

of York; and also of the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at the Borough of Rippon aforesaid, in and for his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York's Liberty of Rippon, &c. on Monday the 10th Day of April, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Most Gracious and Dread Sovereign,

AS the secure and uninterrupted Enjoyment of our Religion and Laws, Liberty and Property (the Effect and Result of your wise clement and auspicious Government) justly Claim the sincerest Acknowledgments, the most dutiful and affectionate Returns from a generous and free People, to an indulgent, vigilant and beneficent Prince; so the dark and malicious Schemes and open Attempts of your and consequently our Enemies, to deprive your sacred Majesty of your precious Life and Crown, and us of the Blessings of your Reign, equally demand our keenest Resentment, and provoke our highest Indignation.

When we observe a Prince, under innumerable Obligations to you and the strongest Ties of Gratitude for those Obligations, against all publick and private Faith, and the most solemn Treaties, combining with a Power late his own but now your Enemy, to wrest from you and seize one of the most important of your Fortresses, to depress and divert our Trade and Commerce (that Source and Spring of all our Wealth and Power) and to obtrude upon us a Popish and abjured Pretender, (that Minion of Rome and Bane to our Constitution) a Prince approaching by his Minister your Throne with Insolence, Falshood, and Calumny; we stand amazed and affected with the greatest Anger against him, and the warmest Zeal for your Honour and Safety. And we beg Leave to give your Majesty the strongest Assurances imaginable, that as we highly approve of the just and prudent Measures already taken for the discovering and disconcerting the deep and ambitious Intrigues of your Enemies, so we will stand by, assist, and support your Majesty with all our Force, against them, till by your Counsels and Wisdom, you shall establish a Peace upon a solid and lasting Foundation, or by your Arms, in Conjunction with those of your Allies, compel them to sue for that Peace which their Ambition, Perfidy and Rashness have broken, and which, by their Malice, Impotence and Folly, they do not deserve.

And we farther beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that if there shall be found amongst us any Persons so abandoned and devoid of Understanding, as to prefer the Dominion and promote the Interests of a Popish Tyrant, in Opposition to the merciful, wise, and regular Administration of a lawful King, we shall look upon them as Enemies to our Country, and endeavour to lead them by the Hand of Justice to a thorough Convicti-

on of their Folly, and a due Punishment for their Guilt.

That the God of all Knowledge and Power may direct your Counsels in Wisdom, and Crown your Arms with Success; that your Reign may be long, prosperous and happy over a loyal, obedient and free People; that there may never want a Protestant Hero of your illustrious House, emulous of your Virtues and formed by your Example, to sway the Scepter of these Realms, are the fervent Prayers and sincere Wishes of,

Sir,
May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most loyal and obedient Subjects and Servants.

The following humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers and Gentlemen in the North of Ireland, in Behalf of themselves, and the People of their Perswasion, has been presented to His Majesty by his Excellency the Lord Cartaret Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Presbyterian Ministers and Gentlemen in the North of Ireland, in Behalf of themselves, and the People of their Perswasion,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, do in all Humility beg Leave to renew our Acknowledgements of the many inestimable Blessings and Royal Favours we have enjoyed ever since your Majesty's happy and seasonable Accession to the Imperial Throne of these Nations.

We regard your Majesty as the Father of your Country, and (under God) the great Preserver of our sacred and civil Interests at Home, and of the Reformed Protestant Churches in all Parts of the World; and are therefore so sensible how much depends on the Preservation of your Royal Person, and the Succession to the Crown in your illustrious House, that we cannot but look on the clandestine Combinations of some foreign Powers, and their open Hostilities already begun against the unquestionable Rights of your Majesty, and the Trade and Prosperity of your People, contrary to the Faith of the most solemn Treaties and all Obligations of Gratitude, with a just Indignation and Resentment; nor shall we ever cease to offer up our most hearty Prayers to Almighty God, to render all Designs form'd for the Disturbance or Overthrow of your Majesty's Government abortive.

If God, for our Sins, should ever suffer such wicked Designs to succeed, these Nations must become a Scene of Blood and Confusion, and be in Time subjected to the grossest Corruptions of Popery, and the most ignominious Slavery. But since we have a Prince on the Throne, who makes it the principal