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THE following Address of those who have been in the Offices of Magistrates, and Members of the Common Council of the City of Aberdeen, 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.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of those who have been in the Offices of Magistrates, and Members of the Common Council of the City of Aberdeen, together assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, beg Leave most humbly to approach your Majesty, to testify our firm and inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to the Succession in your most illustrious House; also our hearty Detestation of the present unnatural Rebellion, carried on by our ungrateful Countrymen.

It was with the greatest Grief and Concern of Mind we beheld the first Beginnings of it in the Highlands, and like a Torrent overspreading this Country. And as our Town lay quite open to the IncurSIONS of the Rebels, what Cannon, Small Arms and Ammunition we had provided for the Defence of our Harbour against French Privateers, we deliver'd up to your Majesty's General then among us, to prevent their falling into rebellious Hands. This did not fail to draw down the Resentment of the Rebels. Upon their first entering the Town, being the Day of our Election of Magistrates, they not only, after an unprecedented Manner, insulted our late Provost, and such others of the Magistrates and Members of the Common-Council they could apprehend, but put a Stop to the Election, and ever since have used us with di-

stinguish'd Severity and Rigour, by imposing exorbitant Taxes and severer Exactions than upon any of the neighbouring Towns and Counties. Notwithstanding of all which, we neglected no Opportunity our Circumstances would permit, of testifying our Loyalty, by keeping a Correspondence with the Friends of your Majesty's Government, and giving them what Intelligence we could, to the most imminent Hazard and Danger of our Lives and Fortunes, which we are firmly resolv'd upon all Occasions to employ in Defence of the Protestant Succession and Liberties of our Country.

Permit us, Sir, with the profoundest Veneration and Gratitude, to make our warmest Acknowledgments for so distinguish'd an Instance for your Majesty's Fatherly Care of your People, as that of sending your Royal Son, our great Deliverer, to finish by his Presence the glorious Work, which the Terror of his Name hath so happily begun. We beg Leave to congratulate the Success of your Majesty's Arms under the Conduct of our Illustrious Hero, and with the utmost Joy and Thankfulness to recognize the Honour of his August Presence in our City; a Presence which strikes our Enemies with Terror, and inspires Courage into your Majesty's Troops, and all the Friends of Liberty. We pray God to preserve the Person of his Royal Highness, and to give such Weight and Vigour to your Majesty's Arms under him, as may not only speedily quell the present unnatural Rebellion, but may turn your Majesty's Arms upon the Disturbers of the Peace of Europe, and teach Arbitrary Power itself to rule within Bounds.

Long may your Majesty live great and happy, and, by a wise and moderate Government, render your People free and flourishing at Home, great and formidable Abroad; and may those inestimable Blessings be transmitted by your Majesty's Royal Line, through a long Succession of Ages, till Time be no more; which is the hearty and constant Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Aberdeen,
March 8,
1746.

Your Majesty's most loyal,
most dutiful and obedient
Subjects.

[Price Two Pence.]

Constable