

been in the most insolent Manner contradicted, and your Ministry highly reflected on, in a Memorial put into your Hands by a Resistant from that Prince who has thus stipulated; we beg Leave to lay hold of the present Opportunity to assure your most gracious Majesty, that we are, in Conjunction with our Fellow-Subjects, filled with all the Resentment and Indignation that becomes us, to find your Royal Word, your Administration, and all the valuable Rights and Securities of your People, thus ungratefully insulted and struck at. We have observed with the utmost Pleasure, the Zeal and Unanimity of the British Nation upon this Occasion, and esteem it our bounden Duty in all Humility to declare to your Majesty, that we shall be ever ready, with all Cheerfulness, to go Hand and Heart into the Defence of your Honour, as well as our own happy Settlement in your Royal Person and Family.

The Protestants of this Kingdom know by too sad Experience, how very weak the most strict Ties and Engagements are to restrain the bitter Spirit of Jesuitical Counsels, therefore are the less surprized that the greatest Acts of Friendship and Humanity done by a Protestant Prince and Nation are not only violated, but in Return, their Ruin and Extirpation intended by an Alliance so advised and animated: As we have most solemnly abjured the Pretender and all his Adherents, we humbly crave Leave to assure your most sacred Majesty, that we are determined to assist your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes against him and his Confederates, and can never account either Life or Fortune as Blessings, longer than we can employ them in the Defence of our present most happy Settlement and Constitution.

That your Majesty's Reign over us may be long, prosperous and undisturbed, and that we and our Posterity may never want one of your Royal Issue to succeed to your Dominions, is the constant Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Grand-Jury, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen Freeholders of the County of Wexford, 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.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High-Sheriff, Grand-Jury, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen Freeholders of the County of Wexford, in your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland, at the general Assizes and general Goal Delivery held for the said County, the 13th Day of March 1726, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence, to testify, on the present State of Affairs, our utmost Detestation and Abhorrence of the Invasions, clandestine Machinations and Confederacies formed and begun by the Emperour of Germany and King of Spain, against your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, the Trade and Privileges of these Kingdoms, and the general Peace and Tranquility of all Europe. Such destructive Actions and Schemes, too black to be publickly own'd, as well as too true to be denied, cannot but be Matter of the greatest Astonishment to the present Age, being clearly sensible, that the same are contrived by two Princes, in whose Quarrel all Christendom, and in a more especial Manner, these your Majesty's Dominions, have formerly with Cheerfulness expended their Blood and Treasure, and who in Return to the many good Offices done them by your Majesty, and by your faithful Subjects of these Kingdoms, have in a most ungrateful Manner entered into Measures, to rob your Majesty of your just Rights, and to deprive your People of all the Happiness they enjoy under your Majesty's most auspicious Reign, by setting up a separate Trade in Opposition to the many repeated Alliances, Treaties, and Confederacies entered into with your Majesty, and by endeavouring to place a Popish Pretender on the Throne of these Kingdoms, to the utter Destruction of our Civil and Religious Rights, and of all that is near and dear to us: But as we doubt not but that all the unjust Attempts of our Enemies will be frustrated by your Majesty's consummate Wisdom and Conduct, in contracting powerful Alliances, and taking early Precaution for the Safety of your People, so we beg Leave at this Time to assure your Majesty, that we will stand by and support your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes against all the Attempts of your Enemies; and that in the Event of this War, most unjustly stirred up by them, they may meet with the Reward that is due to blood-thirsty and deceitful Men, are the hearty and sincere Prayers of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

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