

his just Bounds to his fruitless Ambition : May then the British Imperial Diadem long flourish on your sacred Head : May your Forces both by Sea and Land, shew their usual Courage in Defence of so good a Cause as the Preservation of the Balance of Europe ; And may your Majesty live long to govern and defend an obedient and loyal People, rejoicing to see you give just Laws and Bounds to the exorbitant Ambition of all those that declare themselves Enemies and Opposers of a general Peace.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of York, has been presented to His Majesty by Cholmondeley Turner, Esq; Knight of the Shire in the said County, accompanied by a great Number of Gentlemen of the said County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders, that were assembled to elect a Knight of the Shire to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York; Feb. 6, 1726

YOUR Majesty having been pleased to acquaint your Parliament with the Dangers that threaten this Nation, from secret Treaties and formidable Alliances entered into by the Emperour and the King of Spain, which tend not only to the Destruction of the Trade of this Kingdom, (particularly the Woollen Manufactory, in which we are immediately concerned) but strike at our very Being; as a free People, by projecting Designs to, dethrone your Majesty, and to force a Popish Pretender upon us.

We your Majesty's most loyal Subjects, sensible of the great Blessings we enjoy under your wise and mild Government; are struck with the utmost Concern at the Apprehensions of the Miseries we shall suffer, if those fatal Schemes should take Place.

We beg Leave therefore to assure your Majesty, that we will, upon this and all other Occasions, exert our utmost Endeavours, not only for the Preservation of our happy Constitution, but likewise for the Support of your Majesty's undoubted Title to the Crown; which Crown your Majesty has long wore with great Lustre, and adorned with the highest Wisdom, both by Mercy to your Enemies, and Justice to your Friends:

We are fully persuaded, that the Enemies of your Majesty had already attempted to put their destructive Designs in Execution, had not the wise Measures your Majesty has taken for the Safety of your People prevented them: And we think we have good Grounds now to hope, that the vigorous Resolutions of your Parliament to enable your Majesty to carry on the same, will totally defeat them.

It is with great Pleasure that we inform your Majesty, that we have, upon the Occasion that has brought us together, sent such a Member to represent us in Parliament, as we are well assured will heartily concur in all reasonable

and just Measures, as well for the Support of your Crown and Dignity, as for the Preservation of the Rights and Liberties of his Fellow-Subjects, wherein we have succeeded by a very great Majority.

And whenever we meet again upon the like Occasion, we do assure your Majesty we will endeavour to chuse Representatives of the same known Zeal for the Support of your Majesty's Government:

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Burgesses and Town Clerk of the Borough of Wilton in the County of Wilts, has been presented to His Majesty by the Lord Herbert. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Burgesses, and Town Clerk of your Majesty's ancient Borough of Wilton in the County of Wilts.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE Affection your Majesty shews towards your People in the Satisfaction you express in their Happiness, and the Concern you are under at these new Troubles that threaten them, demand of your Subjects in Return the loyalest Hearts and the gratefullest Acknowledgments, as well for the tender Regard you have for their Peace, Ease and Prosperity, as for your Royal Care, ever watchful to preserve them.

The late Instance we have experienced of this your Majesty's Goodness, gives us an Occasion at this Time to return your Majesty our humblest Thanks for your early Care in taking such wise and necessary Measures only as could have defeated the ill Designs formed and secretly carried on, (but we thank God by your Majesty's Wisdom timely discover'd) by the Conjunctions of the Courts of Vienna and Madrid against the general Tranquillity of Europe, and of this Nation in particular, and the most valuable and darling Interests and Privileges of it.

The Concern your Majesty is under in being obliged to ask the Supplies necessary for carrying on the Measures you have entred into, and as the present Exigency of Affairs requires, and your unprejudiced Goodness in condescending to lay before your People the Reasons of your entering into those Measures, and appealing to the Common Sense of all Mankind for the Necessity of them, is still a farther Proof of your Majesty's Goodness and tender Regard for us; and as they are unavoidable in order to do ourselves Justice, and to defend our Rights against those, who in Defiance of all National Faith, and the most solemn Treaties, would invade them. We shall not only cheerfully pay our Parts towards the present Supplies of the Year, but if there should be Occasion, in Defence of those valuable Interests and Privileges they would deprive us of, in Preservation of our Religion, our Trade, our Liberties, our Country, and your Majesty the sacred Defender of them, would, we assure your Majesty, with the Warmth becoming an insulted People, readily sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes.

We cannot see, our Trade, the Life of our Country, encroached upon, and the peremptory