

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury of the County of *Suffex*, made at the Assizes holden at *Eastgrinsted* for the said County, the Sixteenth day of *March*, in the First year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *James* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, King Defender of the Faith, &c.

Dread Sovereign,

WE calling to Remembrance the many Malicious Plots and Contrivances of the Old Implacable Enemies of the Monarchy; and other Disaffected Exclusioners seduced by them, to prevent your Majesties coming to the Crown, whereof by the unalterable Rights of Proximity of Blood, your Majesty was the next undoubted Heir and Successor, cannot but Adore that Divine Providence which hath brought you to the quiet and Peaceable possession of it, to the Universal satisfaction of all good People: And forasmuch as your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased, to set our Hearts at perfect rest, by the Assurance of your Princely Word, That we shall enjoy our Religion and Laws, as in the Days of your Royal Brothers, of Blessed Memory, we shall strive by our most earnest Prayers to Almighty God, and by all other effectual Expressions of Loyalty and Gratitude, to render your Government over us, long, easy and Prosperous, and particularly, we shall at this time use our utmost endeavours as far as our Interest reacheth to procure such Men to serve in the ensuing Parliament, as shall have the same tender regard for the Rights and Prerogatives of the Crown, as we are sure your Majesty will always have for the safety and Liberty of your People,

To the most Excellent Majesty of *JAMES* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

The humble Address of the Bishop of *Ely*, the Dean and Brebends, the Chief Justice, the Chief Bayliff, the Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Gentlemen, and Brechtolders of the Isle of *Ely*.

Dread Sovereign,

AMIDST the crowd of those who strive to manifest their Loyalty to your Sacred Majesty, be pleased to admit your most dutiful Subjects of your Royal Franchise of the City and Isle of *Ely*, to throw themselves at your Majesties feet, with all becoming Duty and Humility to acknowledge their Satisfaction and joy in your Majesties peaceable and hereditary Succession to the Imperial Throne of these Realms, to which Heaven hath conducted your Majesty as it did the King your Brother, our late much beloved, and now much lamented Sovereign, by a most conspicuous train of Preservations and Deliverances: And we hope and pray that the same Divine Providence the Watchful Guardian of Princes, will ever continue to protect your Majesty, and make your Reign over us, Long, Easy, and Prosperous beyond any of your Illustrious Predecessors.

And as we have with unexpressible Satisfaction received your Majesties auspicious and highly gracious Declaration, (made at your first sitting into the Royal Throne) of your just and generous Resolution to pursue the Example of your late glorious Brother of blessed Memory in governing your Subjects by the known Laws of the Land, and maintaining the present good Constitutions both of Church and State; so we hope it will extend your Empire to that which is the most glorious part of it, and erect your Majesty a Throne in the heart of every Loyal Subject and honest man, and make them esteem their Duty their greatest happiness, and upon all occasions to serve your Majesty with whatever Allegiance, Religion, and even a

most tender Passion for your Majesties Person and Interest, can inspire the most obliged Subjects withal towards the best of Princes, which as we hope it will be the unanimous Resolution of all your Subjects, so it is in particular of,

May it please your Majesty, your most Loyal and Obedient Subject

The Humble Address of the Grand-Inquest of the County of *Dorset*, together with the Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the said County, at the Assizes held on the 12th Day of *March*, 1684. In the Borough of *Dorchester*.

AS we are heartily afflicted for the loss of our late Sovereign Lord, so with all Thankfulness we acknowledge Gods infinite Mercy in giving us your Majesty, His Rightful Successor. As our Duty Commands us, we entirely render our most humble Acknowledgments for your Majesties most Gracious Declaration, that you would Preserve the Government both in Church and State as now by Law Established; Humbly beseeching your Majesty to believe this Truth; that we value our Duty and Allegiance, equal with our Lives and Fortunes, from which we shall never Recede.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jurors, Clergy, and others the Gentry, Freeholders and Inhabitants of your Majesties County of *Rutland*, at the Assizes holden the Sixth day of *March*, in the First Year of Your Majesties Reign, at *Okeham* for the said County.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

AS we account it our happiness to be under the Government of an Hereditary Monarchy, so we must acknowledge ourselves to be infinitely obliged to the Virtues and Glories of Your Majesty's Royal and Heroic Family, for completing our Felicity by a continued Succession of the best of Kings to the best of Governments. To this blessing we now especially owe our Lives and Peace, beholding your most Excellent Majesty succeeding in the Throne to that incomparable Prince Your most entirely beloved Brother our late most Gracious Sovereign of happy Memory, which for our great loss of Him, as it is the only true and proportionate Redress; So we do from the bottom of our Hearts profess to be our greatest Comfort and Joy, as being of their number, whom Your Princely Vertues, Your proved love to Your Country, and the Glory You have purchased for it, have long since made Your most devoted Servants; And since Divine Providence has made us so happy as to be Your Subjects, we come in all Humility to lay our selves at Your Feet, and from a deep sense of the double Obligation of Gratitude and Allegiance (wherein we are bound to your Majesty) we do most cheerfully and resolutely offer and engage our Lives and Fortunes to Your Service; [We humbly crave leave also with our hearty thanks to acknowledge the great Condescension and Goodness of Your most Gracious Speeches, Your professed Care and Tenderness for our Church, and State, for our Religion and Properties, and for that which is their best Security, Your own Just Rights and Prerogatives. The Almighty God establish your Throne in Power and Peace, bless You with length of days, a peaceable and flourishing Reign, and continue the Succession in Your Royal Progeny through all Ages.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of *Cumberland*.

THE loss if so Excellent a Monarch as King *CHARLES* II. of ever glorious and undying Memory, would have been a Loss utterly insupportable to all those who had raised the gentle Influences of His most obliging Reign, if it had not been sufficiently repaired by your Majesties Succession, who are the true Heir of His Clemency and other justly admired Qualities as well as of His Imperial Crown; But we do not only Console with You Majesty the Dearh of the best of Brothers and best of Kings and Congratulate your Majesties peaceable Access to the Crown (the Proclaiming of which was justly Celebrated here with

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