

Aldermen and Council of the Corporation of Lancaster.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Council of your Majesty's ancient Corporation of Lancaster, in Common Council assembled, having heard that Preparations are making abroad, by the common Disturber of the Peace and Repose of all Europe, to invade this Kingdom in Favour of a Popish Pretender to your Majesty's Throne, thereby endeavouring to deprive us of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, which we happily enjoy under your Majesty's mild and gracious Government and Protection, beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will, to the utmost of our Power, and with the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, support, maintain and defend your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and the Protestant Succession to the Crown in your Majesty's Royal House, as well against the unnatural Attempts of any Faction at home, as your Majesty's Enemies abroad; and may your Majesty's Reign be prosperous and happy, as we hope it will be long over us.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Common Seal of the said Corporation to be affixed hereto, this second Day of March, in the Year of our Lord 1743.

The following Address from the Aldermen, Bailiffs, Common Council and Burgeses of the Corporation of Denbigh, has been presented to his Majesty by John Wynn, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

An humble Address from the Aldermen, Bailiffs, Common Council and Burgeses of the Corporation of Denbigh.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE the Aldermen, Bailiffs, Common Council and Burgeses of the Corporation of Denbigh, most humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence with our warmest and most dutiful Assurances, in this critical Conjunction.

Your Majesty's just and gentle Reign ought naturally to excite in us, all that Loyalty and Gratitude, which is the due Return of free and happy Subjects to the most indulgent and best of Princes.

But when, contrary to the Faith of Treaties, a Foreign Power shall threaten to invade this Kingdom, and shall even presume publicly to support an odious, exploded and insolent Claim to your Majesty's Crown and Title; What Words can be equal to our just Indignation and Abhorrence, or what Sacrifice can be too large for the Defence of your sacred Right, and for the Preservation of our Religion and Laws, and of all that is most dear and valuable to us.

If any lurking inveterate bad Hearts at Home, have invited and encouraged the known Enemy of our Quiet, and of the Liberties of Europe, to undertake this rash and desperate Enterprize, we trust that the Legislature will continue to exert itself, in such a Manner of putting Strength and Power into your Majesty's Hands, and that so good a Spirit will arise in this Nation, as may teach those, who mean to disturb us, that your Majesty's Throne can never be shaken, while it is thus firmly founded on the Valour, Wealth, and Affection of a generous and great People.

Accept, Dread Sir, our fervent Wishes for the Peace, Glory and Length of your Reign.

Given under our Corporation Seal, the Ninth Day of March, 1743-4.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Town and County of the Town of Haverford West, has been presented to his Majesty by George Barlow, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Town and County of the Town of Haverford West.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of your Town and County of your Town of Haverford West, assembled in our Council Chamber, being alarmed at the intended Invasion of these Kingdoms, beg Leave to present your Majesty with our just Resentments of it, and with our inviolable Attachment to your sacred Person and Government.

That the common Disturber of the Tranquility of Europe, check'd always in his ambitious Designs by your Majesty's Wisdom and Prowess, and of late most shamefully defeated, should endeavour to wreak his Revenge on your Majesty's Dominions, is not so much to be wondred at; but that any who have the Happiness of being Inhabitants of these Islands, should join with him in Favour of a Popish Pretender, or in any Design whatever, to disturb your Reign, is what fills us with Surprise and the highest Indignation. We are willing to hope, that this Perfidy and Infatuation of our Fellow Subjects is but of small Extent, and that the concurrent Voice of the Nation, at this Juncture, will give your Majesty the strongest Assurance of British Fidelity in general.

As for ourselves, we do solemnly declare that we are truly sensible of the invaluable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's Government, that no Consideration whatsoever shall work us into a Thought of Disaffection; that we will to our utmost support your Majesty against all foreign and domestic Enemies; and incessantly

B

pray