

At the General Session of the Peace, holden for the City and County of the City of Chester, the 10th of April in the Fourth and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Lord, CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

WE the Grand Jury, Sworn to enquire, &c. for the County of the City of Chester, do think our selves obliged in Duty to God, Allegiance to the King, and for the common Concern we have in our Countries safety, solemnly to Declare and Testifie to this Court, City, and the World, our utter Abhorrence and Detestation of all Seditious and Traiterous Projects, Conspiracies, or Associations, and particularly, that Treasonable Model published in the Proceeding at the Old Bailly, against the Earl of Shaftsbury; for we cannot but with Horror reflect upon so great a piece of Wickedness, when those Men, who by God and Nature, are placed in the common rank of Subjects, shall by such bellish Devices, assume to themselves an Arbitrary Power to ruine the Monarchy, and enslave their Country: And though Religion, and the common Good be pretended, yet we have just reason to think, that the real Design is, to renew our late Miseries, and embroil the Kingdom in a fresh Rebellion, whilst they bind themselves and their Associates to pursue unto Destruction, all such who out of a Principle of Conscience and Allegiance, are resolved to assist and maintain the Crown and Dignity, the just Rights and Prerogatives of His Majesty, and this Monarchy in its Lineal Descent and Succession. We having therefore a deep sense of those Miseries which must inevitably befall our King and Country, if such Conspiracies should take effect, do solemnly declare, that we will not easily and tamely part with our Religion, as it is now Established in the Church of England; which we do frily believe, to be in its Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship, most Pure and Apostolical. We do further declare, That we are highly satisfied with the Temper and Constitution of the English Monarchy, and that we truly Honour, and entirely Love the Person of our Sovereign. And whereas it appears too plainly to the World, that of late the course of Justice has been Obstructed, and his Majesty denied the Benefit of the very Laws he gives Life to, we cannot but with just detestation, abhor all Discourses, Writings, or Actions, which shall presume to justify or excuse that cursed Association. And we do declare lastly, That we utterly detest the seditious Murmurings, undutiful Summings, and unreasonable Clamours of Men, factious and disaffected to His Majesties Person and Government: Both which we daily pray for, and resolute (through Gods help) to Defend, with whatever we have or are.

To this our Declaration, we humbly desire the Concurrence of this Court, and that in Testimony of the Duty and Loyalty of this City, it may be presented to His most Sacred Majesty.

We the Justices of Peace, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Coroner of the said City, whose Names are Subscribed, do heartily concur with the Grand Jury in their said Declaration.

At the General Sessions of Assizes held at Chester for the County Palatine of Chester, the 13th of April, 1681.

May it please Your Majesty

WE Your Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Grand Jury of Your Ancient County Pala-

line of Chester, do own (with our humble and hearty Thanks) Your Royal Care for us and the whole Nation by Your reasonable preventing the horrid Effects of that Rebellious Association, found in my Lord of Shaftsbury's Closet, and produced against him at the Old Bailly, which seems to outvie all Treasonable Inventions, even that barbarous Vote of Non-Adresse to Your Father of blessed Memory. It is likewise our Duty with all Gratitude, to acknowledge Your great Wisdom in ordering the due Execution of the Law, the true Means to preserve Your Sacred Majesty in safety, to secure a Legall Succession, and to perpetuate Peace and Unity in Church and State; And though some would insinuate among the Vulgar, the Republick Principle, That a Legislative Power may be in one or both Houses of Parliament, and so make Votes equal to Acts, the consequence of which Assertions, has proved so Fatal to this Nation; We do humbly beg leave hereby to declare to Your most Gracious Majesty, and to the whole World, our Hatred and Detestation of that, and all abominable Tenets, which induce Mens Consciences to dispense with Oaths; and that we will upon all Occasions, be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to manifest the same: To which, we account our selves ever bound by our Allegiance, Nature, and Religion, and shall ever pray to Him, by whom alone Kings Reign, for Your Sacred Majesties long and prosperous Reigne over us, and that all Arbitrary Associations be ever Infatuate; to the continued Prayer of

Dread SIR,

Your Majesties most Loyal, and most Obedient Subjects,

The Subscribers, do heartily say Amen,

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The humble Address of the Jury of the Town and Borough of Southwark, in the County of Surrey, Summoned and Sworn to Enquire and Report for our Sovereign Lord the King, and the said Town and Borough, at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, holden for the said County on Tuesday the Five and Twentieth day of April, Anno Domini 1681. at Chroydon in the County of Middlesex.

Dread Sir,

THE extraordinary Applications made unto us by eminent Persons, upon our last election of Burgesses for Parliament, (wherein it was laboured, though fruitlessly to persuade us into such a Choice, as would, in our opinion, have brought a perpetual shame and Reproach upon this your Majesties ancient Borough) having raised in us early Apprehensions of all Designs on foot, we were possibly less surpris'd than some others of Your Majesties Subjects, to find, in the Papers containing the late Proceedings at the Old-Bailly against Anthony Earl of Shaftsbury, published by Your Majesties special Command, among other things, a Model of a Traiterous Association, expressly Sworn to be seized in the Closet of that Noble Peer, which expounded to us the reasonable ground of our fears aforesaid: Yet we humbly beg leave to declare that we think our selves obliged not to come short of any the most Zealous Abhorers of it. And therefore, besides that we solemnly Vow, That by a firm Adherence to Your Majesties Person and Government, we shall always approve our selves to be indeed True Protestants, without the vain affectation of that meer Name, so much of late professed, by a few application of it to those who have all along abused it, to the imposing upon such of Your Majesties Subjects, whose Credulity has rendered them seducible by the bare Pretext of Religion; and do also assure your Majesty, and publish to all the World our utter Detestation of all such accursed Projects as tend to the Diminution of Your Majesties Honour, or the Subversion of the Monarchy, and of all such Persons as are endeavouring