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*St. James's, March 3.*

**T**HIS Day the following Address of the Arch-Bishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, was presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, being introduced by the Hon. Mr. Vice Chamberlain Finch.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Arch-Bishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E the Arch-Bishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, animated with unfeigned and affectionate Loyalty, humbly beg Leave to declare, in the strongest Manner, the just Indignation we feel on the Efforts made by France in Favour of a Popish Pretender, solemnly renounced and abjur'd by this Nation.

This wicked and daring Attempt, excites in the Breast of every true Englishman and Protestant, the utmost Detestation, and in the most sensible Manner affects all your Majesty's Clergy of the Church of England; who, should it prove successful, must unquestionably fall an early Sacrifice to the implacable and certain, though occasionally dissembled, Rage of Popish Superstition. It is big with every Evil which can undo a free People, subvert the principal Bulwark of the Reformation, and thereby at length destroy the whole Protestant Interest: And it is heinously aggravated by the intended Introduction of a French Army, first to ravage and lay waste our dear Country; and, having made England a Scene of Blood and Devastation, then to reduce it to the wretched Condition of a French Province.

Such an alarming Circumstance adds Horror to our Repentment, and places the faithless and ambitious Enemies of your Majesty's Crown and People in the most odious and detestable Light.

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Vain Delusion, to imagine, that Englishmen and Protestants can so lightly part with the most valuable Blessings, purchased at an immense Expence of their Blood and Treasure, and patiently become the Slaves of France!

After devout Thanks to Almighty God, we are bound in Justice to offer the most grateful Acknowledgments to your Majesty, for the entire Preservation of the Church of England in all its Rights and Privileges: And we beg Leave unanimously to assure your Majesty, that, influenced by every Motive, which Duty or Gratitude can suggest, we shall constantly endeavour, as well by our own Example, as by our Labours with the People committed to our Charge, to recommend and enforce, upon all Occasions, especially in the present important Juncture, the most zealous Loyalty and dutiful Regard to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government: And we firmly trust, that very few, if any, of our Fellow Subjects, not infatuated by the Delusions of Popery, can be prevailed upon to sacrifice, with equal Guilt and Folly, the Religion, Freedom and Happiness of their Country, to the enslaving and pernicious Views of our natural and constant Enemies.

We earnestly pray, and assuredly hope, that the same good Providence, greatly propitious to the Protestant Religion and the Liberties of Europe, which very lately covered your sacred Head in the Day of Battle, and blessed your Majesty with a signal and ever memorable Victory, will not suffer any Weapon, formed against you, to prosper, but will still preserve your Royal Person in Safety, Health and Glory; and long, very long continue to a loyal and thankful People, the many great and invaluable Blessings of your Majesty's wise and happy Reign, and transmit the same in your August and Royal House, to our latest Posterity.

To which Address his Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

My Lords, and the rest of the Clergy,  
I Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Address,  
The just Concern you express for the Preservation

