

the late Reduction of Cape Breton in North America, affords us at once the Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty on the double Success of your Arms; an Interruption so fatal to their Commerce, and so important an Acquisition to our own, gives us full Assurance, that while Trade and Navigation remain Characteristicks of the English Name, so copious a Nursery of both will descend an unalienable Member of her Dominions: To a People animated with this Confidence, the Event has communicated such Transport as would have been unknown to the Royal Breast, had not your Majesty from your most early Relation to the Crown of Great Britain, adopted all those Passions for the true Interest of the Subject, which Nature has implanted in the Subject for his own.

Possess'd with these Sentiments of your Royal Heart, and spirited with repeated Experience of your Love to the British Name and Constitution, permit us, most gracious Sovereign, with Horror and Amazement, to resent the unnatural Rebellion so impiously kindled against the Father of his People: To the glorious Revolution our Fathers ow'd their Deliverance from Bondage both in Church and State; from that Period they, as well as their Sons, have enjoy'd those Liberties in the one, as have been limited by the Laws and Maxims of a free Government; and that Profession in the other, as has been conformable to the Principles and Tenets of the most pure Religion: With how deep Design then has the execrable Plan been concerted to strip our Posterity of both, by rebelliously seeking to turn back the Privileges which have revolv'd from that auspicious Æra, and by traiterously conspiring to exterminate those sacred Blessings which must end with the Succession of the Crown in the Protestant and illustrious House of Hanover.

May the same Divine Providence that hitherto has watched over the civil and religious Rights of Britain, preserve your Majesty, as the present Defender of our Faith and Freedom: May it in Mercy to these Kingdoms continue down its Protection with your Royal Line, that this Nation may in future never want an hereditary Guardian, while it may in future be distracted by an hereditary Rebellion, as often as the Councils of France shall instigate the Treason, or the Superstitions of Rome inflame the Traytor.

To confirm these Rights, and to secure to ourselves and Posterity these invaluable Blessings, give us Leave, with Hearts full of the most cordial Duty, to assure your Majesty, that we have not only with our Lips unfeignedly abjured all foreign Claims to your Throne, but we shall be ever ready, with our Lives and Fortunes, to assert the undoubted Title of our Sovereign and his Successors; not more firmly establish'd by the Laws, than the Af-

fections of the People: And that we may shew forth the Stability and Attachment of this your Majesty's Island, we will, on all Occasions, convince the foreign and domestick Enemies of your Crown, that those Ties of Conscience and Allegiance which connect the Subject to their Sovereign, are on both Sides so closely riveted, that they must in vain expect a Revulsion of the one without the other.

We are, Dread Sir,

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

The following Address of the Grand Jury for the Island of Barbados, having been transmitted by Sir Thomas Robinson, Bart. their Governor, 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 the Grand Jury for the Island of Barbados, at a Court of Grand Sessions, Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery, and General Sessions of the Peace held for the Body of the said Island, in the Town of St. Michael, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 10th and 11th of December, in the Year of our Lord 1745.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WHILE the Hearts and Hands of your Majesty's Subjects of this Island in general are employed in those Prayers and Offices, which at this Juncture become the most dutiful and loyal of Men; We the Grand Inquest beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence, and thus impannell'd in the Service of our Country, jointly to pour forth those Sentiments of Duty and Obedience, in our publick Station, which as Individuals, we shall endeavour to practise in our private Lives and Example.

With most profound Gratitude we acknowledge the large Share we enjoy in the Blessings of your Majesty's auspicious Reign; which as it has hitherto preserv'd, so may it long continue in the same illustrious Succession, still to preserve to us and our Posterity, both our civil and religious Liberties.

It is with Consternation we have heard of the most daring Attempt that is form'd against your Majesty's Crown and Kingdoms; and however distant it is our Fortune to be remov'd from the Scene of Rebellion, yet our incorrupted Loyalty brings every Danger near us, that in your Majesty's Person and Family threatens the Protestant Cause, and the Liberty of the Nation; We therefore take this Occasion to renew to your Majesty the Assurances of our inviolable

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