we must ever lament and deprecate the Miseries and the Calamities of War; but in so righteous and good a Cause, we may, and we are bound to pray for the Success of your Majesty's Arms, and, at the same Time, by our Discourses to exhort and animate our Hearers to exert themselves in their several Stations; and if their personal Service has been accepted, or is required, manfully to fight under the

Banners of their Sovereign against the unprincipled and savage Invaders of their Country.

In Compliance with the Recommendation of your Majesty's Lieutenant-General commanding the Western District, we have already engaged to remain in our respective Parishes, "ready to contribute to the due Execution of such Military Arrangements as shall appear to him proper for our general Preservation;" and from the Zeal and Unanimity which pervade the great Body of your Majesty's Subjects to rise up in the general Defence, we are not apprehensive that any other Duty than this will be expected or required of the Clergy. But should the Necessity of the Times call for it we do not hesitate to declare ourselves to be equally ready to hazard our Lives in the common Cause, and to go forth with the Hosts to Battle; for we know no Precept of the Gospel which forbids the Use of Arms to Christians of any Description, when there is no other Mode of defending themselves against the implacable Enemies of their King and of their God.

Richard, Bath and Wells.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Mr. Secretary
Torke.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

SIR,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, the Chancellor, Commissary, Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Counties of Surrey and Southampton, in the Diocese of Winchester, most humbly approach your Majesty, impatient to bear our Part in the general Expression of Zeal and Attachment to your sacred Person and Government, now so naturally and abundantly breaking forth from every Class of your Majesty's faithful Subjects.

Our Habits and Occupations have especially taught us, how surely Anarchy and Disorder become the Lot of those who crouch to the Will and Passions of lawless Usurpers and Tyrants. They have also taught us that Civil and Religious Order, Freedom, Happiness, and domestic Peace are the sure Blessing of those who know the Value of wholesome Law and Government administered under just and rightful Princes.

We cannot but apply this our Experience to your Majesty's wise and virtuous Rule, more particularly in this awful and important Crisis, when base and insidious Attempts, combined with the most cruel and unjust Aggression are employed for the Seduction and Ruin of your faithful and happy People, when all our essential Interests, all that is valuable and dear to us, is at stake upon the Issue of these odious Measures.

We are persuaded, that at such a Moment, the Preservation of the British Constitution, both in Church and State, is among the most sacred Duties of our Religion, and beg to assure your Majesty, that we are not only ourselves deeply impressed with these Principles, but that most gladly and willingly, under the Blessing of God, our Lives and all that we possess, all our Endeavours, our Counsels, and our Prayers shall be devoted to strengthen in the Minds of your faithful People, those Sentiments of Loyalty and Attachment to their Religion, Laws, and Liberties, which they now so gloriously manifest.

