

and the Blessing of your wonderful Preservation: We your dutiful Subjects are in no wise able to express either our Detestation of the Treason, or our thankfulness to Almighty God for so transcendent a Mercy.

We shall now presume to inform your Majesty, that the next thing in our thoughts, was to inquire into the rise and occasion of this accursed Practice and Design, and we have found it to spring from the Liberty of Seditious Meetings, with the Doctrine of schismatical Palps, and the Positions and Confederacies of Republican Councils and Cabals, during which insufferable Licentiousness, the Faction have likewise armed themselves, and abused all your Majesties Graces and Bounties, in order to the Destruction of your Royal Authority and Person.

And we are further sensible, may it please your Majesty, that as Corporations, in general, have been the Nurseries of Sedition and Schism, and this in particular (for which we most humbly beg your Majesties Pardon) so for want of necessary inspection from above, they have degenerated by degrees from their Allegiance to an Imperial Prince, into the Corruptions of a Commonwealth.

In the due sense of these Inconveniencies, and the Faith we owe your Sacred Majesty, we have laid our Charter at your Royal Feet, in hope your Princely Goodness will vouchsafe to bestow upon us such Liberties and Privileges in lieu of what we formerly enjoyed, as may enable us to live comfortably as a Community, and likewise keep us within the bounds of Loyalty and Obedience, to the established order both of Church and State.

We do humbly beseech Almighty God to protect and deliver your Majesty in and from all Dangers, and to defeat the Designs of all Conventurers, Covenanters, Afflictors, and all other Traytors whatsoever, and finally to accept of our Lives and Estates in the just Vindication and defence of your Majesties Person and Dignity, the established Church, and lineal Descent of the Crown.

To the King's Most Sacred Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, and Militia-Officers in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak, there never was a time which so much overcharged our hearts with Astonishment and Abhorrence, our hearts are full and must speak or break.

We want not the Trembling Integrity of those Eleven, who asked, Master is it I, nor can we stay till your Majesty ask the Zealous John's question, who is on our side.

We come, having first been at Heaven with thanksgiving, most humbly and most sincerely to Congratulate your gracious Majesties and Dearest Brothers Safeties and Deliverances from the Violence and Cruelty of Fanatical Traitorous Conspirators, and we profess in the Presence of God, we will always come with our Swords, with our Lives in our hands, to interpose to our power betwixt your Majesty and all Dangers, upon this Horrid Conspiracy, upon any, yea upon every occasion to preserve your Majesties Royal Person, your Government as now established, your Heirs and lawful Successors, and we trust we shall so Principle our Posterity to be of that Faith which can never be false to the Crown.

The Deliverances of David were scarce so many and so signal as your Majesties, may the same God here and hereafter make you happy, give you a Long and Prosperous Reign, and ever continue the Succession of the Crown of your Kingdoms in your Royal Line, as a Blessing to Posterity and us.

Your Majesties most Loyal,
and most Faithful Obedient Subjects

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the Borough of Stafford, agreed upon at the Guild-hall there, the 17th Day of July, in the Five and thirtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, Anno; Dom. 1683.

S H E W E T H,

That we your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, Having heard of the discovery of a most Traitorous,

Horrid and bloody Conspiracy of several Persons of damnable-wicked and Fanatical Principles, to compass the Death and Destruction of your most Sacred and Royal Person, and your Dearest Brother, James Duke of York, and to subvert the Established Government in Church and State; Do from the bottom of our Souls detest and abhor all such Traitorous Designs, and praise Almighty God for his repeated miraculous Preservation of your Sacred Majesty, and Royal Brother, from the Malice and Devilish Designs of that Ungrateful Antimonarchical Party; And we do assure your most Sacred Majesty, that we will readily sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the defence and Preservation of your Majesties Person, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State as now Established, against this and all other Traitorous Conspiracies and Associations: In Testimony of the sincerity of these our Professions of Duty and Loyalty, we have Unanimously in the place of our late High Steward; (Accused of this Horrid Conspiracy) chose the Right Honourable Robert, Lord Ferrers of Charley, a Person of unquestioned and approved Loyalty; And because one of our late Representatives in Parliament, is also engaged in this Unparalleled Plot, and is since fled from Justice, we shall for the future take care to send no Members to Parliament, but such Persons as are and have always been truly Loyal and of known Affections to your Majesty, the Royal Family, and Established Government; And in all other things, to the utmost of our poor power, shall be Obedient to your Majesties Laws, and shall humbly prostrate our selves, with our Charter, at your Majesties Feet, if You please to Command the same: To which we humbly add the Subscriptions of our Names, and the Seal of our said Borough.

Lintz, August 30. Their Imperial Majesties arrived here the 25th. The Emperess will lie in here; and the Emperor will part from hence for Krems, to meet the King of Poland at his arrival there, who, as our Advices tell us, was to be there the 21st day, with the main of his Army at St. Nicolaesburg, and will join the Duke of Lorraine about the 4th or 5th of the next Month. The News of the defeat of 15000 Turks and Tartars, is confirmed in the same manner we related in our last, as is likewise that of Major General Dunetald's having possessed himself of a very advantageous Post in the Forest of Vienna; but we hear nothing farther of what was reported of the Turks having given an assault to Vienna the 21st Instant, and their having lost 20000 men, and the Besieged 5000. We have no fresher account of what has passed at Vienna, than that of the 15th: when things were in as good a condition there as could be expected.

Cologne, September 7. The Advices we receive from Lintz and other places, confirm the account we had of the defeat of the 15000 Turks by the Duke of Lorraine; and of Major General Dunetald's having secured a very important Post in the Forest of Vienna. But as for the assault it was said the Turks gave to Vienna the 21st past, some Letters speak of it, and say the Turks lost 6000 men, but without any certainty.

Hague, September 11. The 5th Instant the Prince of Orange returned hither from the Veluwe; and on the 8th the States of Holland were completely assembled for the first time since their last Retreat, His Highness being present. It is said His Highness has given orders for several Troops to march towards Brabant, and that they are to encamp in the Neighborhood of Bolduc. The Men of War appointed for the reinforcement of our Fleet now at Sea, will be ready to sail in few days.

Paris, September 11. The 8th Instant the Earl of Dumbarton and Colonel Nichols, being sent by His Majesty of Great Britain, and His Royal Highness, to make their Complements of Condolence at this Court upon the Death of the Queen, had their Audience of the King, the Dauphin, &c.

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