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THIS Day the following Address from the City of Edinburgh was presented to His Majesty by John Campbell, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, and Patrick Lindlay, Esq; one of their Magistrates, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's paternal Care of your People in your Concern for the Honour and Rights of the Crown of Great Britain, and the just and necessary Measures taken to defend us against a Combination of some of the chief Powers of Europe, is a Sequel of those Blessings we have enjoyed ever since your Majesty's Accession to the Crown.

However great the Infatuation of those Courts does now appear, who had been taught to believe, That this Nation was either unable or unwilling to support your Majesty's Counsels in Defence of all that is dear to us; those Dangers which are at present inconsiderable, have become so only, since the prudent Precautions were taken to defeat the Schemes laid against us.

If your Majesty by your great Vigilance had not discovered the secret Designs formed by your Enemies, or had remained a Spectator only of them, Ingratitude and Violation of publick Faith would have been attended with Prosperity; and this Kingdom, form'd by Nature of all others the most secure, would (when undefended) have become an easy Prey to that Ambition we may now justly condemn.

It is but a few Years since some of our Fellow-Subjects, weary of their Religion and Liberty, by a desperate Rebellion, involved their Country in a Scene of Blood and Confusion; fighting in a Cause, where if Victors they must have become Slaves, and where their Happiness depended upon their being overcome: The Almighty Providence, propitious to great and good Princes, soon dispersed that Storm, but with the Sacrifice of many Lives, and all the Calamities that attend a Civil War: Your Majesty's Success will be now more glorious, and far more agreeable to a

Royal Mind; the rendering your Enemies incapable of disturbing your Government, and compelling them to enjoy the happy Fruits of Peace, which they neither merit nor desire, will be a more noble Event in the History of your Majesty's Reign, than the most splendid Triumph over them.

As the present Defensive Measures, and the happy Consequences of them, must fill the Hearts of all your Majesty's faithful Subjects with the greatest Joy and Satisfaction, so they will raise in those who are disaffected to your Person and Government the utmost Rage and Despair; they will find their secret Practices exposed, and the last Hopes of their dying Cause become vain and imaginary; they will calumniate your Servants, for their Fidelity to your Majesty and the immediate Interests of Great Britain; they will inveigh against the employing of your Fleet, and strengthening your Army, because at this critical Juncture they are necessary for the publick Safety; they will date their Aversion to one great Power abroad from the Time it became under solemn Engagements to assist us, and their Affection to another from its Breach of Treaties, Acts of the highest Ingratitude, and secret Combination to attempt the Destruction of the Protestant Succession.

These are the Sentiments, we, as Protestants and as Freemen, do abhor; and hope your Majesty may long enjoy this Crown as the greatest Blessing to your People, and Comfort to all the Princes abroad, who, content with their own Dominions, desire the Peace of Europe.

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most humble and most obedient Subjects and Servants.

Sign'd in Presence and by Appointment of the Magistrates and Council; by

Geo. Drummond, Provost.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and the two Gentlemen who presented it had the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Commonalty of the City of Winchester, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord William Powlett, and George Rodney Bridges Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, and James Crosse, Esq; Recorder of the said City, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, Which Address

