

gion, Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom, by an intended Invasion; and humbly assure your Majesty, that we will, at the Risk of our Lives and Fortunes, and all that is dear and valuable to us, endeavour to defend the present happy Establishment in Church and State, that the Blessings we now feel, may, under your Majesty and your Royal Family, be perpetuated and delivered down to latest Posterity.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Hereford, has been presented, to his Majesty by Thomas Foley, Esq; one of the Representatives of the said County, accompanied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Oxford, and several other Gentlemen of the said County, who were introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rochford.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Hereford, met at the Assizes held at the City of Hereford the 10th of March 1743.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty having been pleased, by a most gracious Message, to acquaint the Parliament, that Designs are carrying on by France to invade your Majesty's Dominions in Favour of a popish Pretender. We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave to express our great Concern for, and Abhorrence of such a wicked Attempt, which offers so great an Indignity to your Majesty's Person and Royal Family, so high an Insult to the whole Kingdom, and which tends to deprive us of our Laws, Liberties and Religion.

And we most humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our most firm Attachment to your sacred Person and Royal Family, and our happy Establishment in Church and State; and that our utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to support and defend your Majesty's Title to the Crown, and the Protestant Succession in your Royal Family, in Opposition to France, the Pretender and his Adherents.

And we doubt not but this great Good will arise from this perfidious Attempt, that the Enemies of your Majesty and of this Nation, will be convinced, that the Loyalty of your Majesty's British Subjects is so unanimous, that by the Blessing of God upon it, all Endeavours to disturb the Peace of your Majesty's Reign, or undermine our excellent Constitution, will be fruitless.

That your Majesty may long enjoy a happy Reign over a free, loyal, prosperous and united People, is the sincere Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most Dutiful
and Loyal Subjects.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Hereford, has been presented to his Majesty by Thomas Winford, Esq; one of the Representatives for the said City, being introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Rochford.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Hereford, in Common Council assembled:

WE your Majesty's loyal Subjects, having seen your Royal Proclamation, whereby it appears, that your Majesty hath received undoubted Intelligence of the Arrival of the Pretender's eldest Son in France, and that Preparations are making there to invade this Kingdom, beg Leave to unite, with the rest of your Majesty's true and faithful Subjects, in giving our utmost Assurances, that we detest and abhor this insolent Attempt, calculated to introduce a popish and arbitrary Government, and to subvert our Constitution both in Church and State.

Our Religion, our Laws, our Liberties, our Properties, and all that is valuable to us, most justly, on this Emergency, call upon every Englishman, upon every Protestant, to declare their Principles, to exert their Zeal and Loyalty in Defence of our Constitution, and to frustrate the Schemes of France, whose Friendship hath ever been as fallacious, as her Ambition insatiable.

And as this ancient City hath ever been eminently distinguished for its Loyalty to their Sovereign, so we, the present Members of it, will endeavour to support that Honour, and preserve that Character, by using our best Endeavours in Defence of your Majesty's Royal Person, of our Religion and Laws, and of the Protestant Succession as by Law established.

We beg Leave to subjoin our hearty Wishes, that your Majesty's Forces may be successful both by Sea and Land; and that, under your Majesty's auspicious Government, we may be a free and happy People.

In Testimony whereof, we have hereunto put our common Seal, the Sixteenth Day of March 1743.

Both which Addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and they had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

The following Address of the Representatives in Parliament, Principal Inhabitants, and Electors of the Borough of Hindon in the County of Wilts, has been presented to his Majesty by William Steele and Henry Calthorpe, Esqrs. their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochford: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.