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THE following Address from the Corporation of East-Resford, in the County of Nottingham, was presented to Her Majesty by Robert Moleworth Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament; introduced by the Duke of Newcastle, Lord Privy-Seal, and High Steward of the said Corporation.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Bayliffs, Aldermen and Burgesses of Your Majesty's most ancient and loyal Corporation of East-Resford in the County of Nottingham, in Council assembled.

May it please Your Majesty, THE frequent and extraordinary Occasions which Your Majesty's most unparalleled Reign affords Your loyal Subjects, of giving their hearty Congratulations at Your Feet, will (we hope) excite us to Your Majesty's great Wisdom of Your Majesty's Councils, in those many Acts of Piety, signal Victories by Land and Sea, and in those many Laws, and imitable Administrations, had so eminent an appearance, that we thought nothing could have been superadded to our own Felicity, or to those Glories which must for ever Crown Your Majesty's Name in History; when, to our Astonishment, we beheld accomplish'd a Work of a far higher Nature, of greater Difficulty and Niceness in the Transacting, and of a more lasting Advantage to all Your Majesty's Subjects, than what had ever hitherto been done for us; the entire Union of Your Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland: A Work of so great and happy Consequence, that we could scarce reach it even with our Wishes, being that which compleats all those Securities for our Religion and Liberties, which Your Majesty and Your Royal Predecessor (of whose Memory had formerly granted, to the earnest Requests of Your People.

By this inestimable Blessing of the Union is Your Majesty's own dear Gift to us: 'Tis the Product of an Heav'n truly just, and the Result of the most prudent Administration that any Age can give an Instance of.

Permit us therefore, most Gracious Sovereign, thankfully to express this surprizing Benefit, and to express our Gratitude in the best manner we are able, both by Words and Actions, tho' very inexpressible to the Greatness of the Occasion.

Your Majesty, by Your Royal Example, has instructed Your Subjects wherein true Liberty consists, and set our Souls free from that narrow Self-enclosed Notion which, thro' the Prejudices of unhappy Education, had so long cramp'd and fetter'd them. We begin now to find that true Christian Charity is extensive to all Mankind, and that loving our Neighbour as our selves is as truly our Advantage as 'tis our Duty: We begin to see that we were in a Mistake, when we formerly imagin'd, that Difficulties of Trade, and a Freedom of Commerce, to all Your Majesty's Subjects, was prejudicial to particular Towns or Persons; or at least we did not see it's highly conducive to the Good of the whole, which ought to be the principal Regard of honest Men.

We therefore promise on our Parts to cultivate and increase such good Dispositions of Love and Affection for our Brethren of Scotland, that this Union may really prove a sincere and compleat we every way; whereby Great Britain, Govern'd by such a Queen, cannot fail of becoming the Throne of Liberty, the Sanctuary of the Oppress'd, and the Arbitrator of Europe, whole Peace (contrary to that of those Tyrants who have long infest'd and distress'd the World) will be exercis'd only in doing Good.

May Heaven continue to pour its Blessings on Your most Sacred Majesty; and grant that You may long Reign over Subjects, who place their greatest Glory in obeying a Princess who may justly be call'd, The Delight of Humankind.

In Testimony whereof, we have caus'd our Common Seal to be hereunto affix'd, this 12th Day of April, in the Sixth Year of Your Majesty's most happy Reign, Annoq; Domini 1707.

The following Address from the Borough of Abingdon was presented to Her Majesty by Grey Neville Esq; their Representative in Parliament; introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Sunderland, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

May it please Your most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Borough of Abingdon, beg Leave to express the great Sense we have of Your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness, in accomplishing an Union between England and Scotland, (a Work as much wish'd for by all good Men, as it has been carefully oppos'd by bad,) whereby You have most effectually secured the Protestant Succession of the Illustrious House of Hannover to all Posterity. Your Majesty's Reign may undoubtedly be crown'd by all Princes, for the unprecedented Victories of Your Arms against France and Spain: But this Union 'tis yet far more glorious, since by it you establish the Rights and Privileges of Your Subjects against the Designs of Ambitious Men; and consequently that no Prince can be truly Great that does not have the Welfare of his People, and the sole constant Object is not

the Preservation of their Liberties. May Your Majesty long enjoy the Blessings You propose to Britain, Peace and Unity amongst Your Subjects, and late receive a more Glorious Crown than that You wear.

The following Address from the County of Devon was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl Poulett, Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of Devonshire.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace and Gentlemen, assembled at the Assizes held for the County of Devon at the Castle of Exon, upon the 28th of March, in the 6th Year of Your glorious Reign.

Most Gracious Sovereign, WE humbly crave Leave to congratulate Your Majesty on this most happy Occasion, the Union of Your Two Kingdoms, for a long time unsuccessfully endeavour'd by Your Royal Predecessors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, but accomplish'd by Your singular Goodness and Wisdom.

Whilst Your Fleets and Arms are victorious abroad, against the common Enemy of Europe, Your Majesty hath by this shut the Door of War at home, and remov'd what wise Men in all Ages have thought to be the great Obstacle to the Safety, Strength, Wealth and Glory, of Great Britain.

The Succession of Your Crown is established and secured in the Protestant Line, the Protestant Interest strengthened abroad, and the Grand Oppressor suing for Peace: We cannot express the Sense we have of these Benefits, nor our Gratitude to Your Majesty, best testified by our Dutiful Obedience, good Will to our fellow Subjects, and a good Life.

We praise God, and thank Your Majesty, and continue our incessant Prayers to the Throne of Heaven, that You may long Reign over us, ease and happy in Your Self, happy in the United Affections of Your Subjects, glorious and happy in Your Councils and Designs abroad, and after this Life possess the Mansion of Glory prepared for the best of Princes.

The following Address from the Borough of Bridgewater was presented to Her Majesty by George Duddington Esq;

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council, of Your ancient Borough of Bridgewater.

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, are deeply sensible of the great and manifold Blessings which it hath pleas'd Almighty God to derive unto this Nation, through Your most prudent and glorious Administration, every one of which are surprizingly great and astonishing, tending to make Your Majesty the greatest of Princes, and Your Subjects the happiest of People: Of this kind is the perfecting this grand Affair, the uniting Your Two Kingdoms, a thing of a long time desirable, which yet could not be obtained by Your Royal Predecessors, tho' sought after with the greatest Application. Permit us therefore, most Gracious Sovereign, heartily to congratulate Your Sacred Majesty upon the Success if this glorious Undertaking; the good Effects of which may You, who are the Joy and Delight of Your People, long, ye a very long, live to see and enjoy, as a Prolongation of the exceeding great Reward for Your Royal Virtue; and the Consumption whereof may You receive hereafter in the Kingdom above, where there is a perfect Union and Harmony, is the hearty Wish and Prayer of Your faithful and obedient Subjects.

In Testimony whereof, we have caus'd our Common Seal to be hereunto affix'd, the 16th Day of April, in the Sixth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, Annoq; Domini 1707.

The following Address from the Justices of Peace, High Bayliff, and Grand Jury, of the City and Liberty of Westminster, was presented to Her Majesty by Thomas Madock Esq; their Chairman, with other of the Justices and Grand Jury; introduced by Mr. Secretary Harley, in the Absence of his Grace the Duke of Ormond, High Steward of Westminster.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of Your Majesty's Justices of the Peace, High Bayliff, and of the Grand Jury, for the City and Liberty of Westminster, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions held for the said City and Liberty in Westminster-Hall, the 16th Day of April, in the Sixth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

May it please Your Majesty, TO permit us (with Hearts full of Joy and Satisfaction) to congratulate Your Majesty upon this great Accession to Your Glory, in the happy Union of Your Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland.

The many Advantages of such an Union were not unknown to Your Royal Ancestors, who long wish'd for and endeavour'd it; but the Happiness of effecting it was reserved only to Your Majesty: as the just Reward of that Zeal, (which hath been so constantly active for Your Subjects Welfare) and by this most important Success, to Crown all the Glories of Your Reign.