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THE following three Addresses were this Day presented to His Majesty, by the Members of Parliament for the County, City, and Borough-Towns of Hereford, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and the Gentlemen who presented them had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
WE the Bishop, Dean, Residentiaries and Prebendaries of the Cathedral Church of Hereford, and the Parochial Clergy within the Diocets of the same,

Do in justice to our Sovereign as well as to our fellow Subjects, most humbly represent to your Majesty, that Edward Witherston, Esq; High Sheriff of the County of Hereford, has always been esteemed a Person zealous for the present Establishment in Church and State, and so remarkably distinguished for his constant Affection to your Majesty, that those who have no Knowledge of his Person, are no Strangers to that Part of his Character; that he has always, as a Magistrate, as far as ever we have heard, been free from the least Imputation of any trauiterous Relaxation of the Laws against your Majesty's Enemies, or of being seduced into any arbitrary or illegal Measures, by the strongest Temptations of Fear or Interest; and that we believe he has neither prostituted the Safety and Honour of his Sovereign, or the Liberty and Property of his fellow Subjects, but has always used the Power with which he has been intrusted with a Fidelity becoming an upright Magistrate for the Support of your sacred Person and Government. That these Blessings may be long preserved shall be the Prayers of

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and chief Citizens of the City of Hereford in Common Council assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, with Hearts full of Joy and Gratitude, most thankfully acknowledge your Majesty's great Wisdom and Goodness in the Appointment of Edward Witherston, Esq; for High Sheriff of your County of Hereford; his eminent Affection and inviolable Attachment to your Person and Government very early distinguished him, and justly qualified him for the Commission of the Peace, in which we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that he hath acted with impartial Justice; that no personal Resentment or private Views of Interest or Ambition ever influenced or determined his Decisions; the Offence he ever feared from the Person; the Equity of the Sentence alone convicted, and Reformation anticipates Punishment; that he hath by no oppressive Methods or illegal Procedure affected the Liberty or Property of his fellow Subjects, or by inodiating Characters chilled their Allegiance or alienated their Affections from their Sovereign; that his Address and regular Dispatch of publick Affairs hath gained him an universal Reputation, which he ever employed in the Promotion of your Majesty's Interest, and whenever he dispenced Justice he recommended and advanced Loyalty.

That no declared Enemies may ever disturb the Tranquillity of your Reign, nor false Friends (more dangerous by their Profession) render uneasy that Government whose Interest and Duty it is to support and maintain, is the Prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto put our common Seal the Tenth Day of Februry, in the Seventh Year of your Majesty's Reign.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Representatives in Parliament for the County and City of Hereford, and Boroughs within the same; and also of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen within the said County.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal Subjects do, with the utmost Gratitude, acknowledge, that your gracious Choice of Edward Witherston, Esq; for our High Sheriff, has been received with universal Satisfaction to your faithful Subjects in these Parts; and in Justice to him, and to free his Character from any Misrepresentations that have been laid before your Majesty, do, with all Humility beg Leave to remonstrate, that he hath been eminently distinguished by a steady Zeal for the present happy Establishment, by a particular Affection to your Majesty's Person, and by an impartial Distribution of Justice, both for the Safety of the Crown and Property of the Subject; and that as he has hitherto neither disgusted your true Friends, or traiterously encouraged your Enemies, or by Imprudence or Oppression increased their Number; so we do, with the greatest Confidence believe, that under the late Marks of your Royal Favour and Approbation, which surely he could not gain by surprising your Majesty or Council, he will continue (though in a more conspicuous Manner) to shew his good Inclination and dutiful Behaviour towards your Majesty's Person and Government. That we may long enjoy both these Blessings are the Prayers of.

Your Majesty's most faithful
And most obedient Subjects.

Paris, March 1. Yesterday Morning Intimation was given to the Parliament to proceed no further in the Cause depending before them concerning the Duke de la Force, the King having taken the Cognizance of it to himself and Privy Council: Whereupon the Parliament, at which were present the Dukes and Peers, and Princes of the Blood, resolved to send a Deputation to the King to represent the ill Consequences of that Proceeding, and to desire his Majesty to revoke the said Order. It is not yet known what Answer will be made to these Representations; however, the Duke still continues in Town, contrary to what was reported of his having received a Lettre de-Cacher to retire into the Country.

Hague, March 4. Notwithstanding the Divisions between the great and little Towns of Holland which have hitherto obstructed the Design of fitting out a Squadron this Spring for the Straights, the States General finding it absolutely necessary to enter into some Measures for protecting their Trade against the Algerines and other Barbarians, resumed that Matter some Days ago, and having again sent for their Admiralties, as also for their chief Sea Officers, they have appointed a Committee to confer with them on that Affair; and they have been consulting upon it several Days, in order to its being laid again before the States of this Province which are to meet on the 15th Instant. The Marquis de Monteleone having received from the Court of Madrid his Credentials in form, for residing here in the Quality of his Catholick Majesty's Ambassadour and Plenipotentiary to the States, delivered the same this Morning.

Whitehall, Feb. 25, 1720-21.

Whereas within the Space of 14 Months last past, several Out-Houses in the Town of Birmingham, in Warwickshire, have, at divers Times, been burnt, viz. a little Barn and Stable with Hay, a Stack of Hay, a Baker's Wood-Pile, a large Barn with a great Quantity of Straw in it, all which, 'tis believed, were industriously set on Fire, and there is great Reason to suspect that the same was done with a felonious Intent to burn the whole Town, divers Letters having been found before the respective Fires, threatening to lay the Town in Ashes: His Majesty is pleased so promise his most gracious Pardon to any one or more of the Offenders, who, within