

shall defend your Majesty's most sacred Person, which is at the same Time to defend our Religion and Liberties, and all we hold dear and valuable to us, against the open Violence and secret Attempts of all your Enemies.

We wholly rely on your Majesty's distinguished Abilities and Conduct in every Event that can happen; and that all your Majesty's Counsels in Peace or War may be crown'd with Success; that your Reign may be long and glorious; that your Majesty's Royal and Illustrious Family may to latest Posterity inherit your Scepter and Virtues, and the Love of the Subjects of Great Britain, is the Wish of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most loyal, most dutiful, and most faithful Subjects and Servants.

The following humble Address of the Provost, Baillies, and Town-Council of the Burgh of Drumfries, has been presented to His Majesty by William Douglas, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, 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.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Provost, Baillies, and Town-Council of the Burgh of Drumfries.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, beg Leave with unfeigned Thankfulness to acknowledge your Majesty's Fatherly Goodness, and the inestimable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's wise and steady Administration.

Maintained in our just Rights, secured in our Commerce, and authorized and encouraged in the free Profession of our holy Faith by your Majesty, at Home the Defender, and Abroad the zealous and generous Protector of it; we are deeply sensible of the eminent Advantages that spring from our happy Constitution in Church and State, preserved and cherished by your Majesty's Justice and consummate Wisdom.

We cannot forbear expressing our Amazement at the Folly, and our Detestation of the Insolence of those Powers abroad, who, in Violation of publick Faith, and Defiance of solemn Treaties, engage themselves to ruin our Trade, and wrest the just Possession of the Crown of Great Britain from your Majesty's sacred Hands. But what raises our greatest Indignation, is their presuming to threaten your Majesty's Dominions with an Invasion, to sacrifice our Liberties, and enslave our Country, in order to make Way for a Popish Pretender to your Majesty's Throne.

But it raises Joy in our Minds, when we look back on the glorious Means by which your Majesty has rendered those airy Schemes abortive. It is with Pleasure we see the naval Power of Great Britain restraining their

Rage, and protecting the Rights and Privileges of the Crown, thereby reflecting a new Lustre upon it; and an Army at your Majesty's Command, able to check the Insults of your Enemies, who at the same Time must be Enemies to our Country, and all the darling Privileges of it; so inseparable is your Majesty's Interest from the Happiness of your People.

We beg Leave at this critical Juncture humbly to assure your Majesty, that with our Lives and Fortunes we shall oppose all the desperate Enterprizes of your Enemies; and that as we formerly ventured our Lives in the Support of your Majesty's Government, and the glorious Cause of Liberty, we are firmly resolved not to be idle Spectators of our own Ruin, but with growing Zeal to defend your Majesty's beloved and sacred Person, our legal Establishment in Church and State, our Liberties, and all that is dear and valuable to us, against every Attempt, either secret or open, that can be made upon them.

That God, the good and great Governour of the World, who has hitherto protected us in the Possession of our civil Liberties and holy Protestant Religion, may preserve your Majesty's sacred Person, the great Support and Ornament of it, prosper your Forces by Sea and Land, and defeat all the Designs of your Enemies, that new Glories may be added to your Reign, and that these may be transmitted to your illustrious Family to latest Posterity, is the Wish of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most loyal, most faithful, and most dutiful Subjects and Servants.

The following humble Address of the Justices of Peace of the County of Linlithgow, has been presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Hamilton. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of Peace of the County of Linlithgow, met at their Quarter Sessions on the 7th Day of March 1727.

May it please your Majesty,

SO many are the Blessings derived to your People, through the Wisdom, Moderation, and Justice of your Administration, that they must be divested of all Gratitude, and intirely Ignorant of their own and Country's Interest, who can tamely hear of the Insults offered your Majesty, and the unjust Designs formed against your Dominions.

The Plans concerted by some foreign Powers to thrust a Pretender, the Tool of Rome and Bane of Liberty, unto the Throne of Great Britain; to set up and support a Rival Trade contrary to Justice and the Faith of repeated Stipulations; and to tear from your Crown Port-Mahon and Gibraltar, purchased by the British