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Whitehall, March 18.

The Following Addresses have been presented to His Majesty, who received them very Graciously. This from the County of Hertford was Presented by the High Sheriff accompanied with several of the Principal Gentlemen of that County, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochester, Lord High Treasurer of England.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lituitants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, and other Loyal Gentlemen of your Majesties County of Hertford, met together at the Assizes for the said County held at Hertford, March 12. 1684.

Dread Sovereign,

When we reflect what Sinister Artifices and damnable Plots of late Years were contrived by Wicked Men, and what solemn Bonds of Oaths they have broken to supplant your Majesties undoubted Title to the Crown, and to seize on Your Inheritance by endeavouring to obtain the Specious Formality of a Law against You: We cannot but think our selves under indispensable obligations of thankfulness, to Almighty God, for confounding all their Devices, and preserving us, by so many wonderful Deliverances, so Gracious a King to Reign over us.

As we must acknowledge we have many reasons as ever Subjects had, to honor the memory of Your Glorious Brother, our late Blessed King, in there is none greater than that He recommended to us your Majesty as the best of Brothers, and unmovably defended your unquestionable Right of Succession against the implacable Malice of all Yours and your Kingdoms Enemies.

The whole World knows Your Majesty to be a Prince of invincible Courage, Coalsancy to Your Friends, and Firmness to Your Word.

And therefore though Your Enemies having nothing else to object, were wont to traduce your Virtue as a Vice, and to Libel your Fortitude and Resolution with the malicious reproach of Obliquity; Yet it is this inviolable Fidelity to your Royal Word, especially given us in your Majesties most indulgent Declaration on which we rely with an entire Confidence.

Since your Majesty has been pleased so generously to declare You will take our Lives, Liberties and Religion into Your immediate Protection, we can henceforth have no other just fears but what arise from our infinite value of your Majesties Person, the loss of which is the only insupportable Misery that can now befall us in this World.

Wherefore with one Voice and Heart we pray for your Majesties long and prosperous Reign, faithfully engaging to serve and defend your Majesty with the utmost of our Lives and Fortunes; humbly beseeching your Majesty to believe that this Loyal County, which upon an eminent occasion gave signal proof of Fidelity and Affection to his Royal Highness James Duke of York, will not in Duty and Obedience be inferior to any of the Subjects of the Great and Good King JAMES the Second,

Whom God Almighty long Preserve,

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects in your County of Devon.

WE bend before your Throne (most Aweful Monarch) and with Tears of unfeigned sorrow, for the loss of our late Gracious Sovereign of Immortal Memory, do Prostrate our selves at your Royal Feet; And yet we cannot but at the same Instant adore and magnify the goodness of Heaven, for placing your Majesty so quietly upon the Thrones of your Royal Progenitors, we therefore (most mighty Prince) with

all possible Fidelity and Allegiance do as once lost Regard cognize and Congratulate your Majesties most Rightful accession to the Crown, and do protest by all that is Just, Honourable, and Sacred, that upon all occasions we shall be ready to part with our dearest drops of our Blood to vindicate your Right in the same.

We have yet nothing to offer you (most Gracious Sovereign) but the small tribute of Thanks for those great things secured unto us by your Majesties Royal Declaration, the words of a King, whose word has ever been dearer to him than his Life, for that hath been too often (we had almost said too bravely) exposed for the Honour and Safety of these Kingdoms.

And first of all (Great Sir) we render you the thanks of our Souls, for your Princely Resolution not to depart from any just Right or Prerogative of the Crown, as also for your Majesties most Gracious Extending the Scepter of Clemency and Mercy towards us, and for the continuance of our Liberties and Properties.

But with the deepest sense of gratitude (must dread Sir) do we approach you as by your support and enjoyment of our Established Religion; a Religion that has been (as your Majesty Graciously observes) and ever will be for the maintenance of Monarchy.

But (most Sacred Sir) that what we design for the greatest mark of our Loyalty and Duty should by its length appear to be a tediousness, May the same Almighty God that has wrought such wonders for your Royal Family, add one more to all the rest, by continuing your Majesty in Peace and Happiness amongst us, even beyond the common Age of Man; and when you are as full of Tears as of Honour, may the Crown slide from your Sacred Temples with the same ease and Piety that it did from your Royal Brothers, and let there never want one of your own Lovers to step into your Throne.

Presented to His Majesty by Sir Boucher Wray, Sir John Rolles and divers other principal Gentlemen of the County of Devon, being in the absence of his Grace the Duke of Albemarle, Lord-Lieutenant of that County, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Baile.

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, and Deputy Lieutenants of your Majesties County Palatine of Lancaster,

May it please your Majesty.

As we have with great sincerity lamented the Death of that Excellent Prince your late dear Brother, so do we express our Joy for your Majesties peaceable Accession to the Crown. And we think our selves in Duty bound to return our unfeigned Thanks to your Majesty for your late gracious Declaration to preserve the Government both in Church and State as it is now by Law established, and are Resolved to manifest our Gratitude by all possible Demonstrations of Loyalty and Obedience to your Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
JAMES the Second,

The most humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and most Loyal Subjects of Your County of Cambridgeshire.

Dread Sovereign,

When we were struck (as with an Arrow from above) with the sad news of the decease of our late Gracious Sovereign,