

'Tis with the utmost Concern we observe with what Boldness and Assurance the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom has been encroached upon, the important Fortresses of Gibraltar, with your other Dominions in the Mediterranean, (the only Reward for a long and expensive War, stipulated to this Nation by the most solemn Treaties) endeavoured to be wrested from you, your Royal Throne struck at, and thereby our excellent Constitution attempted to be subverted, by Princes under the strictest Ties of Gratitude for Benefits purchased by the Valour of the British Arms; these are such Indignities as fill our Hearts with the warmest Resentment, which we want Words to express.

Your Majesty has given us a just Sense of your Wisdom and paternal Care, not only in making an early Discovery of those secret Devices to disturb the Peace and Quiet of this Nation, but also by your entering into such proper Alliances for securing the true Balance of Europe, as we hope will render the Designs of your Enemies vain and fruitless.

And although the Blessings of Peace are always delightful to us, yet we are far from desiring them any longer than they are consistent with the Honour of your Majesty, and the Welfare of your Subjects.

We therefore crave Leave humbly to beseech Almighty God to inspire your Majesty with a continued Courage and Resolution to assert just Rights of your Kingdom, and we and cheerfully contribute, to the utmost of our Abilities, to support and defend your Majesty's Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession in your illustrious Family, against all Pretenders whatsoever, and do whatever else may make us worthy of the Blessings we enjoy under your most glorious and auspicious Reign.

The following humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, and Grand-Jury, for the Barony of Westmoreland, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Anthony Lowther, Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Westmoreland, 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.

The humble Address of the Justices of Peace, and Grand-Jury, at the Sessions held at Kendall for the Barony of Westmoreland, this 14th Day of April, Anno Domini 1727.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, being met together in Discharge of our several Duties, at our Quarter Sessions for this Part of the County, beg Leave to take this Opportunity of making

our most hearty Acknowledgments of your Majesty's great Goodness in communicating to your People the Designs of some foreign Powers, who have formed Schemes to disturb the Peace of Europe, and more particularly the Welfare and Happiness of your Majesty's Kingdoms. And we cannot but with great Regret observe the Ingratitude of one of those Powers, who owes in a great Measure the Empire he possesses to the Arms of Great Britain; and the other the Crown he wears, to the Assistance of one of your Majesty's Allies.

These Aggravations must raise in the Hearts of all your faithful Subjects the highest Indignation; so we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we are so sensible of the great Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's happy Administration, that we are determined to use our utmost Endeavours to support and defend your Majesty's sacred Person and Government against all Invaders and Pretenders whatsoever, and shall always with your Majesty may long Live and Reign a happy and glorious Prince over a loyal and united People.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of His Majesty's Burgh of Kirkby in Kendall, in the County of Westmoreland; and also of the Gentlemen, Grand Jurymen and other Principal Inhabitants of the said Burgh, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Anthony Lowther, Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Westmoreland, 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 Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of your Majesty's Burgh of Kirkby in Kendall, in the County of Westmoreland; and also of the Gentlemen, Grand Jurymen, and other Principal Inhabitants of the said Burgh, assembled at your Majesty's General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden in and for the said Burgh.

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we look on it as one of the greatest Blessings of Providence, that God was pleased to place your Majesty upon the Throne of these Kingdoms, of which you shall always find us in every Respect truly sensible and thankful; for we can rest secure, that as your Majesty has so much at Heart the true Interest of our Church and State, and are so much concerned to govern us according to

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