

unnatural Rebellion raised in these Kingdoms against your sacred Person and Government.

That the open and declared Enemies of this Country should endeavour to interrupt your Royal Care for the Prosperity of it, and for the general Liberties of Europe, is no more than what in Time of War must be expected: That bigotted Papists, under the Influence of the Courts of France and Spain, should desire to bereave us of the free Exercise of our Religion, is no more than agreeable to the corrupted Principles of the Church of Rome: But that any Protestants, any Subjects of Great Britain, who have so many Years been blessed with the free Enjoyment of their Religion, their Liberty and Estates, under the mild and just Administration of Government in the Hands of your Majesty and your Royal Father, should again think of lifting up their Arms in Favour of a popish, abjur'd Pretender, is what nothing, but the highest Degree of Infatuation or Perfidy can account for; an Undertaking, which none but the most Profligate can Espouse, and the most abandon'd Encourage or Foment. We disdain their Principles, and abhor their Practice. We beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our warmest Zeal for your Service, and that we shall be ready, in the most effectual Ways, to exert our utmost Powers in Defence of our happy Constitution in Church and State, the Security of which we look upon as inseparable from the Continuance of the Crown in your Royal Family.

May the great God of Heaven ward off the Blow now levell'd against it! May he grant your Majesty a long and happy Reign over a Protestant and Free People; and raise up Princes of your Royal House to be the Blessings of these Kingdoms to our latest Posterity!

The following Address of the Bailiffs, Burgesses and Commonalty of the Borough of Ludlow, in the County of Salop, has been presented to his Majesty by the Hon. Richard Herbert, Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Harcourt, 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,

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bailiffs, Burgesses and Commonalty of the Borough of Ludlow, in the County of Salop, do most sincerely congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return to your British Dominions.

We beg Leave to declare our just Abhorrence of the unnatural Rebellion in the North, begun

and carried on with an avow'd Intention of fixing upon your Majesty's Throne a popish Pretender, whom we have solemnly abjured.

The Insurrection of a Body of desperate Highlanders, would not have spread this universal Alarm, were it not undoubtedly the Step taken to introduce the Execution of the general Plan, form'd by the united Councils of France and Spain, for the Destruction of the People of England: And for this plain Reason, that the People of England, truly sensible of the invaluable Blessings of Liberty, have long been the Guardians and Assertors of the Liberties of Europe, against the ambitious Views of those Crowns.

In Times so full of Danger, when we are expos'd to the Calamities of a Foreign War, disturb'd with Rebellious Insurrections at Home, and threaten'd with powerful Invasions from Abroad; Assurances however sincere, and mere Words, are inadequate to the dreadful Mischiefs we have to fear: We have therefore most solemnly engaged and bound ourselves (together with those your Majesty's faithful Subjects of this County, who have associated themselves) in the Band of one firm and loyal Society, to stand by and assist each other, in the Support and Defence of your Majesty's Person, Government and Family; on the Preservation of which depend our Religion, Laws and Liberties.

May the Almighty Hand of Providence defend and keep your Majesty, and give you the Victory over all your Enemies.

Given under our Hands, and the common Seal of the said Borough, on Monday the Twenty-eighth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty five.

The following Address of the Portreve, Bailiff, Officers, and principal Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Great Bedwin, in the County of Wilts, has been presented to his Majesty by Sir Edward Turner, Bart. 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,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Portreve, Bailiff, Officers, and principal Inhabitants of the ancient Borough of Great Bedwin, in the County of Wilts, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on your safe and seasonable Arrival in this Kingdom, and to assure your Majesty of our inviolable Attachment to your Majesty and your Government