

Executors, Administrators and Assigns, should have received and take the full and whole Duty of Excise for the Term of Three years to Commence from the Date of the said Contract, rendering to the late King, His Heirs and Successors, the yearly Rent of Five hundred and fifty thousand pounds payable by Quarterly payments, The first payment to be made at the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary next ensuing under such Covenants and Agreements for payment and securing the said Rent, as in and by the said Contract are provided for.

And whereas We have been Certified by the Opinion of Our Judges (whose Opinion for Our greater Satisfaction herein We have Required) That the said Contract made by the said Commissioners of the Treasury of Our late Dear Brother is good and valid in Law, and hath Continuance during the said Three years, as well for that part of the said Revenue which was Granted to our said Dear Brother for Life, as for that part which was Granted to Him, His Heirs and Successors, by virtue of the Acts of Parliament which gave those Duties, notwithstanding the decease of Our said Dear Brother; To the intent therefore the said Sir Peter Apley, Sir Benjamin Bathurst and James Grahme, who have made such Contract with the said Commissioners of the Treasury, may have no pretence to withhold the said Rent from Us, and that Our loving Subjects, who are chargeable with the payment of the said several Duties, may not incur the Penalties inflicted by the Laws of Excise, for not making due Entries, or Non-payment or concealing of any part of the said Duties, during the said Term of Three years; We do hereby signify and Publish to all Our loving Subjects, That Our said Judges have Certified to Us their Opinions in Law, That the said Contract hath Continuance notwithstanding the Decease of Our said Dear Brother: Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Commissioners, and Sub-Commissioners of Excise, and all other Our Officers employed, or to be employed in the Collection of the said Duties, That they be aiding and assisting to the said Sir Peter Apley, Sir Benjamin Bathurst, and James Grahme, and their Assigns, in the Collecting and Levying of the said Duties during the said Term of Three years, according to the several Powers and Authorities placed in them by the several Acts for Granting of the Excise. And that all Our loving Subjects chargeable with the payment of the said Duties do make their due Entries and Payments, as is provided by the Laws of Excise during the said Term of Three years, upon the Pains and Penalties to be inflicted thereupon, according to the said Laws of Excise.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sixteenth day of February, 1684. In the First year of Our Reign.

*GOD Save the KING,*

Whitehall, Febr. 18. The following Addressees have been presented to His Majesty, who received them very graciously.

*To the King's most Excellent Majesty,*

**W**E Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Governor and Company of Merchant-Adventurers of England, having by the Royal Grace and Favour of your Majesties most Noble Predecessors, flourished as a Company of Merchants near the space of 400 years; as we are the antientest in time, do think our Selves obliged to be the first in Duty, in making this our most humble Address to your Majesty; And being overwhelmed in Sorrow for our unspeakable loss, in the death of our late Dread Sovereign, your Majesties most dear Brother; are in a great measure comforted and supported in that our just Grief, by the Rightful, Lively, and unquestionable Succession of your most Sacred Majesty, rendering infinite Thanks for your Gracious Proclamation of the 9th Instant; and do Humbly submit to your Royal Will and Pleasure therein, for the Collection of the Customs as formerly; and always praying (as in Duty bound) your Majesties Government may be long and prosperous over us, we will be ever ready to maintain and defend the same with our Lives and Fortunes.

February 14. 1684.

*To the King's most Excellent Majesty,*

The Humble Address of the Lord and Proprietary, the Merchants, Traders, and Planters; of and belonging to His Majesties Province of Maryland.

**W**E Your Majesties most Loyal, and Dutiful Subjects, the Lord, and Proprietary Merchants, Traders and Planters of and belonging to your Majesties Province of Maryland. As we do with the deepest Sense of Sorrow, humbly bemoan your Majesties loss of the best of Brothers, in the decease of our late most Gracious Sovereign; So do we no less Rejoyce at your Majesties Happy Accession to the Throne of your Royal Predecessors, and Sovereignty over us, since the early and many Proofs which your Majesty has given abroad, and at home, in Defence of your now Dominions, of all those Royal Virtues, which now render you the greatest of Monarchs, and most especially, your Magnanimity and steady Conduct in the most adverse of Fortunes, has given us assurance that our Lives and Properties are securely deposited in your Majesties Hands. We therefore, in regard that the Customs are the most considerable, and growing Branch of your Majesties Revenue, do most Humbly acquiesce and submit to the Proclamation which your Majesty has been pleased to Publish for Collecting the Customs, as in the time of our late Sovereign, and shall pay all Obedience thereunto; Wishing with most sincere and zealous Hearts, That your Majesty may continue in a long and Glorious Reign over us.

*To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,*

The Humble Address of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Court of Assistants and Body of the Artillery Company of the City of London.

**T**HAT Your Majesties said ever Loyal and most Obedient Subjects and soldiers, do with all their Souls blest Almighty God for the deliverance of Your Sacred Majesty out of the hands of Your Blood-thirsty and Malicious Enemies, and for repairing the heaviest Calamities imaginable in the loss of our late Dread Sovereign, by so Illustrious a Succession both to His Imperial Crown and to His Royal Virtues; all Plots, Forgeries, and Antimonarchical Bills of Exclusion notwithstanding.

And Your Majesty's humble Subjects being Conscious to themselves of the double Duty, as well of a Military as of a Civil Allegiance, having for many years last past, had the Honor to bear Arms under Your Majesty's Command as their Princely Leader, and at present as their Dread Sovereign, do with their Lives and Fortunes declare their Uttermost detestation of all Conspirators and Conspiracies whatsoever, and that they will with their Swords in their hands defend Your Majesty's Honor, Person, Crown, Title and Dignity, against all Opposers, to their last breath. Beseeching Almighty God to shewre down upon your sacred enemies both of the right and left Hand; And Your Majesty's most Dutiful Subjects do no longer expect Mercy from Heaven than while they continue firm and steady in their Faith and Allegiance to Your most Excellent Majesty.

*To the King's most Excellent Majesty,*  
**KING JAMES the Second.**

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs and Commonalty of the City of Winchester.

**SHŒWETH,**

**T**HAT we your Majesties most Loyal, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects do from the bottom of our Hearts, and with unexpressible Grief Condole the death of that Excellent Prince King CHARLES the Second (of Blessed Memory) Your Majesties dear Brother and our late Dread Sovereign, and with unspeakable Joy give thanks to Almighty God for your Majesties Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, and Government of these Nations, Rightly descended to you; And we most humbly pray that your Majesty will please to accept of our Vows and unalterable resolutions to venture our Lives and Fortunes for the defence of your Sacred Person, Crown and Dignity.

We should be ungrateful if we could forget, how often your Majesty hath freely ventured your Life for the Honor and Preservation of these Kingdoms, when your Valour Crowned you with Laurels, and we must lose our Senses to imagine you will do less for their Welfare now that Heaven hath placed you on the Throne.

Your Majesty was Graciously pleased to be instrumental to your late Royal Brother and present Queen's Honoring our City with their Presence; And we humbly hope and pray, That at some leisure time, You and your Royal Consort will do us