

Care and successful Endeavours in the advancing the Honour, and promoting the Interest of this Kingdom. As this your Majesty's great Care of your People hath filled their Hearts with Gratitude, so hath it raised in some foreign Powers a Spirit of Envy and Contention, insomuch that without the least Colour of Justice, at a great Expence of Men and Money, (and we hope in the End to their Confusion and Disappointment) they have attempted to force from your Majesty a Part of your Dominions, and are endeavouring to ruin the Commerce of the whole: Not content with these Injuries already offered to your Majesty and the Kingdom, they have also projected to impose on us the Pretender, whom we have abjured, and whom we are bound for ever to oppose, as we tender our Religious and Civil Rights. These Proceedings and Projects of the Powers confederated against your Majesty, make it seasonable for your Subjects to declare their unalterable Resolutions to defend your Majesty against all your Enemies whatsoever; which Resolution on our Parts, we desire to assure your Majesty we shall be always ready to execute to the utmost of our Power, being obliged thereto by our Oaths, our Interest, and our Gratitude.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the common Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed, this 11th Day of April, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's most glorious Reign.

The following humble Address of the Constable of the Castle, Portreeve, Aldermen and Burgesses of Neath, and of the Inhabitants of the several Mannors or Lordships Marchers of Neath, Neath Ultra, and Killebybill, Neath Citra and Britton, anciently belonging to the Jurisdiction of the said Castle of Neath, in the County of Glamorgan; And also of the Constable of the Castle, Portreeve, and Burgesses of Aberavan, and of the Inhabitants of the Lordships of Avan and Avan Wallia, anciently depending on the Jurisdiction of the said Castle of Aberavan; has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Bussy Mansel, Esq; 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,

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Most Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty's early Care to prevent the secret Machinations and Designs of our Enemies Abroad, not only to ruin our Trade, but even to deprive us of our Religion, Liberties, and every Thing else that is most dear to a free People, is so apparent to all your Subjects, that even we who live in the Marches of Wales, a remote Part of your Majesty's Dominions, cannot be ignorant thereof, nor suffer ourselves to be wanting in our Duty to make our most humble and grateful Acknowledgments to your Majesty, for the same, and to declare our Abhorrence and Detestation of the Indignity lately offered to your Majesty and the British Nation by the Resident of the Emperour of Germany, whose pretended Gratitude, Affection and Esteem for this Nation, had been best manifested, as our Representatives have declared, by doing Honour to the King whom the People honour, and Justice to the People whose Rights are now invaded by his Allies, and defended by the best of Princes, even with the Hazard of his own Dominions in Germany.

But it is our Happiness that the powerful Forces of Spain, Russia, and Germany, lye at so great a Distance from one another, that your Majesty, with the Fleet of Great Britain, is able to hinder their Conjunction; and that your Majesty's Experience, Wisdom, and Foresight is such, that in case any of your Ministers, under the specious Pretence of Frugality, should have advised your Majesty to have suffered the Russians to distress the Northern Princes, whereby they might have been obliged, for their own Safety, to give Liberty to the Russian Fleet to pass the Sound, and to have free Access to the Ports opposite to North-Britain, your Majesty would have been so far from being misled by such evil Counsel, that on the contrary you would have looked upon such Counsellours as Betrayers of the true Interest of your Majesty and your People.

There are none of your Majesty's Subjects that have read the British History, can forget how often Forces from the Northern Ports have formerly been transported into this Island with Success; and there are none that know the Situation thereof, but must be sensible how easy it will be at any Time to follow the same Example, if not prevented by the Fleet of Great Britain; neither can it be believed, that Spain would begin a War with this Nation, if there were not Designs carrying on of the greatest Danger to us, and to the Tranquility of all Europe: How then can we sufficiently acknowledge the great Providence of God in placing your Majesty on the British Throne, and inspiring into your Thoughts a Resolution of sending your Fleet Abroad in due Time into the Baltick, West-Indies,