

Trade and most important Rights of your Majesty's Subjects, it is impossible for us not to look upon ourselves to be bound by all the Ties and Obligations of Duty, Honour and Gratitude, to exert our utmost Abilities in Support and Defence of your Majesty, against all your Enemies and Opposers both at Home and Abroad.

But how great and affecting soever these Considerations may be, yet they almost vanish and disappear, when we reflect upon the Danger our Liberties, civil and religious, must necessarily be exposed to, from an Attempt to establish a popish and arbitrary Government amongst us, by the Power of France and Policy of Rome.

And as we are thoroughly convinced, that a Government, so introduc'd and supported, must inevitably be attended with Tyranny and Oppression both in Church and State; give us Leave to assure your Majesty, that we want Words to express our Zeal and Readiness to concur in any Measures that your Majesty's great Wisdom shall suggest, for the averting what we shall for ever think the greatest Evil that can possibly befall us.

With infinite Pleasure and Satisfaction we reflect, that the Support of your Majesty's undoubted Title to the Crown of these Realms, is but the just Return of Gratitude for all the Blessings we have enjoyed under your Majesty's just and mild Administration, and the only Means of securing to ourselves the Continuance of all that is dear and valuable to us.

That the Crown of these Realms may be continued in your Majesty's most illustrious House, for the Security of the Protestant Religion, the Laws and Liberties of Great Britain, till Time shall be no more, are the ardent Wishes of,

Your Majesty's most dutiful  
and loyal Subjects.

The following Address of the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy of the County of Rutland, having been transmitted by the Right Honourable the Earl of Gainsborough, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to his Majesty; Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Nobility, Gentry and Clergy of the County of Rutland, at a General Meeting at Oakham, this Eleventh Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and forty-five.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Nobility, Gentry and Cler-

gy of the County of Rutland, do most sincerely congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return to these Realms, on the Success of your Endeavours to obtain the Imperial Crown for the Great Duke of Tuscany, and on the important Conquest of Cape Breton.

As the Joy we feel from these happy Events, is so unseasonably interrupted by the present wicked Attempts in Scotland, in Favour of a popish Pretender to your Crown, we beg Leave to take this Opportunity of expressing our Detestation of so daring and unnatural a Rebellion, by which all that is valuable and dear to us is threatened with Destruction. We assure your Majesty that we will, to the utmost of our Power, exert ourselves in the Defence of your Majesty's Person, your Government, and our present happy Constitution.

It is our sincere and fervent Wish, that your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous, and that the Succession to the Crown of Great Britain may continue in your Royal Family uninterrupted and secure.

The following Association of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Freeholders, and other principal Inhabitants of the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull, having been transmitted by John Froggott, Esq; their Mayor, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to his Majesty: Which Association his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

**WHEREAS** there is now a horrid and unnatural Rebellion, formed and carried on in Scotland by Papists and other wicked and traitorous Persons, countenanced and supported by the old and inveterate Enemies of our Country, and Religion and Liberties thereof, the Crowns of France and Spain, in order to dethrone his present Majesty King George, the only rightful and lawful King of these Realms; and having subverted our Religion, Laws and Liberties (which God forbid) to set upon the Throne a popish Pretender, a Dependant and a Slave to those tyrannous and corrupted Courts; We the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Freeholders, and other principal Inhabitants of the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull, whose Names are subscribed to this Writing, and every of us, being of Opinion that in Times so full of Danger and treasonable Practices as these are, an Union of our Hearts and Forces will be most conducing to his Majesty's Safety, and the publick Good of our Country, do voluntarily and willingly bind ourselves, every one of us, to the other, jointly and severally, in the Band of one firm and loyal Society, and do hereby promise, that