

our Duty and our Inclination call us, most gracious Sovereign, to employ another Part thereof, in expressing our warmest Gratitude to the Author, under God, of this great Blessing to your Kingdoms, and to Mankind: And therefore we humbly crave Leave to hope, that your Majesty will condescend to accept of our respectful and dutiful Congratulations on such a joyful Occasion.

Neither dazzled with the Blaze of Glory, nor sacrificing the Interests of Humanity to a blood-thirsty Revenge, your Majesty, with a Firmness and Greatness of Soul becoming a Patriot King, hath terminated the most bloody and most expensive War, which this Nation ever felt, with Honour and Dignity to yourself, and with a Prospect of great Advantage to your People.

Sensible of the Wisdom, as well as the Magnanimity of these Measures, we, whose Situation near a Manufacturing Country obliged us to observe the ruinous Consequences of War daily increasing, do think it incumbent on us to express our own Sentiments, with a due Deference and Submission to better Judgments, That, while we were rising in Military Fame, we were visibly sinking in the Arts of Peace, thereby giving to our Rivals and Competitors an unspeakable Advantage over us; That the Number of our useful Hands being greatly diminished, and the Industry, the Activity, and the Ingenuity of our People taking a Turn unfavourable to Commerce, we were in imminent Danger, by a longer Prosecution of the War, to have exchanged our true Riches, our real Strength and solid Support, for a Phantom of Glory.

Relieved from these gloomy, but just Apprehensions, by your Majesty's provident Care and seasonable Interposition, we offer up, as in Duty bound, our fervent Prayers to Heaven, That you may long live to reap the Fruits of your Princely Labours; and that your People, by being duly sensible of the Happiness they enjoy under your Paternal Government, may make those grateful Returns of Loyalty and Affection, which are due to the best of Princes.

Given under our Common Seal, in our Council Chamber, the Fifth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Oxford, 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 Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Oxford.

**W**E, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Oxford, beg Leave to approach your Majesty's Royal Person, with our warmest Congratulations on the happy Restoration of the Publick Tranquility; an Event which, we trust, will be attended with the most beneficial Advantages to us and our latest Posterity.

Our Hearts cannot but be filled with the strongest Sentiments of Gratitude and Duty, while we reflect on your Majesty's Affectionate Regard for the real Happiness of these Kingdoms, in putting a Period to the Calamities of an expensive although successful War by a Safe and Honourable Peace.

That disinterested Fortitude and Firmness of Mind, with which your Majesty has so vigorously prosecuted every Measure which could contribute to the Glory or to the Security of your People, has often been the Object of our Admiration. Permit

us now to declare how sensibly we are affected with that distinguished Humanity of Heart, which, in the Career of Conquest, has disposed your Majesty to stop the further Effusion of human Blood, and which compleats the Character of the Victorious Hero, by making him become the Friend and Father of Mankind.

May that unbiassed Spirit of Administration, which has animated your Majesty's Councils in bringing about this important Event, still continue to be exerted, that its Effects may become no less lasting than they are Advantageous and Honourable. And may your Majesty long live to enjoy the Blessings of this Peace, and to share the filial Affections of a Dutiful and United People.

The following Address of the Custos Rotulorum, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Peterborough, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir Matthew Lamb, Bart. Custos Rotulorum of the Liberty of Peterborough, and one of their Representatives in Parliament, together with Armstead Parker, Esq; the other Representative: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Custos Rotulorum, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and Inhabitants of the antient City of Peterborough.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E, the Custos Rotulorum, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, and Inhabitants of the ancient City of Peterborough, most humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the happy Conclusion of the Peace. For although a Just and Necessary War, which was at first entred into by your Royal Grandfather, and since carried on with such Vigour and Prudence by your Majesty, has been uncommonly Successful in every Part of the Globe, and has reflected great Glory on your Majesty's Arms; yet your Faithful and Affectionate People have, by the Continuance thereof, severely felt the Burthen of it in the great Expence of Blood and Treasure, which it has, though necessarily, occasioned. But as a Period is now put to that War, and a General Peace is restored to us, we hope the same will be firm and durable, and that we shall feel the good Consequences of it, by the Extension of our Trade and Commerce, and the Increase of our Manufactures, which may in due Time be the Means of easing your People of some of the Burthens which lie heaviest on them, occasioned by the Necessity of the Times, and by them hitherto most cheerfully borne.

That your Majesty may long live, and reign over us a free and happy People; and that all your Subjects may have a grateful Sense of the many Blessings they enjoy under your Majesty's mild and gracious Government, is our most ardent Wish and Desire.

The following Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City of York, 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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the city of York, in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**ITH the warmest Loyalty, Duty, and Affection, we congratulate your Majesty on the happy Re-establishment of Peace, upon Terms  
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