

ed. And if French Measures are to be judged of by common Rules, we should also suppose, that the Blow, given to their Fleet by your Majesty's Ships, under the brave Admiral Boscawen, will make them lay aside their boasted Scheme of invading Britain.

At the same Time permit us, Great Sir, with the most profound Deference and Submission, to represent, That this Scheme of an Invasion, however desperate, and therefore never attempted by Louis the Fourteenth, or his Ministers, except when the Change of Government in Britain was recent, and the People unhappily divided; which, thank God, is no more the Case, may notwithstanding be attempted at this Time, the French being baffled in all their other Designs. And as it is also possible, that some few of their Ships may escape the Vigilance of your Majesty's Navy; and impossible for your Majesty, however anxious for the Safety of your People, to have your Ships and Troops stationed round every Part of your extensive Coast; we, in such Situation, apprehend it to be incumbent on all your Majesty's Subjects, from their Allegiance and for Self-preservation, not to remain in a State of Inaction, but to be ready to join in repelling the Invaders: Such in particular we can, on good Grounds, affirm, is the Voice of the Inhabitants of this populous Country, who wait, with Impatience, an Order to put themselves in Readiness.

Notwithstanding of this our Zeal, we find, that the Want and Dilute of Arms renders us at present in a Manner incapable to be of any real Use to ourselves, or to the Publick, should the French make a Descent on these Islands. And for these Reasons most humbly pray, That your Majesty will be pleased to give such Orders for putting this Country in some Posture of Defence, as your Majesty, in your great Wisdom, shall think proper.

That your Majesty may be long preserved for the Good of your People, and the Support of the Protestant Religion, and of the Liberties of Europe: And that all your Descendants may inherit those Princely Virtues, with which you are distinguished, is the constant Prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The most humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of the Burgh of Ayr in Council assembled.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Liberty, with the most profound Humility, to congratulate your Majesty on the glorious Success of your Arms by Sea and Land, whereby the pernicious Designs of our Enemies have been hitherto baffled, our Commerce protected, and the peaceable Possession of the Fruits of our Industry secured to us.

Being sensible of these ineffimable Blessings, enjoyed by us under your Majesty's most auspicious Government, we are ready to hazard our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your sacred Person, and of our Country, now threatened with an Invasion from a perfidious Enemy, rendered desperate by repeated Losses and Disappointments.

As your Majesty's Troops are at present necessarily employed at a Distance from us, we and our fellow Burgesses are very desirous of being put in a Condition of making all the Defence in our Power, and of co-operating with the regular Forces against the Enemy, should they attempt to land on our Coast, or to destroy the Shipping in our Harbour.

But the Want of Arms and Ammunition renders us unable to accomplish these good Purposes.

Allow us further, with the greatest Submission, to lay before your Majesty the defenceless State of the whole Firth of Clyde, in the Trade whereof many Thousands of your faithful Subjects are interested. And to pray in the most humble Manner, that your Majesty will be pleased to give such Orders for Defence of the said Firth, against our Enemies, as the Exigence of the Times will admit. And also, for putting the Inhabitants of this Burgh in such Posture of Defence, as your Majesty, in your great Wisdom, shall think proper.

That your Majesty may have continued Success against your Enemies; and long Reign over a free and happy People; and that there may never be wanting of your Royal Line, inheriting your Princely Virtues, to sit upon the Throne of these Realms, is, and shall be the constant Prayer of your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Magistrates and Council of your Burgh of Ayr.

Signed by our Preses, in our Presence, and by our Appointment,

William Ferguson, Provost.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Mers and Tiviotdale, in Synod assembled.

May it please your Majesty,

THE Provincial Synod of Mers and Tiviotdale beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the signal Success with which the Almighty hath blessed your Majesty's Arms, and to express the Sense they have of the Blessings of your Majesty's Government, their zealous Attachment to your Sacred Person and Royal House, and their Detestation and Abhorrence of all the wicked Designs and Enterprizes of your Majesty's Enemies.

The Justice of your Majesty's Cause, and that Wisdom, Unanimity and Steadiness with which your Majesty's publick Measures have been conducted, have had that visible Countenance from Heaven, by which your Majesty hath been distinguished as the Object of Divine Favour, and your faithful Subjects ensured of Felicity under your auspicious Reign; whilst the unjust and ambitious Attempts of your Majesty's perfidious Enemies have been signally marked, by the Divine Providence, with Confusion and Disappointment.

The Provincial Synod, with Hearts full of Joy, and warm with Love and Gratitude, call to Mind the glorious Success of your Majesty's Arms in Germany, the Expelling of your Enemies from your Electoral Dominions most unjustly assaulted, in Revenge of your Majesty's firm and invariable Attachment to the essential and undoubted Interests of your British Subjects: With Pleasure they call to Mind the Heroick Efforts of your faithful and illustrious Ally the King of Prussia, the Terror of lawless Ambition, and, with your Sacred Majesty, the Guardian of Publick Liberty and of the Protestant Cause: With Hearts thankful to God and to your Majesty, they now behold your Enemies effectually humbled in North America, where, in Violation of the most solemn Treaties, they attacked the British Colonies, and with savage Cruelty assaulted and distressed your Majesty's peaceable and useful Subjects.

With these glorious and happy Events is connected all that is dear to every True Briton, the Security of our Religion, the Preservation of our free and

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