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At the Court at *WHITETHALL*,

This 20th of March, 1684.

By the King's most Excellent Majesty,

And the Lords of His Majesties most Honourable
Privy-Council,

His Majesty minding to secure all his Loving Subjects, in Travelling, and going about their Lawful Occasions. Is this Day in Council pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered; That all His Majesties Officers of Justice, and others his Loving Subjects, do use their utmost diligence, and endeavor, for the Apprehending all Robbers, and Highway men, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law; And for the Encouragement of such as shall Apprehend any such Offender, or Offenders. It is further Ordered by His Majesty, That such Person, or Persons, who shall at any Time from the Day of the Date hereof, till the 20th of March, which shall be in the Year of our Lord God 1685, and after that Day till His Majesty shall please to recal this Order, either by Proclamation, or His Order in Council, apprehend any Robber, or Highway-man, and cause him to be brought into Custody, shall within Fifteen Days after his Conviction, have a reward of Ten Pounds for every such Offender, so Apprehended, and Convicted, and all and every Sheriffs, and Sheriff of the respective Counties, and Sheriffs-wicks, where such Conviction shall be had, are and is hereby required upon the Certificate of the Judge, or Two, or more Justices of the Peace, before whom such Person, or Persons, shall be Convicted, of such Apprehension, and Conviction, to pay unto the Person, or Persons, who shall Apprehend such Offender, or Offenders, the Reward aforesaid, within the Time aforesaid, for each and every Offender, so Apprehended and Convicted as aforesaid; Out of His Majesties Monies, received by such Sheriff, or Sheriffs in that County where such Conviction shall be, which shall be allowed unto him, or them upon his or their Accounts in the Exchequer; and the Right Honourable the Lord High Treasurer of England, is hereby Authorized, and Empowered to give such Warrants to the Officers, and others concerned in the Exchequer, to give allowance thereof accordingly. And it is also further Ordered, that all Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and other Officers, and Persons whatsoever, do take notice thereof, and give due Obedience accordingly. And all avoiding and assisting in all things, tending to the Execution thereof, as they tender His Majesties Displeasure, and upon pain of being proceeded against as Contemners of His Majesties Royal Authority.

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN.

Whitehall, March 21. The following Address was Presented to His Majesty by several Merchants of London, being Introduced by the Right Honourable the earl of Rochester Lord High Treasurer of England.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the General Trading Merchants of London.

WE your Majesty's most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects the Merchants of London hereunto Subscribing, do heartily Condole our loss in the Death of that most Excellent Prince your Majesties Dear and entirely beloved Brother our late Dread Sovereign, for whom our Sorrow had been insupportable, had it not been relieved by seeing your most Sacred Majesty ascend the Throne of your Royal Predecessors, your Lineal and undoubted Inheritance.

And forasmuch as we securely enjoy the benefit of our Traffick and Navigation by your Majesties great care over us in protecting the Seas. And in regard the Necessity of preserving the Government requires the maintenance of the Navy, as well for defence of the Nation, as the security of Trade, we humbly and cheerfully submit to the payment of our Customs according to your Majesties Royal Proclamation of the ninth Past,

And Pray heartily for your Majesties long and Prosperous Reign.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the principal and major part of the Inhabitants of the Town of Aylesbury in the County of Bucks, most humbly declare our unfeigned Sorrow for the Death of our late Dread Sovereign of ever Blessed Memory; And from our Hearts and Souls do as truly Congratulate your Majesties most just and happy Succession to the Crown of your Royal Ancestors.

And Forasmuch as the said Town hath lain under the unhappy Character of Phanaticism, through the Irreclaimable Tempers and Spirits of Persons of the Inferior Rank only, of the said Town, who have been the rather encouraged so to continue, through the great countenance they have all along had of Former Burgesses they used to Elect for Parliament, Till now that the Honourable Sir William Edgerton Knight of the Bath, and Richard Anderson Esq; were pleased to stand against them, and whom we have unanimously chosen Burgesses to serve in the next Parliament for our said Town, and that by the Majority of Voices all of the most Loyal and Sufficient Persons of the said Town.

We do therefore by our said Burgesses now present, most humbly beseech your Majesty to distinguish us from the said Disaffected Persons, and of being assured for the future, we will not be wanting in our utmost endeavours to Retrieve the Reputation of our said Town by being Examples (in what our Duty and Religion requires) a most Loyal and Obedient People for the Immigration and Reformation of the rest

And in Testimony hereof have hereunto Subscribed our Names, evermore resolving our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesties Service, and our Prayers for all imaginable Blessings on your Majesty in this Life, as also that to come.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the President, Court of Assistants, and the rest of the Governors, of the Charity for relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergy-men.

Dread Sovereign,

AS we cannot but have a just sense of the Publick Loss, and of ours particularly in the Decease of the late King your Majesties Dearest Brother, and our most Gracious Founder of ever blessed memorys So is it to our unspeakable Comfort and Joy to behold your Sacred Majesty peaceably settled on the Throne of your Royal Progenitors.