

and defend your Royal Person and Government, with all that is near and dear to us against all your Enemies whatsoever.

*Given under our common Seal this 11th of February, 1726.*

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeſſes of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaſter, has been preſented to His Maſteſty by Thomas Bootle and Thomas Brereton, Eſqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Maſteſty was pleaſed to receive very graciously.

To the King's moſt Excellent Maſteſty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeſſes, of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaſter.

*May it pleaſe your Maſteſty,*

IT is with Hearts the moſt ſenſible and acknowledging, that your Maſteſty's Trading Subjects of your ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool do preſume to thank your moſt gracious Maſteſty for all your unwearied Endeavours to preſerve the Trade of your Britiſh Subjects, and to defeat the pernicious Schemes of thoſe Powers who are known to owe your Maſteſty and this Nation far other Returns.

As Trade is our principal Subſiſtance, it is alſo the true Riches that defrays the ſeveral Expences, and augments the Glory of this Nation; it manns our Fleets with the ableſt Hands, which ſtrike a timely and proper Terror into every Adverſary of your Maſteſty's Government, however remote by Situation or Policy; and how violent muſt thoſe Enemies be judged by us, who would attempt to ſtrip us of ſuch an invaluable Bleſſing; or rather, how deteſtable ſhould we eſteem thoſe, who dare to act all this in open Violation of publick Faith.

As if publick Treaties, Sentiments of Gratitude, and common Honesty, were only Words, meer unmeaning Words, rarely to be met with among ſome Princes Reaſons of State.

Your Maſteſty is not only become the tenderest Parent of your People, but the nobleſt Pattern of inviolable Honour, both to preſent and future Princes, and the Avenger too (under Heaven we truſt) of every Injury offered to the Glory of your Government, or the Vigour of your Treaties.

And Europe (we hope) will ſoon be convinced, that there is no other Way for any of her Princes to loſe the happy Effects of your Maſteſty's Friendſhip, but by affecting to themſelves any unwarrantable Degrees of Power, or Uniteadineſs of Behaviour in their National Faith.

That all your Treaties, concerted with ſo much Wiſdom, Honour and Juſtice, may be ſupported, and your Fleets and Armies (ſo early and wiſely employed for the Preſervation of all that is valuable to Engliſh Men) ever be ſucceſſful, are the ardent Prayers of your Maſteſty's moſt faithful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rocheſter, has been preſented to His Maſteſty by Sir Thomas Coleby, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Maſteſty was pleaſed to receive very graciously,

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The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rocheſter.

*May it pleaſe your Maſteſty,*

TO permit us, your loyal Subjects of this City, humbly to aſſure you of our unſhaken Allegiance and Fidelity againſt the Pretender and all his Adherents at all Times, but then eſpecially, whenever it ſhall be attempted to put in Execution the vain (as we hope) Project of advancing him to the Throne of this Kingdom.

For Foreign Potentates to take upon them to diſpoſe of the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, is the greateſt Injury they can poſſibly offer to your Maſteſty and the whole Nation; ſince the Settlement of this Crown depends only on our own Laws and Conſtitution, independent of all Foreign Authority whatſoever.

But their demanding the Reſtitution of Gibraltar, and the inſiſting on carrying on the Trade to the Eaſt-Indies from Oſtend, contrary to and in Violation of former Treaties; at the ſame Time they had formed the Deſign in favour of the Pretender, ſhews that they have no other way of effecting their injurious Purpoſes againſt our Welfare, but by firſt putting this Nation into Confuſion, upon a Queſtion which they themſelves have determined, by having owned your Maſteſty's juſt Title.

Your Maſteſty, by ſending out your Fleets (the Security and Glory of this Nation) the laſt Year, has happily diſappointed the Deſigns formed againſt us at that Time, and in all Probability ſo maimed the Alliance of the enterprizing Confederates, that for want of Power to ſupport them, they are reduced even to diſown their Secret Engagements to one another.

We truſt that the vigorous Reſolutions of both Houſes of Parliament, and the great Support