

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Somerset, at their Assizes held at Taunton, the first day of April, Anno Domini 1682.

Your most Sacred Majesty having been Graciously pleased to accept the humble Address of the Justices, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of this County, who were present at the Sessions held at Bruton in January last, creates in us, who are now called hither upon a more publick Account, at the Assizes, the greater confidence solemnly to Declare our utter Detestation of all Associations which shall be entered into without Your Majesties Authority; and in particular, that which was found in the Earl of Shaftesbury's Closet. A Designe so framed, that it out-does all former Models of Rebellion, the Solemn League and Covenant itself not excepted; the dire effects of which Your Majesties Loyal Subjects long laboured under; and no less could have been expected, had not the Providence of Almighty God interposed, in deterring of this Designe, than the utter Subversion of the established Religion, and the Government of Church and State; for the Defence of which, together with Your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Succession of the Crown in its regular course of Descent, we shall be ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes against all Opposers whatsoever.

And we cannot but Bless God for the happy Success of Your Majesties Affairs in Your Kingdom of Scotland, under the Conduct of his Royal Highness the Duke of York; whose submissive readiness to execute Your Majesties just Commands, will, we hope, have an exemplary Influence upon all Your Majesties Subjects, that so their Duty may be rewarded with the Blessings of Your Government, and Your Majesty happy in their Obedience.

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WE the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of Your ancient Corporation of Ipswich, in Common Council Assembled, having seen that Model of Treason, Anarchy and Confusion, stiled an Association, lately produced at the Trial of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and since Published by your Majesties Command, cannot think we should acquit our selves either as Good and Loyal Subjects, or Christians, did we not declare our utmost Detestation and Abhorrence of that; and all other Associations and Confederacies made by your Majesties Subjects (upon any pretence whatsoever) against your Majesties Crown, and true Succession thereunto. Great SIR, We cannot but see the deep Subilities and Malice of most Vile and Wicked Persons, not only endeavouring daily by seditious Pamphlets, and Discourses, to draw your Majesties Subjects from their due Obedience to your Majesty and Government, (which is not more their Duty than their Happiness) but also to corrupt the Minds and Affections of Furors, who by Law, Duty, and Oath, are only Ministerial Agents for Inquiry, to usurp Judicial Power, to Determine and Acquit the Indicted; we cannot but judge it highly reasonable to declare our Abhorrence of such vile Practices; And to assure your Majesty, that we

are none of those Persons, who will Sacrifice our Consciences to the Ambition and Lust of discontented and disloyal Subjects. Dread Sovereign, We do heartily acknowledge our Preservation from Usurped and Arbitrary Power, and the direful effects of that pernicious project of Association, next unto God, to be solely due to your Majesties Prudence and Courage: And we solemnly offer your Majesty the Assistance of our Lives and Fortunes for the Preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and for the Maintenance of the Government, both in Church and State, as by Law established, against all the Enemies thereof, of what Sect or Denomination soever. And this we unanimously agreed to, in the great Court of the said Corporation, the Third Day of April, in the Thirtieth Year of your Majesties Reign, &c. and have put to our Common Seal.

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WE your Majesties truly Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Gentlemen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Wapentake of Elio, within the parts of Holland, in your Majesties County of Lincoln, taking into our serious Consideration, the discovered treasonable Association, lately produced at the Proceedings against the Earl of Shaftesbury; And being sensible that as all Good Men think, Religion and Duty sufficiently bound to Loyalty, so all Rebellions, Treasons, and Conspiracies, are carried on by Leagues, Covenants, Associations, and Combinations, the effects whereof we have too lately tasted; and finding by the daily practice of such as are disaffected to your Majesty and the present Government, that by Libellous and Scandalous Pamphlets, they endeavour to breed a Misunderstanding betwixt your Majesty and your People, designing thereby to throw us back again into the same Miseries and Confusions we were lately Delivered from, by your Majesties Happy and Miraculous Restoration; We thought it our Duties humbly and heartily to declare to your Sacred Majesty, our Abhorrence and Detestation of the said Association; And that we will according to our Oaths and Duties, with Lives and Fortunes, Defend your Majesties Royal Person, Crown and Dignity, your Lawful Heirs and Successors, the present Government in Church and State, as is Established by Law, against all Leagues, Covenants, Associations, and Engagements whatsoever. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names this First Day of April, in the Four and Thirtieth Year of your Majesties Reign, which we heartily pray Almighty God may be Long, Prosperous, and Peaceable.

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Corporation of Thetford, in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Loyal Subjects (being made very sensible, that the great Managers of the pernicious Association, to disinherit the now lawful Successor, were resolved not so rest there, but to use their utmost endeavour to contrive how to seize Your Sacred Person) do here solemnly Declare, That we shall look upon such as shall attempt One, to designe the Oath, and shall Abhor them both, as Men resolved to invade the Prerogative of their Poince, destroy the Liberty of the Subject, and to make Parliaments, which have
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