

our Laws, so our Religious and Civil Rights never were nor can be in a safer Hand.

We enjoy so many Advantages under your Majesty's happy Government, that were we able to enumerate or make a just Estimate of them, we should be at a Loss how to express our deep Sense or Gratitude for them: How solicitous and how successful has your Majesty been in discovering the Designs and Projects of your and our Enemies, and how prudent and industrious to defeat them? How careful has your Majesty all along been to avoid War, and to prevent the Effusion of your Peoples Blood and Treasure? And now when through the Ingratitude of two Princes, and their dangerous Alliances, War is become necessary for our Safety, what seasonable Preparations by Sea and Land, and by excellent Treaties and Alliances, have you not made? For which, and the many other your Majesty's paternal Cares of us, we do most solemnly and faithfully promise and assure your Majesty to contribute cheerfully and liberally to the Expences of your Majesty's Fleets, Armies, and all other Charges, and to use all other Means in our Power for the Safety of your Majesty's Person and Family, and Successors in the Protestant Line, and the attaining an honourable and durable Peace.

We therefore, and in Consequence of our Allegiance, humbly beg of the Almighty to bless your Majesty's Undertakings, influence your Counsels, preserve your Person, and to make your Majesty and Posterity every Way as happy as your Majesty may desire.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand-Jury, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the King's County, at the Assizes held at Philipstoun the first Day of April One thousand seven hundred twenty and seven, has been presented to His Majesty by his Excellency the Lord Carteret Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

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Permit us, Most Gracious Sovereign, to present to you the Hearts and Hands of us your Subjects of your King's County in Ireland, full of unfeigned Loyalty to your Majesty's most Sacred Person and Government, and Affection and Duty to your Royal and illustrious Family. By how much the more the Protestants of Ireland have formerly felt the ill and terrible Effects of Popery and arbitrary Power, by so much the more are we sensible of the blessed Influence we have received from, and enjoy un-

der the mild, wise, good and just Administration of your Majesty and your Councils, both in Church and State.

Must we not be declared a People infatuated, devoid of the Principle of Self-Preservation, could we be imagined to be able to bear a Glimpse of Thought without Horror and Detestation of exchanging the infinite Blessings of your Reign for a ----?

A Protestant Indignation forbids us to give it a Name!

Such must be the Resentments which arise in our Minds towards those Foreign Powers, who to disturb the happy Tranquility and flourishing State we enjoy, have broken thro' private and publick Faith, trampled under Foot the Ties of Honour, Gratitude and even good Manners, and in Violation of solemn Declarations and Treaties; but as your Majesty's wise Precautions have hitherto prevented their destructive Schemes, so we may congratulate our selves on a full Confidence and Assurance that your Majesty's Care, Skill and Power will be still able to defeat them.

It is no Wonder that restless Factions, actuated by the implacable Rancour of Popish Cabals, exasperated by Disappointment, forced to it by Bankruptcy, should still join with the vain impotent and desperate Hopes of a Popish Pretender, and his more desperate and attainted Adherents. - But such is their Imbecility as to render it unworthy of our Fears: Such it must be, since it has the Conduct of your Majesty, the Wisdom of your Councils, the Vigilancy of your Ministers, the Laws and Statutes of your Realms, the Declarations and Resolutions of your Lords Spiritual and Temporal, supported by those of your faithful Commons in Parliament assembled, and the united Hands and Hearts of your Majesty's best Subjects, to oppose it.

Which we on our Parts declare and promise heartily and sincerely to do, and according to our respective Powers to see done.

Whilst our Prayers to God shall be to shower down in a peculiar Manner the choicest of his Blessings on your Majesty's Head, and that it may please Him to be your Defender and Keeper, to give you Victory over all your Enemies, and at the last (very late) to crown you with His heavenly Glory.

To preserve and bless your Royal Family, in their Royal Highnesses and their illustrious Issue, that the Inheritance of the Protestant Crowns of these Realms may remain and flourish on their Heads, and on those of their Posterity till Time shall be no more.

These are the hearty and sincere Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, affectionate and dutiful Subjects.

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