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Whitehall, May 27.

ON Tuesday last this Address was presented to His Majesty by the Honorable Bernard Howard of Norfolk, and signed by several Persons of Quality and others in and about Whitehall, which His Majesty received very Graciously, and Commanded the said Mr. Howard to give them His Answer for it.

WE, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being satisfied that the late Corporation of the City is dissolved by the late Inrollment in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery of a Deed under the Common Seal of this City of *Winton* made unto our Sovereign Lord King Charles the Second of glorious Memory, His Heirs and Successors, in the Year 1684. By which is granted, surrendered, and yielded up, unto him and them, all and singlar the Powers, franchises, Liberties, Priviledges and Authorities whatsoever, and howsoever granted, or to be used, or exercised by the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said City, or by any Elect Number of them, or by virtue of any Grant, Title, or Interest vested in them, by Letters-Patent, Custom, or Prescription: And that not only the Electors for the future, but the very being now of all the Magistrates of this City, and Members of this Corporation, were (by the Deed lately inrolled, and now in force) given up and surrendered as aforesaid: And that since it was shewn unto Mr. Thomas Nawell, the late Mayor, with the Inrollment Endorsed upon it, and the Copy thereof last set up in the Publick Market-place, attested by two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, We have not found that the said former Mayor, or any Officer of the former Corporation, will act, either as Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, or other ways whatsoever, or howsoever, as being of the said Corporation: And that for want of Magistrates, and other Officers, many Inconveniences and Tumults may arise from the Rabble, and such poor People, as will soon be brought to extremity for want of being relieved weekly out of the City Estate, which we are informed by able and learned Council in the Law, is destroyed, and will return to the first Donors, if the Surrender unto the late King and His Heirs is validly Recorded now in the Life of His present Majesty: We hereby Address our selves to the Honorable Mr. Bernard Howard of Norfolk, a former Member of the late Corporation, an I Person, whose frequent Endeavours and Requests unto His late Majesty, as well as to His present Majesty, for the Good and Welfare of the Corporation, and of the Inhabitants of this City of *Winton*, hath shewn, that he is never weary of, but ever willing to promote, we most instantly desire, that he will (in our behalf) humbly beg of His Majesty to grant a new Charter unto this City of *Winton*, in such manner as in His Princeship, Wisdom He shall think most fitting, and to nominate how such Officers in it, and such Powers of electing others for the future, as he shall think most proper for the good Government of it, and in case it is not too late (now that the said former Surrender is Recorded) His Majesty will, from his known Piety and Charity towards His Poor Subjects in Distress, do all that in him lieth to preserve, or retrieve, the Estate which be longed unto this City, and was applied chiefly to relieve the Poor, and for other Good and Charitable Uses, till such time as that the former Magistrates thereof had notice of the said Inrollment: and we shall, if it only be bound to give His Majesty humble Thanks for such His Pious Care, but continue to Pray, as we now do, That amongst other Blessings; God will not only Crown His Vertue, and the Extensivary Piety of His Royal Consort, by sending them and us a Prince of *Wales* (according to our former Prayers in our *Whitehall* Address and with) but that he may likewise send them a Duke of *York*; and that both their Majesties may live to see them Men, and by being bred up under their Care, we may not doubt but they will inherit their unparalleled Vertues and Clemency, and that our unalterable Loyalty, Duty and Respect to their present Majesties, may yet in like manner have Piety of this Ancient City, which is now again weathering by their Absence, which began to flourish and be envied, from being blessed with their Presence, and if the mistakes or faults of a very few in it, have occasioned either of their Majesties Displeasure: We hope their Justices as well as eminent Goodness will not let all the Inhabitants of it suffer thereby: And we both Hope and Pray, That a Parliament will so entirely comply with His Majesty's just Desires, and Delights, as that He may the better be enabled to do what

will be most for the Good of all His People: And as His Majesty plentifully spent great Sums out of His Income, in mending those Naval Stores and Land Magazines, which were much exhausted when He came to the Crown; so fortifying our Ports, and maintaining an Army for our safety, and to make this Nation as great at home, and Renowned and formidable abroad as we doubt not but we shall be, under the happy Reign of a King, whose Merit, when He was a Subject, was Crowned, not only with Universal Applause, but rewarded by a publick Oath by Act of Parliament, nor His Majesty's conduct in Battle, against the then Enemies of *England*. We Hope, we say, and Pray, That the next Parliament will so reimburse and fill His Exchequer, as that we may then be entirely secure, by His being Master of the Treasures of War, and that thereby we may enjoy both Prosperity and Peace, according to the hearty Prayers of the following Subscribers, with more earnestly desire again, That the said Mr. Howard, will make known unto their Sacred Majesties, That we yet hope to see His Majesty's Coffers run so much over with Plenty, that some may be spared to finish His Royal Palace here, and that we may there have the Honour to kiss the Hands of their present Majesties, a Prince of *Wales*, and such another Duke of *York*, as that those Royal Princes may perpetuate their Majesties illustrious, known Fame, and Virtue, as long as the Sun shall shine.

At the same time Mr. Howard Read and Presented to His Majesty the following Subscription, signed by himself and several Persons of Quality and others in and about Whitehall, which His Majesty gave them also His Thanks for, and accepted it very Graciously, as being pursuant to His Declarations, and the Method, He hath thereby signified that He intendeth to take, in order to Liberty of Conscience.

WE whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, do promise That whenever His Majesty shall think fitting to call a Parliament, we will use our utmost Endeavours, That such Members may be chosen to serve in it, as may confer us, and as much as in them lieth, farther secure the Protestant Religion as now established by Law, and not contribute to the speaking of any Constitution thereof, And in like manner, we will endeavour to have the Tests and Declaration repealed, and all such Penal Laws as are any way against the free Liberty of the exercise of the Conscience of any Christians, or Obligations or that shall impose Oaths or Penalties upon them for their Profession of Religion, or for using or omitting any kind of Christian worship, or serving the King or Queen, their Heirs or Successors, in any Office or Employment, or otherwise whatsoever or howsoever; And where Laws are partly Constituted as to Religion, and partly Penal for not Conforming therunto; we promise to endeavour that such Members may be chosen as we believe will preserve all the Clauses of the Constitution of the Protestant Religion, and repeal all Penalties thereby Enacted, against all such as are not of, and do not conform to the Church of England, as now established by Law, and to the Grant both in Church and State, the Rights, Dignities, Priviledges, and Prerogatives of our Sovereign Lord King James the second, and of His Lawful Heirs and Successors.

Rome, May 4. The Pope gave Audience on Monday last to the Marquis de *Cogolludo*, Ambassador of *Spain*; and it is believed his Holiness will this Week hold a Consistory. The Cardinal *Rospigliosi* has been very ill since his return hither: It is said, That the extraordinary Tenth, imposed upon all the Benefices of *Italy*, for the Expenses of the War against the *Turks*, will be continued for two Years and a half.

Leith, May 3. Fresh Orders are come from our Great Duke, to hasten the fitting out of his Gallies designed for the assistance of the *Venicians*. We have an account from *Milan*, That the overflowing of the *Ticino* and most of the other Rivers, hath done a great deal of damage in that Country.

Windsor, April 30. The King is expected here the fourth of the next Month, to be present at a great Council, to which all the Senators, and the principal Officers of the Army have been summoned. The Italian News