

the Satisfaction it has afforded your Subjects in general, proves in a more particular Manner agreeable to the Inhabitants of this Part of your Kingdom, from whence a considerable Trade has been long carried on in the Fishery of Newfoundland. We have now a Prospect of extending and improving that profitable Branch of Commerce, and return your Majesty our Thanks, with an Affection and Warmth suitable to the Importance of so great a Benefit.

But we are more especially desirous to lay Hold of the present Occasion to express to your Majesty our utmost Detestation and Abhorrence of that wicked and unnatural Rebellion, which is now carried on in North Britain, contrived and supported by France and Spain, in Favour of a popish Pretender to the Crown of these Realms.

When on the one Hand we consider your Majesty in the Character you have hitherto constantly sustained; that of Guardian and Protector of the Protestant Religion and Liberties of Europe; and, on the contrary, when we reflect what Princes have ever acted as the Invaders and Subverters of the Religious and Civil Rights of Mankind; we are less surprized that any Endeavours from Abroad to disturb the Tranquillity of your Majesty's Government; but it is with Grief and Astonishment that we observe some of your Majesty's Subjects (how few and inconsiderable soever) engaged in so monstrous and desperate an Attempt; an Attempt, which, in Disgrace to the first Principles of human Nature itself, can be no other than a Rebellion for Slavery.

We hereby assure your Majesty; that we will, to the utmost of our Power and Abilities, stand by, assist and support your Majesty, and your Royal Family, against all your Enemies whatsoever, agreeable to this our Association, which we humbly pray your Majesty to accept.

We cannot but look upon it as a most happy Circumstance, that the main Body of your People, of all Degrees and Orders whatsoever, should be voluntarily rising up at once (as they now actually are) in Defence of your Majesty's just Rights, thereby declaring, that they know of no Interests of their own, separate and distinct from those of your Majesty.

We doubt not but that the Divine Providence, which has more than once rescued these Kingdoms from Popery and Arbitrary Power, will strengthen your Majesty's Hands to the subduing of all your Enemies both domestick and foreign; and that the same Spirit of Liberty, which gave Birth to our Constitution, will exert itself in the preserving to us that inestimable Blessing.

The Association.

WHEREAS there is a most wicked and unnatural Rebellion carried on in North

Britain by popish and perjured Traytors, and likely to be supported by an Invasion from Abroad, against his most sacred Majesty, in order to place a popish Pretender on the Throne of these Nations, to the utter Subversion of our Religion, Laws and Liberties;

We the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Devon, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do heartily, sincerely, and solemnly profess, testify, and declare, that his Majesty King George the Second is rightful and lawful King of Great Britain and Ireland, and of all the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging: And we do mutually promise and engage to stand by and assist each other, to the utmost of our Power, in the Support and Defence of his Majesty's Person, Title and Government, against the said Pretender to his Majesty's Crown, and in Support of the Protestant Succession in his Majesty's Royal House, as the same stands by Law established.

And whereas many Estates in this County are held by Leases for Lives, absolute or for Years determinable upon Lives; Now, in order for the further Encouragement of our Tenants to expose themselves in Defence of their Country, if any Person or Persons, who shall enlist or be enlisted in any Regiment or Troop raised for this present Service, by vertue of this Association, or of any Subscription thereon, by whose Life or Lives any of our Estates are or shall be held, shall, in any Part of Great Britain, within Six Months from the Date hereof, happen to be killed, or receive any Wound or Maim (of which he or they shall die within Six Months then next after) in such Service against his Majesty's Enemies foreign or domestick; we do hereby mutually promise and engage, that we will waive our Claims to any Herriots on Account thereof; and will also, within two Months next after such Deaths, at the Request of the Parties respectively interested therein, without any Fine or Consideration, grant a new Lease or Leases, or do such other Acts as shall be requisite for the Renewal or filling up such Estates, to as that our several Lessees shall have the like Interests in their several Estates, as they would have had, if the Persons, on whose Lives they held their Estates, had not engaged in such publick Service.

The following Address and Association of the Nobility, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Norfolk, have been presented to his Majesty by the Right Hon. the Lord Hobart, Lord Lieutenant of the said County, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl Cowper, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which
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