

pleas'd to receive very graciously; and they had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of Norwich, in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WITH Hearts fill'd with every Sentiment which the warmest Gratitude and most affectionate Duty can inspire, we the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of Norwich, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Person, and to declare the deep Sense we have, and ever must retain, of your Majesty's wise and upright Administration of Government, which has justly render'd you the best of Kings, and us, under your auspicious Reign, the happy Possessors of true Religion and civil Liberty.

We feel and cannot but express our utmost Indignation at the daring Threats of our inveterate Enemies to invade these Kingdoms, as the whole World must be convinced such Threats arise from your Majesty's paternal and steady Conduct in asserting your undoubted Rights to your American Dominions.

The wise Measures pursued by your Majesty for putting these Kingdoms in a proper State of Defence, with that Unanimity and Zeal which every where appear at this critical Conjunction, will, we trust, disappoint so desperate and flagitious an Undertaking.

We beg Leave most humbly to assure your Majesty, that we think ourselves bound by every Consideration, Human and Divine, to defend and support your sacred Person and Government, to which our Lives and Fortunes will be ever freely devoted.

May Divine Providence guard and prolong your important Life; give Success to your Councils and Arms against all Opposition; and may the Enjoyment of our civil and religious Liberties, under the Protection of your Majesty and your illustrious House, be conveyed to the latest Posterity.

Given under our Common Seal this Fourth Day of April 1756.

The following Address of the High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of York, assembled at the Assizes for the said County, has been presented to His Majesty by George Montgomery Metham, Esq; High Sheriff of the said County: Which Address His Majesty was pleas'd to receive very graciously; and to con-

fer the Honour of Knighthood on the said George Montgomery Metham.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of York, assembled at the Assizes for the said County.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Sheriff and Grand Jury for the County of York, having observ'd by your Majesty's most gracious Message to both Houses of Parliament, a settled Design form'd by our most inveterate and dangerous Enemy the French King, for an Invasion either of your Majesty's Dominions of Great Britain or Ireland, think ourselves bound by all the Obligations of Duty and Affection to your Majesty's sacred Person and most equitable Government, to express our grateful and just Sense of your Majesty's great Goodness, Wisdom and Prudence, in taking every necessary Precaution to frustrate so unjust and so unprovok'd an Attempt. When we consider how much your Majesty reigns in the Hearts of your People, and the many glorious Actions of our Ancestors in the Defence of the Liberty we now most uninterruptedly enjoy, we cannot look upon such a daring Attempt without the greatest Indignation.

But as the Injustice, as well as Insolence of our Enemy is circumscrib'd by no Bounds, and at the same Time attended and supported by great Military Force, we cannot omit assuring your Majesty of our Readiness and Desire of engaging in the Defence of your Royal Person, Family and Government, with our Lives and Fortunes; and that if it shall be thought proper to put Arms into the Hands of your Subjects, we will be the Foremost to use them in the Chastisement of your Enemies; establishing the Glory of your Majesty's Reign, and the Peace and Happiness of your Subjects and Kingdoms.

May your Majesty's Reign over these Kingdoms be long and happy, and may our latest Posterity, a free and grateful People like ourselves, for ever enjoy, under Princes of your Majesty's Royal Blood, those invaluable Blessings which your Majesty's glorious, just and moderate Reign, has so remarkably and paternally diffus'd amongst all your People.

*Naples, March 10.* Six of our Chebecks put to Sea last Week on a Cruize against the Barbary Corsairs, who have lately very much infested the Coasts of this Kingdom, and greatly interrupted our Commerce.

*Rome, March 13.* 'Tis now said that the Promotion of Cardinals, in Favour of the Recommendations