

are assured You will never exert, but for the true Interest of Your People.

The Great Care Your Majesty has been pleas'd to take, that by the approaching Peace, not only the Protestant Succession after Your Majesty, may be Secured in the most Illustrious House of Hanover, but also that the Commerce and Trade of Your People may be preserved and enlarged, beyond what it hath been in any former Reigns: As it is an undeniable Instance of Your Majesty's Love and Affection to Your People, so it must strike the deepest Impressions of Gratitude and Obedience in the hearts of us, and all other Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects.

That the Divine Goodness may still continue to Guide and Direct Your Majesty, and Your Councils, and Inspire those Persons Employ'd by Your Majesty in this Great Work, with the Spirit of Wisdom and Fidelity, that they may be as Famous for making this Peace, as Your Troops have been for their Valour in the Prosecution of the War; and that Your Majesty may long Reign over us, and Triumph over Your Enemies, as well at Home, as Abroad; is and always shall be the constant Prayer of us Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects.

The following Address from the County of Hertford, was presented to Her Majesty by Ralph Freeman and Thomas Halsey, Esqs; their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Salisbury, Lord-Lieutenant of the said County.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Gentlemen, Grand-Jury, and Freeholders Assembled at the General Quarter Sessions held at Hertford, this 14th Day of July 1712. for the County of Hertford.

May it please Your Majesty!

WE beg Leave to Address Your Majesty with Hearts full of the Joy which all True English-Men conceive at the approach of a Peace, so Honourable and Advantageous to Your People, and Transacted in a manner so Glorious to Your Majesty.

As Your Majesty has born the first and greatest part in the War, so we have now the Satisfaction to see You stand at the Head of the General Treaty for Peace, in both Conjunctions, asserting the Dignity of Great Britain, and the Honour of its Princes, by holding, as you justly ought, the Ballance of Europe.

Altho' such who owe their Conquests to Your Assistance, and even their Empire to Your Protection, should envy us our due Advantage in the Conditions of Peace; yet Your Enemies, who have felt the force of Your Arms, are ready to yield us the distinction You demand; and as a solid Security for the Performance of their Engagements, and a Pledge of their Submission to Your Majesty, have already Surrendered into Your Hands, the most Important Forts of Dunkirk.

If there be a Faction amongst us, that would obstruct Your Glorious Endeavours for obtaining this Peace, we are assured they are only such whom no Peace would satisfy; such who have so far forgot themselves to be Englishmen, that they could be content to Treat for Great Britain at Second Hand, and Sacrifice the Trade, the Honour, and the Interest of their Country, to its Rivals; Men who are Restless thro' Ambition, and Turbulent by Principle, whom no Goodness nor Condescension from the Throne, can oblige to Common Respect, and Duty to it; and who never us'd the Power entrusted to them by any Prince, but to serve themselves, and ungratefully to betray Him.

But these, we thank God, and Your Majesty, are now few in Number, and despicable in their Power; while on the other side, we see Your Throne daily Crowded by Your Loyal Subjects, with Solemn Ad-

resses of Thanks for the Great Blessings To us restored to Your Kingdoms.

Amongst these, we beg Leave to join our selves with the profoundest Submission to Your Government, the most grateful sense of Your Administration, and our sincerest Prayers that Your Majesty may soon Conclude the Peace, and long Enjoy it.

The following Address from the Borough of Newbury, was presented to Her Majesty by Robert Packer, Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Berks, being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Viscount Bolingbroke, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and High-Steward of the said Borough.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, and other Principal Inhabitants of Your Majesty's Borough of Newbury in the County of Berks.

Your Majesty's great and condescending Goodness, of which You have been pleased to give us so many and eminent Instances, particularly in Your late most gracious Speeches from Your Throne, justly calls for the greatest Returns of Duty and Acknowledgment from Your Subjects.

The prudent Advances which Your Majesty in Your great Wisdom hath already made towards the obtaining a safe and honourable Peace, oblige us to esteem it our great Happiness, that making Peace is the undoubted Prerogative of the Crown; and we hope that none, or at least none of those who are themselves to share the Benefit of so great a Blessing, will envy Your Majesty the Honour of being the Glorious Instrument of procuring it.

Your Majesty's great Care for the effectual Securing the Protestant Succession, and therein every thing that is Dear to us, the prudent Steps that You have taken for improving and enlarging our Trade, and Your Endeavours to obtain for Your Subjects some Distinction, in proportion to the Share they have born in bringing this War towards a happy Conclusion, are to us convincing Proofs that Your Majesty hath steadily, and in the first place pursued the Interest of Your own Kingdoms; and leave us no room to doubt, but that this Peace will be as safe and lasting to all Europe, as it will be honourable to Your Majesty, and advantageous to Your Subjects.

May therefore God Almighty continue to preside over Your Sacred Majesty, and Bless Your Majesty's Councils; may He long preserve that valuable Life upon which, under Him, our Happiness doth so much depend; and may He make Your Majesty as Happy in Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, as they are truly blessed in an Affectionate and Religious Queen.

The following Address from the West-Riding of the County of York, was presented to Her Majesty by the Rt. Hon. Robert Benson, Esq; Chancellor of the Exchequer.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the West-Riding of the County York, at the General Quarter Sessions at Bradford, the 17th of July, 1712.

WE beg Leave, most Dread Sovereign, amongst the rest of Your Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, to take this our first Opportunity of making our most grateful acknowledgments to Your Majesty, for Your Gracious Condescension in laying before Your Parliament the Terms Your Majesty, by Your great Wisdom and Courage, and the Vigilance of Your Ministry, has forced France to Consent to, for the grounding a General Peace upon.