

by Principle and Affection, as well as by Interest, to your Person and Family.

May your Majesty, secure of transmitting your Crown and Glory to your Royal Progeny, and Happy in seeing the confirm'd Health and Prosperity of every Branch of your Family, long live the Arbitrator of Europe; the Patron of the Oppress'd every where; and the Common Father of Protestants: And may your Self enjoy, for many Years in Peace, the blest Consequences of all your Royal Cares: Reigning over a People duly sensible of their own Felicity; more Reformed from publick and threatening Vices; and more united than ever, in Piety to God, in Loyalty to their Prince, in Liberty to serve their Country, and in mutual Affection one to another.

Signed in the Name, and by the Direction of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations in the Cities of London and Westminster, the 9th of March 1726, by

Joseph Burroughs.

To which Address His Majesty was pleas'd to return the following most gracious Answer.

I Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Address. This seasonable Instance of your Zeal for my Person and Government, cannot but be very acceptable to me. You may depend on my constant Protection.

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

The following humble Address of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough and Town of Marlborough, in the County of Wilts, has been presented to His Majesty by Gabriel Roberts and Thomas Gibbon, Esqrs, their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Hertford, Custos Rotulorum of the County of Wilts. Which Address His Majesty was pleas'd to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough and Town of Marlborough, in the County of Wilts.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to return your Majesty our unfeign'd Thanks for the timely, wise and just Measures your Majesty has taken to secure to your Subjects their Possessions abroad, to support their Trade against all Encroachments, and to defeat the wicked Designs against our present happy Establishment in your Majesty's Line.

When the Peace of Europe is threaten'd, Great Britain cannot sit still indolent and inactive, and neglect the Means that Provi-

dence has put into her Hands to repel and resent every unjust Attempt against her.

The vigorous Resolutions of your Parliament have fill'd the Hearts of this Corporation with the utmost Joy and Satisfaction; and we are firmly perswaded, from your Majesty's indefatigable Care, from the prudent Disposition of your Fleets abroad, and of your Troops at home, that though neither the most solemn Treaties, Faith nor Gratitude can bind the two aspiring Princes that seek to disturb the Peace of Europe, yet your Majesty, by the Blessing of God, can check the lawless Ambition of the one, and the unjust Designs of the other: And we do hereby heartily and cheerfully promise for our Part, that we will to the utmost of our Power support your Majesty against the Pretender and all your Enemies both at home and abroad, and hope they will soon be convinc'd, that your Protestant Subjects defy the open Menaces, as well as the dark and perfidious Practices of such Powers as shall at any time dare to invade our Religious or Civil Rights and Properties.

Given under our common Seal in the Council-Chamber in the Guildhall of the said Borough, the 1st Day of March, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Citizens of the ancient City of Chester, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Richard Grosvenour, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Cholmondeley, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County Palatine of Chester. Which Address His Majesty was pleas'd to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Citizens of your Majesty's ancient and loyal City of Chester.

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects do humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty with Hearts truly sensible of the many Blessings we have enjoy'd under your most wise and glorious Administration.

As Trade is both the Ornament and Support of Great Britain, every Breach into the Fences and Privileges wherewith that is guarded, has always been looked upon as the highest of all Injuries to this Nation.

And since we see Powers abroad (however opposite in their Views) uniting themselves in Defiance of the most solemn Treaties: When we see our most valuable Branches of Trade usurp'd, our Possessions attacked, and our present happy Establishment in the Protestant Line threaten'd with an Invasion, even