

bounden, to present unto Your Majesty, our most humble and hearty Thanks; for Your Majesties most endearing Promises, renewed unto your People, in your late Gracious Declaration: That it is your Royal Resolution to have frequent Parliaments, and that You will use Your utmost Endeavour to extirpate Popery, to redress all the Grievances of your Subjects, and in all things, to Govern according to the Laws of Your Kingdom. For which your Majesties Princely assurance, we do believe our selves Obliged, by all the Ties of Duty and Gratitude, and do humbly tender at your Majesties Feet, our Lives and Fortunes, in defence of your Majesties Sacred Person, Crown, and Government, against all those your Enemies, who shall endeavour to subvert that Government, and Religion of the Church of England (the best in the Christian World) as it is now Established by Law, and which Your Majesty hath hitherto piously, Preserved, and most graciously declar'd constantly to Defend. We do humbly beg, that your Majesty would be pleased to accept of this our most humble and sincere Acknowledgment, and tender of this our Untainted Loyalty, Humbly beseeching Almighty God, that he will be pleased to continue his Blessings to You, and not only give You the Head of Solomon, but the Sword of Gideon, that You may ever be Victorious over his and your Enemies: That God would Bless you with a long and prosperous Reign over us: That there may never want one of your Royal Loyn to sway the Scepter, of these Kingdoms, as long as the Sun and Moon endure; which is the hearty Prayer of your Majesties Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects.

In Testimony whereof, we have subscribed our Names, and affixed the Common Seal of our Burrough, the 12th Day of July, in the thirty third Year of your Majesties Reign, Anno. Dom. 1681.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Assistants and Common-Council of Your Majesties antient Burrough and Town of Colchester in your County of Essex.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesties truly Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, judge our selves bound in Duty and Gratitude, to acknowledge with all humble and hearty Thankfulness, the great and many Blessings, we and all Your Majesties Subjects enjoy, under Your Majesties Benigne and Gracious Reign, not only for the Confirmation of the antient Liberties and Franchises Granted to this Your Burrough, by the Favour and Bounty of your Majesty, and your Royal Predecessors; But more especially, we humbly beg leave, with most sincere and cheerful Affections, to express our grateful Acknowledgments of, and acquiesce in your Majesties late Declaration, to maintain the Government both in Church and State, as by Law established; a Government, under which, we, and all Your Majesties good Subjects have been protected in the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our Religion, Liberties and Properties, and all that ought to be dear to good Christians and Loyal Subjects.

And we humbly beseech your Majesty of your wonted Clemency and Goodness, to accept our sincere Resolutions, joyned with our faithful and best Endeavours, to make all dutiful Returns of cheerful Obedience, and steadfast Loyalty; assuring your Majesty, that our Lives and Fortunes shall no longer be of esteem with us, than they shall be useful to the preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, and all your Majesties just Rights and Prerogatives, and the Protestant Religion established

by Law, against all attempts whatsoever. And the good God of Heaven Grant your Majesty a long, peaceable, and happy Reign.

The Humble Address of the Major part of Your Majesties Officers of the Militia, Furats, and Common Counsellors, with other Loyal Inhabitants of Your Majesties Town and Port of Sandwich, in the County of Kent, whose Names are hereunder written.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful, most truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, should not only be extremely wanting to our selves, but to the Duty and Allegiance we owe to Your Sacred Majesty, which no interest can excuse, if we should not joyn with the unanimous voice of the whole Nation in our Expressions of Gratitude and Acknowledgment. Those peculiar Privileges, and particular Immunities, which we, together with the rest of Your Cinque-Ports have derived upon us by the Royal Bounty of Your Predecessors, are by the same Bounty and Princely care, preserved to us inviolate and unshaken; besides the benefit and influence of other Laws common to us, with other Your Majesties Subjects.

And therefore we most Humbly beseech Your Majesty to accept our unfeigned and sincere Thanks for Your Majesties late Gracious Condescension, in giving us Your Declaration, and therein Your Royal Word, and highest Satisfaction to maintain our Liberties and Properties against all manner of invasion; assuring us, that as You have an aversion to the breach of them in one, you will never suffer it in many: For the preservation of your Majesties Prerogative and Crown in its legal Dignity and Descent, which our Laws have already made so Sacred and Ample, that we are well assured Your Majesty does not desire to enlarge them: and to endeavour to lessen them, instead of making us better would make us worse. The greatest security our Liberties have, is by asserting Your just Prerogative, as the only Honourable way to be Happy is to be Loyal.

We most Humbly thank Your Majesty also for Your assurance of frequent calling of Parliaments, and the Honourable Esteem You have of them, by looking upon them as the best Method for healing the distempers of the Kingdom; for Your hearty Endeavours to extirpate Popery, both with them and without them: But above all, that You are pleased to confirm us in what we had no just reason to doubt of, that in all things You will Govern according to the Laws of the Kingdom, by which, as we shall be delivered from the merciless designs of Papists on one hand, so shall we be rescued from the misguided Zeal of Faction and Fury on the other; both whose unwearied Activity and restless Malice, seeks nothing but our Ruine. And we humbly take the boldness to assure Your Majesty, that we will stand by you with our Lives and Fortunes, against all Enemies whatsoever, in defence of Your Sacred Person and Government, and of our Religion, as it is now established in the Church of England, which fell with your Royal Father, and was reserved for You to give it a Resurrection, being one of the chief Ornaments of Your Restauration, and continues among the Glories of Your Reign.

May the God of Heaven preserve you till you grow old, in your sway over us; and as the past part of Your Reign hath afforded us Peace and Plenty, almost in despite of our selves; may You remain for our Posterity to admire it, and to receive equal Blessings from Your aged Hands; and when they are lifted up (as they always will be) in the defence of your Royal Self and People, may they be Victorious and Powerful; May Your Attempts be as Successful as Great; and as Great as Your mighty Mind, which equals You to the most Exalted Princes.

So prays Your Majesties most Dutiful, Obedient, and Loyal Subjects.

Bridgewater, July 14. At the General Quarter-Sessions held here this week for the County of Somerset, the Grand Jury made the following Presentment to the Bench.

To the Worshipful Sir Edward Phillips and the rest of the Worshipful Justices, assembled for keeping the General Sessions of the Peace of this County at Bridgewater, the 12th Instant. Anno Regni Regis 33. Annoq; Dom. 1681.

The Presentment of the Grand Inquest for the said County, holden at the time and place aforesaid.

In primis, we present it as our Duty to return thanks to the Worshipful Bench, for declaring to the County, That