

WHEREAS there is now a horrid and unnatural Rebellion formed and carried on by Papists and other wicked and traitorous Persons, countenanced and supported by the implacable Enemies of our Country, with an Intent to dethrone his Majesty King George, to subvert our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and to place the Crown of Great-Britain on the Head of a Popish Pretender, who must for his own Sake be dependant on France and Rome: We whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being fully convinced that an Union of Hearts and Forces will greatly conduce to his Majesty's Safety, and the Protection of our Country, do voluntarily and firmly bind ourselves, every one of us the one to the other, jointly and severally, in the Bond of one loyal Society, and do hereby solemnly promise, That with our Bodies, Lives and Estates, we and every one of us will stand by and assist each other in the Support and Defence of his Majesty's sacred Person and Government; and will as well with Force of Arms, as by all other lawful Means, withstand the said Popish Pretender and Traitors, and all Manner of Persons and their Abettors, who shall attempt, act, counsel or consent to any Thing that shall tend to the Harm of his Majesty King George, or any of his Royal Family. All which we will faithfully perform, according to the plain Sense and Meaning of the above written Instrument, as we hope for the Favour of Almighty God, and the Esteem of good Men.

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury of the County of Kent, has been presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Custos Rotulorum of the said County: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury, assembled at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Kent, holden at Maidstone the 8th of October, 1745.

May it please your Majesty,

WITH Hearts full of Loyalty, we offer our sincere Congratulations on your Majesty's safe Return to your British Dominions, (happily for us) at a Time when your Royal Presence is so necessary for the Defence of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, the Subversion of which is now threatened by an actual Rebellion in Scotland, rais'd by a popish Pretender to your Crown.

It is with a due Detestation and Abhorrence of such Attempts we pray Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will not only put the Laws

now in being, for the Defence of your Majesty's Person and Government, zealously into Execution, but will be always ready, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, to support and maintain your Majesty's rightful Title to the Crown of these Realms, against all Pretenders thereto, or Invaders thereof, and their Adherents or Abettors whatsoever.

May the Divine Providence bless your Majesty's Arms with Success; make your Reign long and happy, and grant a Protestant Succession in your illustrious House to reign over us and our Posterity until Time shall be no more.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Essex, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Hon. the Earl Fitzwalter, being introduced by the Right Honourable 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.

At the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second, held in and for the County of Essex, the Eighth Day of October, in the Nineteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Essex, assembled at our General Quarter Sessions, most humbly beg Leave to declare to your Majesty, our Abhorrence of the insolent and rebellious Designs which are now carrying on in some Parts of your Dominions in Favour of a Popish Pretender, and in Opposition to the Happiness we enjoy by the Establishment of your Majesty upon the Throne of these Realms.

When we consider that these Disturbances were first fomented here by our most inveterate Enemies abroad, as the most effectual Means of dividing the Allied Power, and aggrandizing their own, to the general Destruction of the common Liberties of Europe: When we reflect on the yet more immediate Consequences to ourselves, in these daring Attempts to overthrow our Religion, Laws and Liberties; and when we are convinced that the Emiffary now sent over is only made use of to be subservient to these destructive and inglorious Ends, we cannot but be filled with the highest Detestation against such a Tool of France, such a Friend to Rome, and such an Invader of the British Constitution.

Whilst on the other Hand, it is with the warmest