

and Obligations, had gone so far in their villainous Schemes as to be forced to fly their Country. Nor are we in the least surprized to find them take Shelter under those with whom their Principles and Practices so exactly agree.

But what provokes our Indignation most is, that they should dare to threaten your Majesty with placing a Pretender on your Throne.

May the Great God, whose Providence so seasonably interposed in setting your Majesty to rule over us, still continue to protect and preserve you and your Posterity; and may your Majesty ever be served by so able and faithful a Ministry, so wise and steady a Parliament, whose Counsels and Resolutions have raised the Credit of the British Nation, the Envy of your Neighbours, and the Terror of your Enemies.

These, Great Sir, are the sincere and hearty Prayers of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Harwich, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Philip Parker, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend 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 Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Harwich.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave at this Time to express our deepest Sense of Gratitude for the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most gracious and excellent Government.

Your Majesty's tender Care for the Liberties and Welfare of your People, which has been seen and felt through the whole Course of your happy Reign over us, has endeared you most justly to all your Subjects; and therefore we cannot but with the greatest Indignation and Resentment hear of black and wicked Schemes, concerted in Favour of an abjured Popish Pretender, and of Attempts to rob you of Advantages stipulated for in the most solemn Treaties.

As your Majesty's early Care and Vigilance, which do eminently appear in all your Counsels, have at this Time most happily and seasonably discovered the Designs of your Adversaries, so we doubt not, but by the Blessing of God, their Machinations will turn to their own Shame and Confusion; and that your Majesty, at the Head of a brave and free People, truly sensible of the Blessings of your Reign, and ready to venture their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Title

and Honour, will make them repent of their Folly and Ambition, the Injustice of their violating all national Faith and the most solemn Treaties, and their Ingratitude in turning against you a Power which owes its Strength to your Majesty's Generosity.

That God may grant you a long and prosperous Reign over us, and that there may never be wanting a Prince of your Royal Family to govern and protect us, are the hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and principal Inhabitants of the Corporation of Bedford, has been presented to His Majesty by William Farrer and John Thurloe Brace, Esqrs; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Kent, Lord-Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Bedford. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council, and principal Inhabitants of the Corporation of Bedford.

** Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, presume to return our humble and unfeigned Thanks to your Majesty for your paternal Care over us, and unwearied Endeavours to preserve and perpetuate to us the many inestimable Blessings and Felicities we enjoy under your Majesty's gracious and wise Government, which our Enemies in a most ungrateful manner attempt to deprive us of.

When we behold the Emperour (forgetful of the many and high Obligations he lies under to this Nation, which has spent so much Blood and Treasure in the Support of him and the Imperial Family, and in manifest Violation of the most solemn Treaties, entering into Measures with the King of Spain, to invade and destroy the most valuable Branches of our Commerce, and to wrest out of your Majesty's Hands the important Fortrefs of Gibraltar, and combining to place a Popish and abjured Pretender on your Majesty's Throne, our Hearts are filled with the highest Indignation and Astonishment at his Rashness and Ingratitude. But seeing the restless Ambition of those Princes has push'd them on to attempt the putting their treacherous Designs and destructive Projects in Execution, your Majesty's Fleets and Armies, in Conjunction with your Allies, will, we doubt not, by the Blessing of God, render all their Schemes abortive, and soon convince them, that your Majesty will not suffer them to offer such outrageous Insults and Indignities to so great a King, without feeling the Effects of your Majesty's just and due Resentment; and that the British Nation will not tamely submit