

monalty of the City of York, in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of York, in Common Council assembled, beg Leave, in this important Crisis, when your Kingdoms are threatened with Invasion, to express our unfeigned Affection to your Majesty, and our hearty Indignation and Resentment at so bold and impious an Enterprize.

The Justice of your Majesty's Cause is known to all the World, and we trust, that, by the Blessing of Providence upon your Fleets and Armies, by the Wisdom and Vigilance of your Councils, and by the Courage and Fidelity of your People, the Haughtiness of your Enemies will be humbled, and their Armaments subdued.

The wise and speedy Preparations, made by your Majesty, for the Defence of your Dominions; and the Protection of your People, are but a fresh Instance of what we have long and happily experienced, that the Honour of your Crowns, and the Safety and Welfare of your Subjects, are the constant, invariable Ends of your Government.

We should be unworthy of the Name of Britons, if, in such a Conjunction, we were not willing to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in the Service of your Majesty and our Country. In this common Cause we are firmly united, by the powerful Ties of Duty, Gratitude and Affection; and as we are fully convinced that the Security of our excellent Constitution, and the Safety of your Majesty's Kingdoms do entirely depend upon the Continuance of the present happy Establishment; so we do, with the greatest Zeal and Unanimity, assure your Majesty, that we are ready to encounter any Dangers in the Defence of your Sacred Person and Government, the Protestant Succession in your Illustrious House, and the Religion, Laws and Liberties of our Country.

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Exeter, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Exeter, in Chamber assembled, beg Leave humbly to approach your Throne in this Time of general Apprehension, with the most unfeigned Assurances of our unalterable Fidelity, and zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family, and Government.

A Neighbouring haughty Nation, ever presuming on her exorbitant Force, and ever restless in her Endeavours to enlarge and extend it, had, by repeated Experience, found the Weight and Influence of this Kingdom an insurmountable Barrier, by which her aspiring Views had been hitherto restrained and controuled. Highly irritated at this continual Obstacle, she had laid hold of the Opportunity, given her by the general Tranquility of Europe, to apply her whole Attention, in an undisguised and declared Manner, to diminish the Power, undermine the Trade, and insult the Honour of Great Britain, by incroaching upon and invading her Settlements and Possessions in every Part of the

World. It was in this interesting Conjunction, that we saw, with Hearts full of Joy and the most dutiful Gratitude, that Vigilance and Steadiness, with which your Majesty's Paternal Care interposed, to check those destructive Attempts, to protect every Part of your Dominions however remotely situated, and to vindicate from Outrage the Honour of your Kingdoms.

Enraged at the Disappointment of her ambitious Schemes, that Insolent Nation now threatens us with an Invasion; but those Menaces so publicly and with so much Affectation thrown out, and those mighty Preparations she is making, apparently with a View to effectuate them, excite in us no other Sentiments than those of Resentment and Indignation: Relying on the Divine Assistance and Blessing on the Justice of the National Cause, and entirely confiding in the Wisdom and Prudence of those vigorous Measures, which your Majesty hath taken, and still continues to take, in order to defeat any desperate Attempt which the Rage of our Enemies may prompt them to hazard, we doubt not but your Majesty, seconded by the affectionate Zeal and unanimous Concurrence of all your loyal Subjects, will be enabled, not only to provide for the Security of these your Dominions, but to inspire with Terror in their Turn those proud Disturbers of the General Tranquility, and make them repent their having so wantonly provoked the just Resentments of the British Nation.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we shall most heartily and cheerfully exert our utmost Endeavours, to promote, assist, and render effectual, within the Extent of our several Stations, all such Measures as your Majesty shall judge expedient, for the Security of your Government, the Defence of your Kingdoms, and the Annoyance of your Enemies; and that we shall think no Sacrifice too great, which shall be necessary to secure to us our Religion, Constitution, Liberties and National Independance, which are all at present so dangerously threatened, and so avowedly struck at.

The following Address of the General Meeting of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the County of Perth, has 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 General Meeting of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the County of Perth, assembled within the Burgh of Perth, on the 5th of April 1756.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to take this Opportunity of expressing our grateful Sense of your Majesty's unwearied Attention to the Preservation of the just Rights of your Crown, and to the Protection of the Interests of your Colonies in America, against the unjust Attempts of the French. And at the same Time we do, with the justest Gratitude, acknowledge the vigorous and wise Measures constantly pursued by your Majesty for securing your Dominions both at Home and Abroad, against the unjust Resentments of your Enemies.

And now, when Great Britain and Ireland are threatened with an hostile Invasion from France, we beg Leave to express our Abhorrence of so unjust an Enterprize: And to assure your Majesty, that we will exert our utmost Power, and