

presented to his Majesty : Which Association his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

An Association of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, Clergy and principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Taunton in the County of Somerset, met there the 25th of October 1745.

WHereas the Blessings of Peace and Liberty, which we have long enjoy'd under the Reigns of your Majesty and your Royal Father, (of blessed Memory to every true Protestant) are now interrupted by a most horrid and unnatural Rebellion, contrived, carried on and supported by the avowed Enemies to our Country and the Protestant Religion, with an Intent to dethrone your Majesty, and deprive your Royal Family of their undoubted Right of Succession to your Dominions, and to enslave your most dutiful and loyal Subjects, and, instead of these Blessings, to set up Popery, arbitrary and tyrannical Government ;

We, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, being convinced that a Union of Hearts and Forces will most contribute to the Safety of your Majesty and your Kingdoms, 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 Lives and Estates, we and every one of us will stand by and assist each other in Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and will, as well by Force of Arms, as by all other effectual Means, oppose the present popish abjur'd Pretender, and all his traiterous Adherents, and all other Persons and their Abettors, who shall attempt, act, council or consent to any Thing tending to the Injury of your Majesty, or any of your Royal Family, all which we declare, before God and the World, we will faithfully perform.

The following Address of the Mayor, Recorder and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Shaftesbury in the County of Dorset, has been presented to his Majesty by Peter Walter, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, 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 Mayor, Recorder and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Shaftesbury in the County of Dorset, in Common Council assembled, and of the Clergy

and principal Inhabitants of the said Borough.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the said Mayor, Recorder, Capital Burgesses, Clergy and principal Inhabitants of the said Borough, most heartily congratulate your Majesty on your safe and seasonable Arrival in your British Dominions, as also on the important Acquisition of Cape Breton ; the Consequence of which needs no other Demonstration, than the Advantages it has already produced : And we cannot, without the highest Ingratitude, omit paying your Majesty our Tribute of Thanks for your indefatigable Pains and Endeavours in compassing the grand Point of the Election of an Emperor of Germany, not only as the Balance of Power in Europe, but, also the Peace and Welfare of these Kingdoms, in particular, so much depend upon it. And we solemnly assure your Majesty, that we have such an Abhorrence and Detestation of the most unnatural as well as ungrateful Rebellion, begun in Scotland, and maliciously abetted by your Majesty's Foreign Enemies in Favour of a popish Pretender, that we will do our utmost to suppress and extinguish it : For we shall not content ourselves with a bare Profession of Duty, and sit tamely down in a State of Inactivity and Security, whilst we see an Attempt made to wrest out of your Royal Hand the Sceptre of these Kingdoms, (to which your Majesty is so justly intitled) whereby we must necessarily be deprived of the Religion, Laws and Liberties, which we now so happily enjoy : We will neither be intimidated by the Dangers which threaten us, nor dazzled or amused with Jesuitical Insinuations of bettering our Condition. We are happy as we are under your Majesty's most just and wise Administration ; and we are the more so, in being thoroughly sensible of it. We want not the Pageantry of the Church of Rome to embellish or improve our Religion, or the Maxims of Policy of France and Spain to amend our Constitution. And as our Forefathers have, by the late Revolution, at the Expence of all that was valuable to them, handed down to us the present Blessings of your auspicious Reign ; it shall be our Endeavour (by joining with the rest of your Loyal Subjects) to transmit them to our latest Posterity, under the Protection of your Majesty and Royal House.

Dated at the New Guildhall in the said Borough, the 30th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and forty-five.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jurys, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Limerick,