

adverting our Religion, our Laws, and Liberty. Whatever Practices of this kind there have been, we hope, will be brought to Light; and that your Majesty's faithful Subjects may have the satisfaction to see the Guilty brought to condign Punishment; for we rest assured, That, by the Blessing of God on the Piety and Wisdom of your Majesty, on the general Zeal and Affection of your People, the Vigilance and Ability of your Ministry, the known Valour of your Forces by Sea and Land, and the so often experienc'd Conduct of those who are at the head of them, your Enemies will be put to Confusion, and discourag'd from any more Attempts of this kind, when they shall see, that this will have serv'd only to make us exert a greater Strength against them; since we cannot but hope, that all good Men will unite with more Vigour than ever, in the Support of your Majesty and your Government; and that if there remain any so blind and perverse, as to betray their Disaffection to it, they will be punished with the Desertion and Contempt of all those who desire to be accounted Protestants and Free-men.

*The humble Address of the Portreeve, Freeholders, and others, the Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Borough of Ashburton, in the County of Devon; presented to her Majesty by Roger Tuckfield, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduc'd by the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland.*

To the most Excellent Majesty of ANNE, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, our most Gracious and Dread Sovereign.

THE Brightness of your Imperial Diadem, and the Glories of your stupendious Reign, most mighty Princess, shining with so much Lustre, makes the French Usurper fear it will shortly eclipse the false Splendor of his imaginary Greatness; and therefore has surely abandon'd himself to the Rage of Envy and Malice, instead of listening to the Dictates of Reason, and wise Councils. Otherwise, how could he be so Insatuated, as to lose the least Idea of being able to disturb the Tranquility of Government, wherein is so much Harmony, that as the Sovereign is justly admir'd, and almost ador'd by her Subjects, so it is her Delight, and the highest Felicity she has in this World, to make them happy? How could she pretend to so much Penetration, think it possible to place upon Great Britain's Throne a little Popish Pretender, at a time when 'twas never so Gloriously and more Rightly fill'd, than by your August Majesty, whom we firmly believe to be (if we can judge of others by our selves) endeared to your People, that there is not a Subject in all your Dominions that would not cheerfully die in Defence of your sacred Person, your most excellent Government, and wise Administration.

For our selves, we do, with the utmost Duty and Gratitude, humbly presume to assure you, (most dread Sovereign) that we will part with our Lives, and all that is dear to us, rather than be robb'd of so Transcendent a Blessing as your Majesty hath been, and (earnestly we implore Almighty God) long may be to us, and to our Posterity. Dated and Sign'd in Ashburton, the 22d of March, 1717-8.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

*The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Masters and Common-Council of the City of Wells; presented to Her Majesty by Henry Portman, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduc'd by Mr. Secretary Boyle.*

FULL of Concern for your Majesty's most sacred Person and Government, we your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects, humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty, that we not only detest and abhor the Attempts made by the pretended Prince of Wales, supported by a French Power, and your Majesty's and the Nation's Enemies, for the Extirpation of the Protestant Religion, the Subversion of our Laws and Liberties, and for introducing Popery and Arbitrary Power, but will, with our Lives and Fortunes, assist your Majesty against this Pretender to the Crown, and all his Adherents. In Testimony whereof, we have heretofore set our Common-Seal this 22d Day of March, in the 7th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

*The humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other the Gentlemen, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, of the County of Carnarvon; and also of the Bailiffs, Burgeses and Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient Borough of Carnarvon; presented to her Majesty by William Griffith and Thomas Wynn, Esqrs; introduc'd by the Earl of Cholmondeley, Lord-Lieutenant of North-Wales.*

WE take it to be the Duty of loyal Subjects, upon all Attempts of Injury offer'd to their Sovereigns, to manifest a seasonable Zeal for the Safety of their Persons, and Maintenance of their Government; which Engagement is always provok'd and strengthened by their personal Virtues, and Lenity of Administration.

It is therefore out of the great and unfeign'd Concern we have for your sacred Majesty, the best of Princes, out of a most profound Sense of our Happiness under the present Establishment, and out of the earnest Abhorrence of the Hellish Designs of your Majesty's and our Enemies, to invade these your rightful and lawful Realms, we take this Opportunity to assure your Majesty, that as we detest with Sincerity (proportion'd to our Zeal for the Safety of your Royal Person, and the Dangers that threaten the Subversion of our National Church, and the present auspicious Settlement) the intended Invasion by the Pretender, supported by the Interest of the French King (the common Disturber of the Peace of Europe;) so we will, at the Expence of our Lives, and the All we enjoy, stand by and defend your Majesty and Government, and maintain the Succession the Protestant Line, against him the said Pretender, his Adherents, and all other your Majesty's Enemies whatever.

So wishing your Majesty all the Felicities of this Life; that God would bless you with a long and prosperous Reign upon Earth, and in so blessing you bless us; and at length, in his good Time, give you a late Admittance to the Possession of a Crown Immortal, we beg leave to conclude as we have before most solemnly profess'd our selves, most gracious Sovereign, your Majesty's most faithful, dutiful and loyal Subjects.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

*The Humble Address of the Mayor, Jurates, Freeman, and other the Inhabitants of Your Majesty's Ancient Town and Cinque-Port of Hastings in the County of Suffex; presented by Mr. Pultney, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN we reflect how happily all your Majesty's Faithful Subjects have liv'd under a Wise and Just Administration of Government, ever since the late Glorious Revolution, we cannot but stand amaz'd, that this your Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain should be threatened with an Invasion by a Pretender, supported by a French Power; for whatever Encouragement the French King may have had from your Majesty's Popish Subjects, Non-Jurors, or any other Disaffected Persons, who are equally Enemies to your Majesty's Government, yet we cannot think he could propose to force the united Strength of all your Faithful Subjects to part with the Inestimable Blessings of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and become Slaves to Popery and Arbitrary Government, the certain Consequences of a French prevailing Power.

Since therefore this Invasion seems rather to have been design'd to prevent your Majesty from a vigorous Prosecution of the War in all its Parts Abroad, 'twas with great Satisfaction that we read the joint Address of both Houses of Parliament to your Majesty, (upon your communicating to them the Accounts your Majesty had receiv'd of this French Expedition) and your Majesty's glorious Answer to that Address.

Tho' that Address spoke the Sense of all your Majesty's Faithful Subjects, who must think themselves bound to make good whatever their Representatives in Parliament have undertaken for them on that weighty Occasion, yet we humbly beg leave, under our Hands, to assure your Majesty, that we will, to the utmost of our Power, support and defend your Royal Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover, as by Law Establish'd, against the said Pretender, his Adherents, and all other your Majesty's Enemies. As