

threatned us arose from a Quarter from which it was least to be expected; for who could have imagined that a Prince, who owes his Crown and Dominions to the Arms and Assistance of Britain, should turn that Power which they bestowed upon him, against his Benefactors, and on a sudden combine with his most inveterate Enemy, and secretly enter into Measures with him to destroy the Trade of your Subjects Abroad, their great Support? But what raises the utmost Indignation in us, is, their Design of dethroning your Majesty, and placing in your room an abjured and abhorred Pretender, to the utter Subversion of these your Protestant Kingdoms; a fruitless Attempt, and a signal Mark of their Ignorance of the Blessings we enjoy under the happy Influence of your Majesty's Government. No, a long Experience of your Majesty's Care and Tenderness of your People, has established such an Union between you and them, that no Stratagem of those combining Powers, or artful Misrepresentations of your Majesty's Conduct, can dissolve. And we humbly beg Leave faithfully to assure your Majesty of your sincere Zeal and hearty Concurrence with your other Subjects, to vindicate your Honour; and that, as it is our Duty as well as Interest, we are determined to second your Majesty's noble Designs of securing and confirming to us and our Posterity, our Liberties at Home and Privileges Abroad, against the Encroachments of our Enemies, attempted by the Violation of the most solemn Treaties.

That God may bless these Kingdoms with a long Continuance of your Majesty's Reign over us, and deliver down to Posterity the same Blessings by the Succession of your Royal Progeny, are the constant Prayers of your most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen of the County of Cumberland, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Morpeth, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Bart. Gilfred Lawson, Esq; Knight of the Shire, and James Lowther, Esq; 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 High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Gentlemen of the County of Cumberland, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held at the City of Carlisle for the said County, the 12th Day of April 1727.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE do with the greatest Satisfaction and Readiness embrace this first Opportunity of our publick meeting together, to assure your Majesty of the utmost Efforts we

are able to make by our Persons or Fortunes in this surprizing Conjunction, when not only our Trade and Commerce, but what is highly more dear and valuable to us, your Majesty's Government itself is struck at, by the projected Schemes of some united Powers abroad, to place a Pretender upon your Throne, contrary to their solemn Treaties and Engagements, and contrary (with respect to one of them) to all Gratitude for the highest of Obligations: But we entirely depend on a happy Event of all Dangers we are threatned with, from the timely and unanimous Assistance of a good Parliament, a wise and able Council, a faithful and indefatigable Ministry, your Majesty's own penetrating Judgment, and a Blessing of the Divine Providence upon them all, which has hitherto, in so many signal Instances, crown'd with Success your Majesty's Affairs.

That your Majesty's Royal Issue and Posterity may always succeed to fill your Throne, and that your Majesty may late change the Crown you now wear here with so much Glory, for one eternal in Heaven, is the most ardent Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's truly loyal
and most dutiful Subjects.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, and other Gentlemen of the County of Stafford, has been presented to His Majesty by Richard Chanaler, 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,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, and other Gentlemen of the County of Stafford, assembled at the Assizes held at Stafford for the said County, the 28th Day of March, 1727, in the 13th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

AS the Security and Preservation of our Religion, Laws, Liberty and Trade, next under the Almighty God, depend upon your Majesty's wise and legal Administration, we cannot but esteem every Attempt made against your sacred Majesty, your Crown and Honour, any other than the highest Affront to the British Nation, which ought to be, and we hope is resented by your whole People, especially if they consider, that under your Majesty's Protection they enjoy the invaluable Blessings of the Protestant Religion, the being governed by just Laws which we all consent to, the glorious Liberty and Freedom which no other Nation now enjoys, and the justly valued Benefit of Trade and Commerce.

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