

Enemy, and be extremely beneficial to the Trade and Navigation of Great Britain.

We also beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon the Election of an Emperor, an Event of the utmost Importance to Europe in general, and which may be justly imputed to your Majesty's generous Concern, and unwearied Endeavours, for the Support of the common Cause, and which will greatly contribute towards extinguishing that Flame which has spread so universally, and be an effectual Means, of restoring the former Repose and Tranquillity of Europe.

We should be wanting to ourselves and our Country, if we did not, at this critical Juncture, declare to your Majesty our utmost Abhorrence of the Invasion of your Majesty's Kingdoms, by a popish Pretender, bred up in the Church of Rome, and in Principles destructive to the Religion, Laws and Liberties of our Country; supported by France, the common Disturber of the Tranquillity of Europe, whose restless and ambitious Spirit encourages her to attempt the undermining the Liberties of all Mankind, and to reduce Great Britain in particular, to the wretched Condition of becoming a Province to France, and of being solely at her Will and Disposal.

As we are truly sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Reign, and are thoroughly perswaded, that the only Security to our happy Constitution in Church and State, depends upon your Majesty's being firmly established upon the Throne of these Realms, and the Succession being continued in your Majesty's Royal Line;

We do, with Hearts full of Zeal and Gratitude, assure your Majesty, that we will, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, support your Majesty against the bold and insolent Attempts of your Majesty's Enemy's, who have broke out into an unnatural Rebellion; a Crime of the most heinous Nature, and greatly aggravated by their having long experienced and enjoyed that Lenity which has so eminently distinguished your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Stafford, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Gower, Lord Privy Seal, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Fauconberg: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace of the County of Stafford,

assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for the said County, this Ninth Day of October, 1745.

WE the above-named Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, whose Names are subscribed, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon your safe Arrival in your Kingdom of Great Britain, and the happy Success of your Arms in taking of Cape Breton.

We detest the Attempts made by any of your Subjects to overturn your Government, and introduce Popery and arbitrary Power amongst us, which we are determin'd to oppose, to the utmost of our Power, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes.

We have fresh Reason to congratulate your Majesty upon the happy Arrival of so many of your Majesty's British Troops in these Dominions at this critical Juncture, and when the rest are arrived (which we hope will be soon) we doubt not, but by the Blessing of God, and the general Union which appears among all your English Subjects, that all Dangers from foreign Invasions will vanish, and that our happy Constitution will be transmitted safe to latest Posterity under your Majesty's Royal Family.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of Shaftsbury, Lord Lieutenant of the said County, attended by several of the principal Gentlemen, &c. 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.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, assembled at a General Meeting of the said County, held at Dorchester the Ninth Day of October, 1745.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, at a General Meeting of the said County, held at Dorchester, with all Humility beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on your safe and happy Return to Great Britain; as also to express our