

even without Provocation, and against the Force of the highest Obligations, we cannot too gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's paternal Care of your People, by those timely Precautions that have been taken, which have hitherto put a Stop to the dangerous Designs of your Enemies.

It is with the utmost Indignation and Regretment, that we behold foreign Princes setting up secret Alliances to attempt an Invasion upon your Majesty's Kingdoms in favour of a Popish Pretender ; but though Schemes of this dangerous Nature are concerted abroad, they must be strangely infatuated to imagine, that the Spirit of the English Nation is sunk so low, as tamely to submit to such Ufurpations, and to have so little Regard either for their Religion or their Liberty, as to exchange both for Superstition and Slavery.

We therefore beg Leave humbly to assure your Majesty, that we in our several Capacities will upon all Occasions exert ourselves with the utmost Vigour and Resolution in Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and in Support of that excellent Constitution which is happily established amongst us both in Church and State.

The following humble Address of the Alderman, Capital Burgesses, Assistants, Landholders, and Commoners of the ancient Borough of Malmsbury, in the County of Wilts, has been presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Argyll, High-Steward of the said Borough. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Alderman, Capital Burgesses, Assistants, Landholders and Commoners of the ancient Borough of Malmsbury, in the County of Wilts.

IT is with greatest Gratitude imaginable we approach your Sacred Majesty with this Address of Duty and Thanks for the Peace and Plenty we have enjoyed under your Majesty's Reign, and for the most prudent Methods which have been taken to continue those inestimable Blessings to us and our Posterity ; the early and seasonable Discovery of the Designs of our Enemies ; your sending your Fleets to distant Parts of the World ; providing Gibraltar and Port-Mahon with all Necessaries for their Defence ; and your Majesty's vigorous Resolution to part with nothing which of Right belongs to the Trade, Safety, and Honour of these Kingdoms, are Instances of your Majesty's most consummate Wisdom, and the Love and Regard you have for the Welfare of your People. We will in Return behave ourselves as most dutiful Subjects, having the highest Obligations to the best of Princes : We will

in our several Stations be industrious in promoting the Manufactures and Trade of our Country ; and upon all Occasions we will Part with our Fortunes, and lay down our Lives for the Defence of your Majesty's most sacred Person and Government.

The following humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Minehead, in the County of Somerset, has been presented to His Majesty by Thomas Hales and Francis Whitworth, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Minehead, in the County of Somerset.

May it please your Majesty,

WE humbly crave Leave, among the rest of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, who during your happy Reign, have also shared those reiterated Blessings through Means of your allwise and paternal Care, and thereby justly raised in us so deep a Sense of Gratitude, that we esteem it our indispensable Duty to Address your Majesty on this present Juncture of Affairs, at a Time when the perfidious Violation of the most solemn Treaties Abroad never appeared more barefac'd, nor when Love and Loyalty ever can look better at Home ; when the best of Sovereigns must be threatned with fresh Troubles, the most beneficial Part of our Trade aimed at, and whose infatuated Schemes, attended with Success, would dart us into so great a pitch of Ruin, and center in the total Subversion of the best of Religions, Laws, and Liberties, and place over us the unhappy Instrument of so much Strife and Contention, (so worthless a Creature) as deserves no other Room in Paper, but to render him obnoxious to all your loving Subjects, sincerely devoted to their Prince : May therefore not only the Projects of that Impostor always prove fruitless and abortive, but all other Disturbers whatsoever of your Regal Government : May your Majesty's Forces ever ride in Triumph at Sea, and bravely win and wear the gay Laurel by Land, and let the Enemy feel the Stroke of Justice as their due Rewards, to the Joy of your own People and Dread of others : May Almighty God grant you a long Life to see your Dominions flourish in Riches, Peace and Plenty, and kindly afford us an illustrious Branch of your Royal Issue to fill the British Throne to the End of Time, shall be the Prayers of,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

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