

our Abhorrence and Detestation of the present unnatural Rebellion; a Rebellion begot and nursed up by foreign Counsels, depending for its Growth on foreign Assistance, and tending to subject this Nation in the End to foreign Powers; a Rebellion, which none can espouse, but those who are Advocates for Despotism, and are ready to become the wretched Instruments of the insatiable Cruelty of the Court of Rome, and the restless Ambition of the Court of France.

We further beg Permission to assure your Majesty, that with a steady Affection we will, to the utmost of our Power, defend and support your Royal Person and Family against the Pretender and his Adherents, as it is on a Protestant Government only we can rely for the Security of our civil and religious Rights.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and principal Inhabitants of Bideford, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Gower, Lord Privy Seal: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants of Bideford.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and principal Inhabitants of Bideford, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return to your British Dominions; on the Success of your Negotiations Abroad in Favour of the House of Austria; and on the glorious Success of your Royal Navy in America, in taking the important Island of Cape Breton, whereby France is deprived of that grand Nursery of her Sailors, and the Maritime Power of that Kingdom is undermined, and her Colonies in North America are render'd defenceless and useless to her.

As these Successes, which tend to the Preservation of the Balance of Power and the Liberties of Europe, and to the Increase and Defence of the Trade and Navigation of Great Britain, and for the Reduction of the exorbitant Power of France, have stirr'd up her Resentment against your Majesty, and to favour the Designs of a popish Pretender; so these Successes of your Majesty ought, by every true Briton, to be esteem'd additional Glories of your Majesty's Reign, and to unite all their Hearts and Affections in true Loyalty for your Majesty, who is their gracious Defender,

We are too sensible of the innumerable Blessings we happily enjoy under your most gracious Majesty; we are too sensible of the wide

Difference between a Protestant and a Popish Government, between an absolute and limited Monarchy, between a Parliamentary Right to the Crown in your Majesty, and the vain ill-grounded Claim of the popish Pretender, to exchange our glorious and happy Constitution, and the legal Establishment of the Crown, for an Arbitrary Popish Government, under a Vicaroy of France: Against all such Attempts, manifestly destructive to the Rights and Liberties of the British Nation, which, under your Majesty, will be ever safe, your Majesty may be assured of our utmost Opposition, with all our Lives and Fortunes. That your Majesty may long reign for the Glory, Happiness and Protection of Britain; that all the Plots and Designs of France and the Pretender, against this Nation, may with Shame and Confusion for ever be defeated, is our hearty and united Prayer.

The following Address of the Justices of Peace for the County of Wilts, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Duplin, accompanied by the Lord Harry Powlett, Edward Baynton, Esq; William Rawlison Earle, Esq; John Garth, Esq; Robert Neale, Esq; and other Justices of the Peace for the said County, 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 Justices of Peace for the County of Wilts, in their Quarter Sessions assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace for the County of Wilts, at their General Quarter Sessions assembled, take this first Opportunity (lamenting that we had not an earlier) of approaching your most sacred Person.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon your safe Return to this Kingdom, after having given a Head to the Empire, and upon the Success of your Majesty's Arms in the Conquest of Cape Breton.

We cannot at the same Time sufficiently express our Detestation of the Invasion made upon your Majesty's Dominions in Favour of a popish and abjured Pretender to the Crown of these Realms.

When we consider this Invasion as the plain and undoubted Consequence of the glorious Part your Majesty has taken in the Defence of the Liberties of Europe, and the Protection of the Trade