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THE following Address of the Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Leeward Islands, the Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, and the Council and Assembly of St. Christophers, having been transmitted 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.

St. Christophers.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Leeward Islands, the Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, and the Council and Assembly of St. Christophers.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

THE last Occasion which we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Leeward Islands, the Lieutenant General of the Leeward Islands, and the Council and Assembly of your Majesty's Island of St. Christopher, had, to approach in this Manner your Royal Presence, was to implore your Protection against the Dangers we were then threatned with, by the Arrival of a powerful Squadron of French Ships in these Seas.

In the Midst of those our Distresses, we had no Resource but to Heaven and your Majesty; and the tender and fatherly Concern your Majesty was pleased to shew for our Preservation and Safety, by sending to our Relief a sufficient Naval Force, under the Command of Admiral Townshend, now calls for all the Returns of Affection, Duty and Gratitude, which we can owe or pay to the best of Kings.

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When we reflect on the Difficulties which your Majesty has undertaken, the Labours you have sustained, and the Hazards you have exposed your Royal Person to, for the general Good of all your Dominions, in rescuing our Liberties from foreign and arbitrary Attempts; and whilst we see your Majesty intent on the Welfare of your People, and employed in the glorious Task of procuring Peace and Quiet for all Christendom, what an Abhorrence must it raise in the Breast of every Well-wisher to his Country, to find your Majesty's Attention to such Pursuits diverted by a most unnatural Rebellion?

On so interesting an Occasion, we cannot suppress our Detestation of so black a Treason; Sure none but a few of the most flagitious, or the weak, (of which every Soil produces some) could have been engaged or deluded into an Attempt so desperate, as that of involving their Country in Blood and Confusion.

The present Rebellion therefore may justly be the Object of your Majesty's Contempt, but in your loyal Subjects it must excite the highest Indignation and Resentment against the Abettors of it; for it is the greatest Insult to our Understandings and common Sense, to suppose us capable of changing the Protestant Religion for Bigottry and Superstition, and our Liberties and Properties for Slavery and arbitrary Power, and to give up the best of Sovereigns for a popish Pretender.

But as Providence frequently not only disappoints the Designs of evil Men, but by its unsearchable Workings makes them subservient to the best of Purposes; so we hope and firmly believe, that this wicked Attempt, calculated by our Enemies for overthrowing the Protestant Religion, and subverting your Majesty's Government, will prove an effectual Means for strengthening both.

The Distance we are at from your Royal Person, prevents our joining your faithful Subjects of Great Britain, in a Tender of our Lives and Fortunes for your Majesty's immediate Defence;