

and never attempt the Subversion of them, but by Measures formed and pointed against your illustrious Family.

Your Majesty's faithful Subjects cannot, therefore, too quickly take the Alarm, nor exert their Endeavours too vigorously, on this Occasion, to dissipate any Disaffection, or repel any Danger that may threaten our happy Constitution.

To this we are bound, by all the Ties of Gratitude, Duty and Interest, in common with our Fellow Subjects. And we have still farther and more peculiar Motives, as a Seminary of Religion and Learning. Your University of Dublin, distinguished for an inviolable Attachment and Fidelity to your Royal House, has always cultivated, in the Youth of your Kingdom of Ireland, Sentiments and Principles entirely inconsistent with Popish Superstition and Tyranny; and, from a lively Memory of the Oppressions formerly felt in a Popish Reign, has the utmost Reason to dread the least Prospect of Power in such arbitrary Hands.

We humbly beg Leave to give your Majesty the strongest Assurance, that we resolve, by animating our Youth with a proper Zeal, and by the most extensive Use of our Influence, to contribute every Thing in our Power, to the Safety and Welfare of your Majesty's Person and Government; and we are confident, that the known Vigilance and Courage of your Majesty, supported by the concurring Affection of your faithful People, through God's Assistance, will enable you to frustrate the Attempts of your Enemies, and to perpetuate the Blessings, we now enjoy, by the Continuance of your Majesty, and your illustrious Off-spring, in the Throne of these Kingdoms.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury and Freeholders of the County of Westmeath, having been transmitted by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to his Majesty: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury and Freeholders of the County of Westmeath, assembled at a General Aſſizes for the said County at Mullingar, the second of March 1743-4.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff, Grand Jury and Freeholders of the County of Westmeath, having a most grateful Sense of the great and many Blessings we derive from your Majesty's just and auspicious Reign, by the full Enjoyment of our Laws, and Security of our Liberties and Properties, (Blessings envied us by all the Powers of the Church of Rome) do lay

hold on this Occasion to express to your Majesty our utmost Abhorrence and Detestation of the Invasion against your Majesty's Dominions, at this Time threatened by a French Power, in Support of a Popish Pretender.

We make no Doubt, but by the great Vigilance, Care and wise Administration of our present Lord Lieutenant his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, that any intended Insurrection in this Kingdom, by Persons disaffected to your Majesty, or any other wicked Popish Machinations, will be entirely defeated and suppressed; and that Peace and Happiness will be continued unto us.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall, upon this and all other Occasions, be ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Majesty's just and undoubted Right to the Crown of these Realms; and, as true Descendants of those Protestants in this Kingdom, who at the late Revolution, under the Banner of King William the Third of glorious Memory, opposed a Popish and Arbitrary Prince, having the same Affiance in your Majesty, will now, with equal Zeal, oppose every Attempt which his pretended Descendants shall make on your Majesty's Rights; and, as Sons of Loyalty and Liberty, upon every Opportunity will be most ardently desirous of shewing, that a firm Attachment to your Majesty and your illustrious Family is, and shall be, our governing Principle; and that we shall ever be mindful of those glorious Blessings we so fully possess under your Majesty's Government.

The following Address of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonalty of Merchant Adventurers within the City of Bristol, has been presented to his Majesty by the Hon. Edward Southwell, Esq; one of the Representatives for the City of Bristol, 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 Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonalty of Merchant Adventurers within the City of Bristol, in Common Hall assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Commonalty of Merchant Adventurers within the City of Bristol, most humbly beseech your Majesty to accept our sincerest Professions of Duty, Zeal and Affection to your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, at this Time, when the Disturbers of Europe are directing their pernicious Schemes against your Majesty's Dominions, in Favour of an abjured Popish Pretender; an Indignity so great in its own Nature, and in its Consequences so important, offered to your Majesty and