

Numb. 8477.

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Saturday October 19. to Tuesday October 22. 1745.

St. James's, October 22.

THE following Address of the Bishop, Præcentor and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of St. David's, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of St. David's, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Fauconberg, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, Præcentor and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of St. David's.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Præcentor and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of St. David's, beg leave to present our most humble and sincere Congratulations to your sacred Majesty upon your happy Return to your British Dominions, as well as upon the successful Event of your Royal Councils and Labours in replacing the Imperial Crown of Germany in the House of Austria, and thereby restoring a Prospect of Liberty and Peace to Europe.

It is with grateful Sense of this and the many other Blessings of your Gracious Reign, that we approach your Majesty's Throne, not without the highest Indignation that there should any be found in these Kingdoms so wickedly insensible of them, as at the same time to forget the Duty and Allegiance they owe to your Majesty as Subjects, and the Regard that is due to the true Interest and Happiness of themselves and their Countrymen as Britons, by traiterously abetting the Attempts of a Popish Pretender and his Family, in Concurrence with the perpetual Enemies and most dangerous Rivals of your Kingdoms, for the Subversion of all that is dear to us, the secure Enjoyment of our Religion and Liberties

(Price Six-pence.)

under your Majesty's just and mild Administration.

And as we cannot behold this Rebellious Attempt, so full of national Slavery and Ruin, but with the utmost Abhorrence and Detestation, when we consider ourselves in the Light of Subjects and of Englishmen, so do we think ourselves bound in an especial Manner as Protestants and Clergymen, to exert our utmost Endeavours, both by our earnest Prayers to Almighty God, and by Diligence and Zeal in our proper Sphere, to disappoint a Design, whose natural and undoubted End can never be any other than the Subversion of the pure and reformed Religion, and the Establishment of papal Tyranny and Superstition in these Kingdoms; since as well from the Experience of all former times, as from the known Cruelty and Faithfulness of the Romish Policy, we are thoroughly assured, that a popish Prince and a protestant Church must be ever inconsistent.

May God long preserve your Majesty an happy Instrument in his Hand, to avert so fatal an Event from this Church and Nation, and to procure and convey the Blessings his Mercy has yet in Store for them; and may the Throne of these Kingdoms be so firmly established in your Royal House, as therein to perpetuate our excellent Constitution to all future Generations.

The following Voluntary Engagement and Association of the Gentlemen and principal Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Percival, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Fauconberg, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Voluntary Engagement and Association his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The Voluntary Engagement and Association of the Gentlemen and principal Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

WHereas a great Number of Papists, and other traiterous Persons in North Britain, are