

Kingdoms from the late impending Dangers, with a Joy as sincere as the Occasion is signal.

We beheld with Grief and Detestation an ungrateful and deluded People, combined against their own Happiness, and desperately engaged in open Rebellion against thy Person and Government, wickedly attempting to subject a free People to the Miseries of a popish and arbitrary Power.

As none among all thy Protestant Subjects exceed us in an Aversion to the Tyranny, Idolatry and Superstition of the Church of Rome; so none lie under more just Apprehensions of immediate Danger from their destructive Consequences, or have greater Cause to be thankful to the Almighty, for the Interposition of his Providence in our Preservation.

A Preservation so remarkable makes it our indispensable Duty also to acknowledge the King's paternal Care for the Safety of his People, of which he hath given the most assured Pledge, in permitting one of his Royal Offspring to expose himself to the greatest of Dangers for their Security.

May we, and all thy faithful Subjects, demonstrate the Sincerity of our Gratitude for this signal Instance of the Divine Favour, by the deepest Humiliation, and by turning every one of us from the Evil of our Ways: And may those who are placed in Authority over us, by the Influence of their own Example, add Vigour to the Laws, enacted for the general Suppression of Vice and Immorality; so may we have an assured Ground of Hope and Confidence in God, that he who hath hitherto helped, will never withdraw his Mercies from us.

We earnestly beseech him, by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree Justice, that his Providence may ever attend thy Royal Person and Family, and make even the Efforts of thine Enemies conducive to the Establishment of thy Throne in perfect Peace; give Success to thy Endeavours for settling the General Tranquillity of Europe on a lasting Foundation, and grant, that an uninterrupted Race of Kings of thy Royal Progeny, may perpetuate the Blessings of thy Reign to our Posterity.

Dated in London the 22d of the third Month called May, 1746.

The above Address was signed by 266 Persons.

To which Address his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

*I Thank you for this Address of Congratulation. The just Concern you have shewn therein for me, and my Family, is very agreeable to me; and you may always depend upon my Protection.*

The following Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council of the Borough of Leicester, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Hon. the Earl of Harborough, 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, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Leicester.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Leicester, being truly sensible of the great Danger our happy Constitution has been lately in, from Popery and Foreign Arbitrary Power, beg Leave, to the utmost of our Abilities, to express our Gratitude to your Majesty for our late great and signal Deliverance.

Your Majesty's Wisdom and paternal Care for these Kingdoms was never more conspicuous than in your sending your Son his Royal Highness the Duke, to curb the restless Spirits of your Majesty's and the Nation's Enemies; who has been the happy Instrument, under God, and your Majesty, of restoring and securing to us, our Laws, Trades, Liberties and Religion; and we are at a Loss to know, whether we ought most to admire his Royal Highness's profound Judgment, in the Disposition he made of your Majesty's Forces at the late Battle of Culloden, or his intrepid Courage, and Contempt of Death and Danger, in the Course of that glorious Day.

As the late Rebellion was the first Interruption any of your Majesty's Subjects ever received, during your auspicious Reign, in the Enjoyment of their Civil Rights and Liberties, so by the late Victory we look upon ourselves as fully restored to the Possession of those inestimable Blessings; and trust and are firmly satisfied, that we shall continue to enjoy them as long as your Majesty or any of your Royal Family shall sit upon the Throne of these Kingdoms; which we pray may be to the latest Generations.

Given under our Common Seal this Sixteenth Day of May 1746.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the Borough of Stafford, in the County of Stafford, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Hon. the Lord