

St. James's, April 25.

The following humble Address of the Freeholders and Gentlemen of the Shire of Selkirk, and Magistrates of the Burgh of Selkirk, has been presented to His Majesty by John Pringle, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the said Shire, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Freeholders and Gentlemen of the Shire of Selkirk, and Magistrates of the Burgh of Selkirk, met at Selkirk the 6th of April 1727.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,
WE are very sensibly concerned for the Insults offered to your Majesty by any of the neighbouring Powers, fomented no doubt by a malicious, discontented, restless Party within ourselves, who being envious of your Majesty's peaceable Possession of your Throne of these your Kingdoms, leave no Stone unturned to molest you, and to ravish from your faithful Subjects all that can be valuable to us as Men or Protestants.

We take this Opportunity, Great Sir, to assure you of our inviolable and steady Resolution to stand and fall with you in Defence of your Majesty's rightful Title to these Kingdoms, and of our Religious and Civil Liberties, against every Popish Pretender to your Throne, and Disturbers of our common Tranquility under your auspicious Government.

We cannot but be zealously affected to see your Majesty threaten'd with the Dangers of a foreign War, by Princes once highly indebted to your Majesty and your People, now conspiring to invade your Kingdoms, without any Injustice or Breach of Faith laid to your Majesty's Charge, but your firm Resolution of being the Father of your Country in not sacrificing the Rights of your People to the Ease and Tranquility of your Time, and wisely choosing the nobler Part, in preparing for and resolving to maintain the Rights of your People Sacred and Civil, against the Oppositions of open and private Enemies.

Go on, Great Sir, in Defence of your own Honour, your Peoples Trade and Liberties: We humbly and cheerfully offer our Lives and Fortunes for your Support in so just a Quarrel; let not the Name of a Jacobite ever revive amongst us; it was near worn out, until the sinister and ambitious Designs of neighbouring Powers, gave that malignant Sett of People new Hopes of obtaining their Designs; which we hope, and pray our gracious God shall bring to nothing, by his Blessing upon your Majesty's steady Management of all our most important Concerns.

Though we are not the first that have addressed your Majesty upon this Head, we will yield to none in the Firmness of our Af-

fection to your Majesty, nor in our Zeal for promoting your true Honour, and the real Good of all your People, which we always have look'd upon as inseparable.

May it always be your Majesty's Happiness to be under the Divine Conduct and Defence: May the King of Kings baffle all the Measures of your common Enemies: May you long continue an Ornament to the Throne you justly possess, and a successful Defender of the Protestant Faith: And after a long and happy Reign here, may you be carried to a blissful Immortality in the Regions above; and may the Royal Prince of Wales, and your Descendants to the End of Time succeed to, and peaceably possess your extensive Dominions, and princely noble Qualities, and if its possible, exceed them in the Defence of Truth and Liberty. So wish, and so pray,

Dread Sovereign,

Your Majesty's most humble,
most faithful, and most
obedient Subjects and
Servants.

The following Humble Address of the Heritors, Freeholders and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Lanerk, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Archibald Hamilton, their Representative in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Selkirk Lord Lieutenant of that County. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your most Sacred Majesty,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, Heritors, Freeholders, and Commissioners of Supply of the Shire of Lanerk, beg Leave to testify the deep and grateful Sense we have of the many Blessings we so happily enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, wise and prudent Administration.

We should be unjust to ourselves, as well as ungrateful to your Majesty, if from a true Sense of the many Privileges we enjoy, we were not sincerely affected with the smallest Attempt that is made against your Majesty's Crown and Dignity, or that has the least Tendency to interrupt that Course of Happiness that so naturally flows to your People from your Majesty's most gracious and excellent Government.

We cannot without Horror hear of those unjust and destructive Designs that have been formed against the Happiness, Prosperity and Honour of your Majesty's Dominions, by Powers as noted for their Hatred and Opposition to the Advancement and Establishment of the Protestant Interest in Europe, as for their unheard of Ungratitude to your Majesty, in entering into these Measures in a Time of profound Peace, contrary to all the Ties and Engagements that are sacred among Mankind.