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THis day the following Address was presented to the King, by the Right Honorable the Lord Arundell of Wardour, Lord Privy Seal, on Behalf of the Roman Catholics of this Kingdom, being Signed by his Lordship, the Lord Marquis of Powis, my Lord Belasyse, and several other Lords, and many Gentlemen of Quality, which His Majesty received with great Grace and Favour.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Roman Catholic Subjects.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects of the Roman Catholic Religion, being deeply sensible of the Goodness of God to us, in bringing Your Majesty to the Throne of Your Royal Ancestors, and of Your Majesties Princely Bounty and Compassion, in pitying and relieving Your Suffering Dissenting Subjects, by Your most Gracious Declaration for Liberty of Conscience, we can do no less than testify our thankfulness to Almighty God, and your Majesty, for so happy an Expedient for the ease and comfort of all your loving Subjects: For though it has been the severest part of our Misfortunes, That we are thought not to desire the least Ease or Good to those that differ from us; We do not only rejoice in the Universality of your Majesties Royal Bounty, but that it flows from a Prince of our own Religion: And as we verily believe your Majesty has built your Generous Resolutions on the truest Basis of Government, so we hope they will endure unshaken all your Majesties Reign, which we pray may be long and happy, and that the Heats and Animosities the Constraint in Matters of Religion hath occasioned (as your Majesty has well observed in several past Reigns) may be so quieted, That we may all feel the happy effects of it, serving God, and Honouring your Majesty, and Loving and Assisting one another.

That God will bless your Majesty in all your Princely Undertakings, your Person, your Royal Family, your People and Government is the daily Prayer of,

Your Majesties said most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects.

THe Lord Bishop of Durham has likewise presented an humble Address to His Majesty from the City of Durham; And the Lord Bishop of Chester another from the Clergy of his Diocess, both which His Majesty received very Graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and other Freemen of the City of Durham.

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties Loyal and Dutiful Subjects of the Church of England, in this Corporation, being highly sensible of Your Care and Protection of us, not only in our Rights, Properties, and Possessions, but also in the free Exercise of our Religion, as by Law Established; Are obliged in Gratitude to return Your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks for those repeated Assurances in Your late Declaration, as well as for your former Promises to support the Church of England; And shall always endeavour to approve our selves Your Majesty's most Obedient Subjects.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The Humble Address of the Lord Bishop of Chester, the Dean and Prebendaries of that Cathedral Church, and the rest of the Clergy of the Arch-deaconries of Chester and Richmond, and the rest of the Deaneries belonging to that Diocess.

May it please your Sacred Majesty,

WHEREAS in Your Majesties Royal Declaration, lately published, You have been Graciously pleased to Declare, That Your Majesty will Protect and Maintain Your Archbishops, Bishops, and Clergy, and all Your Subjects of the Church of England, in the free Exercise of their Religion, as by Law Established, and in the quiet and full enjoyment of all their Possessions, without any Molestation or Disturbance whatsoever:

We cannot but think Our selves obliged, in Duty and Gratitude, to return Your Majesty Our hearty Thanks for these Gracious Expressions of Your Kindness, and for all Your former Assurances of Your Royal Favours to the Church of England; And humbly to express our Loyalty, as becomes the true Sons of the Church of England, and

Your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects and Servants.

These two other Addresses which follow have been likewise presented to the King, which His Majesty received also very Graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of Your Majesties Loyal Subjects in the City of Bristol, commonly called Independents and Anabaptists.

Great SIR,

THE sensible remembrance of our late Sufferings, by the severest Execution of Penal Laws, for Nonconformity to the publick Worship, as well as common Principles of Humanity, do forcibly oblige us to the greatest Gratitude to Your Gracious Majesty; who hath wrought out so unexpected a Deliverance for us. We therefore having first considered our Thank-Offering to Almighty God, (in whose Hands are the Hearts of Kings,) for your present Liberty. In the next place, we render (upon our bended Knees,) our Humble and Hearty Thanks to Your Royal Majesty, for the Ease and Quiet we now enjoy, by the means of Your Majesties late Gracious Declaration and Pardon; Humbly praying Your Majesty Graciously to accept thereof. Thus we are the more induced to do, for that 'tis a Grant absolutely free, and thereby bearing some Resemblance to Divine Bounty, and also proceeding from a Noble Principle, (worthy of all Christian Kings,) deeply rooted in Your Majesties Mind; (viz.) That Conscience ought not to be Constrained. Royal SIR, Being by Your Majesties Gracious Promise, secured in our Properties, and the free exercise of our Consciencies: We have nothing further to desire, save the Concurrence of Your Majesties Two Houses of Parliament with You therein.

And since Your Majesty may now reasonably expect to see the good Effects of this Your Princely Bounty, in all Your Subjects sincere Loyalty toward so Gracious a Prince, and Charitableness one to another; we assure You not to be wanting in Your Majesties Expectation therein.

And that Almighty God will Crown Your Majesty, and Royal Posterity, with all Temporal and Eternal Blessings; We shall ever Pray, &c.

Signed by us in the BEHALF of our selves, and those of the same Persuasions with us.