

Council of the Town of Lancaster in Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs, Aldermen, Capital Burgeſſes, and Common Council of the Town of Lancaster, moſt humbly implore your Majesty's Pardon for taking off your Royal Attention at this Time from Affairs of the higheſt Importance, when your Majesty's Kingdoms are threatned with an Invaſion by the avow'd Enemies of the Liberties of Mankind, as well as your Majesty.

But being greatly alarm'd for the Safety of your Majesty's Perſon, and fired with Indignation at the Inſults offer'd to your Majesty for exerting that Power God has put into your Hands in maintaining the ſettled and acknowledged Rights of Great Britain in America, we cannot reſiſt the earneſt Deſire we have, at this critical Conjunction, of aſſuring your Majesty, in the moſt ſolemn Manner, of our inviolable Attachment and Fidelity to your Majesty's Sacred Perſon and Government, and our determined Reſolution to ſupport and defend both at the Hazard of all that is dear to us.

Conſcious of the invaluable Bleſſings we enjoy under your Majesty's auſpicious Reign, we pray to Heaven for a long Continuance of that Life on which ſo much depends; and poſſeſſing in the happieſt Degree our Civil and Religious Liberties, we reſt ſecure they will be convey'd down to lateſt Poſterity under the Influence of Princes of your illuſtrious Family, governing according to thoſe Maxims which have ſo juſtly acquired your Majesty the Hearts of your People.

The following Addreſs of the Magiſtrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh has been preſented to His Majesty: Which Addreſs His Majesty was pleaſed to receive very graciously.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majesty.

WE the Magiſtrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, humbly beg Leave to join with all your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, in teſtifying our Abhorrence of the Intentions of the Court of France, to make an Invaſion upon Great Britain or Ireland, an Enterpriſe formed in Deſpair and Rage, on Account of your Majesty's having reſented the Encroachments, Depredations and Murders committed by the French in North America.

It is now above Forty Years ſince their Monarchy was preſerved by the Indulgence ſhew'd them in the Reign of her late Majesty Queen

Anne; the Treaty of Utrecht, which then ſav'd them from Ruin, has been ever ſince their conſtant Object for the Violation of publick Faith.

They lately formed a Scheme to invade your Majesty's Foreign Dominions, merely on Account of your Royal Protection of the Rights of Great Britain, which your Majesty's wife and prudent Meaſures has rendered Abortive; and we cannot now omit expreſſing our great Satisfaction, in the immediate Aſſiſtance we ſhall have from thoſe very Territories, which the common Enemy had mark'd out for Deſtruction: This we owe to your Majesty's gracious Compliance with the Deſires of the two Houſes of Parliament.

May the Almighty long preſerve your Sacred Majesty, the Protector of your Subjects, and Defender of the Rights of Great Britain; and may your Subjects, with Gratitude, be ever ſenſible of the Happineſs they have enjoy'd, and cannot fail to be bleſſ'd with, during your Majesty's Reign.

Edinburgh, April 15, 1756.

Sign'd in Preſence, and by Order of the Council.

Alex. Grant, Preſes.

Madrid, March 5. Her Catholick Majesty has been indispoſed for a few Days, with a Periodical Pain in her Head; but having been blooded, and made uſe of the Bark, ſhe is now entirely recovered. On the 18th and 19th paſt arrived at Cadiz the Register Ships the Oriente, the Ceſar, the Limenna and the Peregrina, from Vera Cruz and the Havanna, together with his Catholick Majesty's Frigate the Conception from the Caraccas; with a Cargo of near two Millions in Specie, above four thouſand Arobes of Cochineal, ſeven thouſand of Indigo, eighty five thouſand of Sugar, and other valuable Effects.

Kensington, April 22.

This Day His Majesty, and the Royal Family, came from St. James's, to reſide here for the Summer.

Whitehall, April 24.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Sir John Pennington, Bart. to be Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of and in the County of Weſtmorland.

The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint Robert Rich, Eſq; to be Governor of Londonderry and Culmore Fort in the Kingdom of Ireland, in the room of Lieutenant General Henry Cornwall, deceaſed.

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