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**T**HIS Day the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Paul, and the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, waited in a Body on His Majesty with the following humble and unanimous Address.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,  
The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and of the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter of your Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster; think it our indispensable Duty at this Time, to present to your Majesty a publick Testimony of our inviolable Fidelity to your Person, and of our Abhorrence of all Attempts to disturb the Repose of your Government.

We are sensibly concern'd in common with your other Subjects, at the Prospect of any Event, that may be prejudicial to Trade and Commerce; upon which, the Strength and Safety of these Kingdoms, and particularly the flourishing Estate of these two great Cities, so manifestly depend. But that which most deeply affects us, and fills our Hearts with a just Indignation and Resentment, is the Engagement that has been entered into to set a Popish Pretender on your Throne. A Design, which could be form'd and projected by none, but those who will not see and consider, to what Degree the Mildness and Justice of your Government, your constant and tender Care of the Welfare of your People, your steady Regard to the Constitution in Church and State, and your unshaken Resolution in maintaining the Protestant Cause, have established your Throne, and endeared you to your People.

Vain therefore are the Hopes of our Enemies, if they flatter themselves, that a People in Possession of such valuable Blessings, can fail to shew the greatest Vigour and Zeal for securing and perpetuating them; either in Justice to themselves and their Posterity, or in Gratitude to your Majesty, under God, the great Author of them.

These Ties of Gratitude, Interest, and Affection, we shall be always careful to enforce, according to the Duty of our Stations, with the yet stronger Obligations of Religion and Conscience: And we doubt not to defeat the false and seditious Suggestions of evil-minded Men, by inculcating into the People committed to our Care, a just Sense of the Blessings they enjoy under your Majesty's Government, and of the unavoidable Misery and Ruin that a Protestant Church and Nation must always expect from a Popish Prince.

At the same time that we tender to your Majesty these our sincere Assurances of Duty and Loyalty, we offer up our hearty Prayers to Almighty God for the Safety and Honour of your Person and Government; that you may long Reign in Peace and Happiness over a loyal and obedient People, and may at last exchange this earthly Crown for an immortal Crown of Glory in Heaven.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

**I** Take this seasonable and loyal Address from my Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, very kindly. I receive, with a particular Satisfaction, the Assurances you give me, of inculcating into the People committed to your Care the Principles of Duty and Loyalty to Me and my Government. And you may be assured, it shall be my constant Care to maintain the Church of England as by Law established, and to support the Protestant Interest in Europe.

His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously, and they had all the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.