

our mild and legal Constitution, and rule us with a Rod of Iron; or to impose by Force a Popish Pretender upon us, whom we have so often abused, and the Popish Religion which we have so solemnly renounced, and in Consequence hereof to make this Country the Seat of War, and change the Face of its present Peace and Plenty, under your Majesty's Protection, into Scenes of Blood, Want, Rapine and Desolation.

Considering the Undertaking in this View, we cannot but hope, that the Almighty God, who hates all Perfidy and Breach of Faith, and hath so wonderfully and frequently interposed for the Deliverance of these Kingdoms, will again appear for his own Sake to blast this Design (big with a Train of the most formidable Evils) with Disappointment, and cover the Projectors and Abettors of this Enterprize with Confusion.

And as we of this Country have formerly given Proofs of our firm Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Father, in the Time of the late unnatural Rebellion, so we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, we are now unalterably determined to run all Hazards in the Defence of your Majesty's undoubted Right and Title to the Crown of these Realms, against all your open and secret Enemies; and in our respective Stations to contribute, to the utmost of our Power, to repel every Attempt of Conquest from abroad, and traiterous Practice at home, that so, in Conjunction with the rest of your Majesty's loyal Subjects, your Majesty's Reign may be rendered henceforward safe, easy and prosperous, and the Crown transmitted securely in a long Succession to your Royal Posterity; and ourselves continue, under your auspicious Reign, a Protestant, Free and Flourishing People.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, the Justices of the Peace, the Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen, met at the Assizes holden for the County of Dorset, has been presented to his Majesty by James Frampton, Esq; High Sheriff of the said County, 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 High Sheriff, the Justices of the Peace, the Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen, met at the Assizes holden for the County of Dorset, on Thursday the Eighth Day of March 1743.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, take this our first Opportunity of expressing our Abhorrence and Detestation of any Invasion of your Majesty's Realms in Favour of a Popish Pretender, by the common Disturbers of the Peace of Europe.

Repentment of the Perfidy of France, Affec-

tion to your Majesty, Regard for ourselves and Posterity, oblige us, on this critical Occasion, to use our utmost Efforts in Support of those invaluable Blessings we now enjoy; and with the greatest Unanimity and Firmness, we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that nothing shall be wanting in us, which can contribute to defeat so insolent an Attempt, and to secure, under your Majesty's auspicious Government, the Religion, Laws and Liberties peculiar to your Majesty's Subjects.

As we are a Maritime County, we think it more especially incumbent on us to declare to the whole World, our firm and unalterable Resolution, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, to exert ourselves in Defence of your Majesty's undoubted Right and Title to the Crown of these Kingdoms, and the Protestant Succession in your Majesty's august Family, in Defiance of the Pretender and his Adherents, and all other your Majesty's Enemies.

The following Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Town Clerk, and Common Council of the Borough of Boston, and also of the Clergy, and other principal Inhabitants of the said Town, has been presented to his Majesty by John Wood, of Lincoln's Inn, Esq; their Recorder, and John Mitchell, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, who were 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, Recorder, Aldermen, Town Clerk, and Common Council, of the Borough of Boston, and also of the Clergy and other principal Inhabitants of the said Town.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, amidst the general Addresses of your faithful People, beg Leave, with all Humility, to express our Abhorrence and Detestation of the Designs forming to involve these Nations in the Calamities of an unnatural War, in order to root out the Protestant Religion, and subject us to the Revenge and Tyranny of a Popish Pretender.

When we reflect on the Advances made some Years since in Favour of Superstition and an arbitrary Government, and the Dangers we were then exposed to; when we consider the Happiness we now enjoy from your Majesty, in the Protection of our Civil and Religious Rights, we cannot be too suspicious and careful to guard against the one, nor too zealous to preserve and secure the other.

The Unanimity that appears at this Juncture, must be Matter of sincere Joy to all your Majesty's faithful Subjects; we flatter ourselves that the Spirit which is shown upon this Occasion, will