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THE following humble Address of the Commission of the late General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having by Direction of the said Commission been transmitted by Mr. Mitchell Moderator to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to His Majesty. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Commission of the late General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in their Quarterly Meeting the 9th of March, 1727.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

FROM a deep Sense of Duty to God and to your Majesty, and of the many unvaluable Mercies we enjoy under your auspicious Reign and prudent Administration, our ardent Prayers have continually been offer'd up at the Throne of Grace for Blessings on your Royal Councils and Undertakings in the Protestant Cause, and in Support of the Rights of your Dominions.

And now when your Majesty's Enemies, contrary to all the Ties and Engagements that are Sacred amongst Men, hasten to open Violence, may the Almighty God, who hitherto has wrought Wonders for your Majesty and your People, continue to be your Guide and your Guard, and prosper your Arms by Sea and Land, that your Foes may be compell'd to do that Justice which they have refused, and be forced to submit to your being the Glorious Instrument of blessing Europe with a just, solid, and lasting Peace.

Attempts in Behalf of the Popish Pretender must be resent'd with strong Indignation, by all who have just Sentiments of Loyalty, of the Rights and Liberties of British Subjects, and of our most Holy Christian Religion, so grossly perverted in that Idolatrous Church of Rome, which maintains and cherisheth the Pretender in Hope of his being one Day her Tool to destroy the Protestant Churches.

The Fury of the Popish and Arbitrary Party has always been peculiarly level'd against

the Church of Scotland, which has suffer'd Hardships, and the cruellest Persecution, under Administrations sway'd by their unhappy Councils; and tho' others have been deluded with vain Hopes, yet we ever look'd upon our Ruin to be inevitable, so soon as the Pretender and his Adherents should have it in their Power to destroy us, so inseparably is our Interest united with your Majesty's only Rightful Title to the Crown of Britain: And therefore we do beg Leave, humbly, and in the most dutiful Manner, to assure your Majesty, that we look upon it as a very important Part of our Duty, at a Time when your Majesty is engaged in the just and necessary Defence of your Dominions, and the inestimable Civil and Religious Privileges of your People, to excite and stir up all under our Care to a true Sense, that all that is dear to us as Men and Christians, depends, under God, upon your Majesty's Safety and Success; and to impress them with the warmest Resentments of the many dismal Calamities that must attend the placing of a Popish Pretender upon the Throne: That so being united in a just Abhorrence to such a wicked Design, we may also be united in our fervent Supplications to God, that all Attempts against your Majesty's Person and Government may prove vain and abortive.

That God, who has rais'd up your Majesty for great and glorious Purposes, may long preserve you to prosecute them successfully: That your Royal Protestant Family may be fix'd for a Blessing on the Throne of Britain, while Sun and Moon endure: That it may be established by Truth and Righteousness, in opposition to every Error and evil Way: That your Majesty, after a long and prosperous Reign on Earth, may live and reign for ever in the Celestial Kingdom, is the sincere and fervent Prayer of;

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,
The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, Members of the Commission of the late General Assembly:

Signed in our Presence, in our Name, and at our Appointment, by

William Mitchell, Moderator.

[Price Three Pence.]

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