

struction to the State, and disturb the Happiness and Honour of your Reign.

Signed in our Presence, and by our Appointment, by
John Gordon, Preses.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates, Town-Council, and Burgeses of the Royal Burgh of Banff, most humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty, and with Hearts full of Gratitude, to acknowledge the Blessings we enjoy, and the Satisfaction we feel, in the Protection of our Rights and Liberties under your Majesty's mild and auspicious Government.

We lament that licentious and seditious Spirit, which has of late been stirred up by some artful and designing Persons, unworthy of that true Liberty they in common with the rest of your Majesty's Subjects enjoy: And we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that nothing in our Power shall be wanting to prevent the Contagion spreading in this Corner, and to promote the Happiness and Glory of your Reign.

Signed in Name, and by Appointment of the Community.

Banff, April 6, 1769.

Alex. Dirom, Provost.

The following Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Ayr, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honorable David Kennedy, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, of the County of Ayr, at a General Meeting held at Ayr this 6th Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine Years.

WE your Majesty's most loyal Subjects consider it as our Duty, at this Juncture, unanimously to present your Majesty with the warmest Assurances of our sincere and unalterable Attachment to your Royal Person, Family, and Government. Deeply sensible of the Advantages which we derive from our happy Constitution of Government, we have ever looked up to your Majesty as the Guardian of our Rights and Laws, and have observed, with no less Gratitude than Satisfaction, your sacred Regard to the Privileges of your Subjects, and your constant Attention to all the Duties incumbent upon the Sovereign of a free People. Filled with these Sentiments of Loyalty, we have beheld, with Concern and Detestation, the Endeavours of designing Men, to insafe into your Majesty's Subjects a licentious Spirit, inconsistent with the Order and Preservation of Society, under a Government remarkable for its Mildness and Equity: The Peace of the Capital has been disturbed by seditious Tumults: The Decrees of the Courts of Justice, the Independence of which your Majesty was early solicitous to increase, have been contemned: The Authority of Parliament has been arraigned: Attempts have been made to alienate the Affections of one Part of your People from the other; and to revive Distinctions, which the Wisdom of former Times had abolished.

To Subjects possessed with Love to their Country, and Respect to their Sovereign, such Conduct must

appear odious, as it is criminal: We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that in dutiful Return for your Paternal Care, we will, at the Expence of our Lives and Properties, support the Constitutional Rights of your Government, the Dignity of your Crown, and the Authority of the Laws; and that, to our utmost Power, we will discountenance every Principle or Practice, which tends to disturb the publick Tranquility, or to destroy that Subordination, which is necessary in a well-regulated State.

Signed in our Presence, and by our Appointment, by
Eglintown.

The following Address of the Provost, Baillies, and Council of the Burgh of Ayr, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honorable James Stuart, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Baillies, and Council of your Burgh of Ayr, in Council assembled, deeply sensible of the great Blessings these Nations enjoy by the Preservation of our Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties, which have been the constant Objects of your Majesty's Care, since your Accession to the Throne of these Realms, humbly beg Leave to approach you with Hearts full of Gratitude, Loyalty, and Duty to your Majesty, and to express our Abhorrence of the late Riots, Tumults, and Disorders, which we behold as the Contrivances of wicked and designing Men, to disturb the publick Peace, and prevent the due Execution of the Laws, by spiriting up the Foolish, Thoughtless, and Inconsiderate, to neglect their proper Business, and, in an illegal Manner, to assemble, and invade the Rights of others, by forcibly endeavouring to prevent your faithful Subjects from expressing their Love and Duty to your Majesty, and to intimidate the Officers of the Law in the due Execution of their Offices, by their illegal and unconstitutional Licentiousness: And to assure your Majesty, that all the People of this Corporation are well affected and firmly attached to your Majesty's Person and Government; and that we will use our utmost Endeavours, in our several Offices, to prevent all Tumults and Disorders.

That your Majesty may have a long and glorious Reign over a dutiful and loyal People; and that the Dignity of your Crown, and Peace among your Subjects, may be preserved, and the Spirit of Sedition prevented by a due Execution of the Laws, is the earnest Prayer of the Magistrates and Council of your Burgh of Ayr.

Signed in their Presence, and by their Appointment.
David Bannatyne, Provost.
Ayr, April 5, 1769.

The following Address of the University of Glasgow has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING,

The humble Address of the University of Glasgow.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Dean of Faculty,