

AT the Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of
February 1725.

P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint Robert Hempson of Haughley, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Suffolk.

St. James's, February 14.

The following humble Address of the Synod of Glenelg, having been transmitted by Mr. Daniel Mc Aulay their Moderator, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

Unto the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Synod of Glenelg.

May it please your Majesty,

BEING now convened in our first Meeting under your Majesty's gracious Protection, we desire to acknowledge the good Providence of God therein, and to bless His Name for the Hopes we have of being enabled, thro' His Grace, under the Influence of your auspicious Reign, to carry on a Reformation in the Bounds committed to our Charge, and cannot but with grateful Hearts take Notice of your Majesty's Royal Bounty for maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists in these Parts, where Ignorance and Popery do so much abound, and so find it to our sweet Satisfaction and Experience, that God hath raised up your Majesty to be a Nursing Father to his Church.

Allow us, Great Sir, to joyn the rest of the Reformed Christian World, and admire your Zeal and indefatigable Labours for the Support and Tranquility of the Protestant Churches abroad, as well as in those Dominions which are by undoubted Right properly your own, by which 'tis obvious, that the Title of Defender of the Faith is more peculiarly due to your Majesty, than to him who first received it: And also rejoyce that God hath remarkably bless'd your great and noble Endeavours with a more lasting and universal Peace in Europe, since the happy Day of your Accession to the Throne of these Dominions, than former Ages can boast of; which we are perswaded gives you a Right to the Blessings entailed upon Peace-Makers.

We will not presume to lay before your Majesty a distinct Account of the lamentable State of our Bounds, they being of vast Extent, more than 400 Miles in Circumference, and yet but Twenty Ministerial Charges therein; in some Places the Reformation never got any Footing, the People are poor, and without Letters, for Want of Funds to maintain Ministers or Seminaries of Education among them, tho' the Natives be singularly ingenious, and many of them fond of Knowledge; so that Popery and Ignorance prevail among us. But now when your Majesty is providing the Means of Knowledge, we hope in a short Time the Fruits of your Majesty's Bounty and Jaudable Endeavours will appear to the great Satisfaction of all such as value Religion, or love the Welfare of their Country, so as to move your Majesty to continue your Royal Grant: For, what Success

may not be expected, when God is pleased to employ so glorious an Instrument as your Majesty to advance and protect the Kingdom of His Beloved Son; so that your People want nothing to make them happy but to value and improve their Mercies.

Our Work is great, and we have but few Instruments to be employed in it; but the Cause is good, and your Majesty's concerning your self in it, gives Life and Vigour to our Endeavours, and is our greatest Encouragement, under God, in whose Strength we resolve to go on in his own Work, laying our Account with Opposition, yet only from such as are Enemies to your Majesty's Person and Government.

But as we know it our Duty, so we make it our Study to inculcate Loyalty into our People, and to have all Vacancies within our Bounds planted with able and well-affect'd Ministers, that Nothing may be wanting on our Part proper to reduce those under our Inspection, to fear God, and honour the King.

The Want of Persons clothed with your Majesty's Authority and Power of Jurisdiction to administer Justice and punish Vice, in many Places, and particularly in the Isles, and nearest Part to them of the Continent, doth much obstruct this good Work, as well as your Majesty's Service; so that it would tend much to the Peace of your Majesty's Government, and Good of your Subjects, if fit Persons were commissioned to reside in some of those Places at greatest Distance, to see the Laws duly executed, and Care taken of your Majesty's Interest.

We pray your Majesty may live long, and have a prosperous Reign; that the Prince and Princess, with their Royal Progeny may be under the Protection of the Almighty, by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree Justice; and that there may not be wanting one of your illustrious House to sway the Scepter of these your Dominions, until there shall be Time no more.

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,
The Ministers and Elders met in the Synod of Glenelg, North-Britain.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, by *Daniel Mc Aulay*, Moderator.

An humble Address of the Committee of His Majesty's Convention of Royal Burrows, has been presented to His Majesty by John Campbell, Esq; Member of Parliament for the City of Edinburgh, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Vilcount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,
The Committee of His Majesty's Convention of Royal Burrows,

Most humbly Represents,

THAT our Duty to your Sacred Majesty, and Concern for our Country, make us reflect, with the utmost Detestation, on the Tumults and Riots which of late have happened in some Places of Scotland, on putting in Execution the late Act imposing a Duty on Malt.

That the Convention of your Majesty's Burrows, at the first Appearance of these Disorders, did