

jeity's Government, we assure your Majesty, that we are firmly resolved to second your Majesty's Efforts to repel these Disorders; and, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, to support and defend your Majesty in every Measure that may tend to re-establish good Order and Obedience among your Subjects, and stop the Progress of licentious and factious Combinations.

That your Majesty's Reign may be long, prosperous, and happy, is our sincere and ardent Prayer.

Signed in Presence and by Appointment of the Meeting,

*Ja. Veitch, Preses.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of your antient Borough of Dumfries, convened in Council, do beg Leave most humbly to approach your Royal Throne, and not only to express our inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Family, but also to join Issue with others of your faithful Subjects in expressing our Sentiments on the alarming Spirit of Sedition and Licentiousness, which hath lately prevailed near the Place of your Majesty's Residence.

And, in thus addressing your Majesty, we must acknowledge with Gratitude, that we feel the Happiness resulting from your Majesty's mild and equitable Administration; and are perfectly convinced, that our future Peace, and Security of our Lives and Properties, depend chiefly on the firm Support of your Majesty's Government, and a due Obedience to the Laws.

We are fully persuaded, that the audacious Attempts, lately made to disturb your Majesty's Tranquillity, and to alienate from you the Confidence and Affection of your People, are the Operations of desperate and wicked Minds, whose Principles are factious, and flow from the Fountain of private Pique and disappointed Ambition, and who, under the false and specious Title of Patriots and Preservers of our Liberty, are in Fact the only Invaders of our Liberties, by promoting a daring Spirit of Licentiousness among the Dregs of the People.

Being further convinced, that that Harmony, which alone constitutes the Strength and Security of the State, is now mean'd to be injured, by the Flame of Discord already begun and artfully kept up by the most violent and overheated Insinuations of public Incendiaries, we consider it our Duty, as loyal Subjects, and as Friends to our happy Constitution, to take this early Opportunity to express our Abhorrence of the late flagitious Attempts of Faction to embroil this otherwise happy Kingdom; and to assure your Majesty, that we are ready to contribute our most vigorous Endeavours for the Support of your Majesty's Government, and the Laws and Liberty of the Constitution; and to testify that Zeal, which we, on all Occasions of Danger, have shown for the Safety and Honour of your Royal and Illustrious Family.

Signed in Name and by Appointment of Council, March 17, 1769. *Eben. Hepburn, Provost.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**A**MIDST the general Voice of Duty and Loyalty, very justly poured out on this alarming Occasion, to the best of Kings, permit your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates, Council, and Community of your Burgh of Kirkcudbright, with all Humility, to profess their sincere Affection and Fidelity to your Royal Person, Family, and Government; truly sensible, that, under your mild and auspicious Reign, a full Enjoyment of every Civil and Religious Blessing has been extended and secured to your Majesty's Subjects of all Denominations.

With extream Concern and Detestation we have long seen a licentious Spirit of Sedition fomented under the Cry of pretended Liberty, and propa-

gated by the Tools of a few mistaken and designing Men, without the least Colour of Reason, till at length inflamed into Mobs and Riots of a very daring and dangerous Nature, even with Insolence carried to the Gates of your Majesty's Palace.

We should be inexcusable in our Duty to your Majesty, and insensible of our own Happiness, not to testify and express our utter Abhorrence to all such tumultuous and outrageous Proceedings, tending to alienate the Minds of a free and loyal People, and subversive of that Public Peace and Security natural to our British Constitution. And we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, in the strongest Manner, that Gratitude, no less than Inclination, excites and preserves our inviolable Attachment and Loyalty to your sacred Person and Family; determined to promote, to the utmost of our Power, the Peace, Happiness, and Glory of your Reign, which we pray Providence may prolong, as a Blessing to descend to the latest Generations.

Signed, in a full and unanimous Meeting, by our Provost, in our Name, Presence, and by our Appointment, this 7th of April, 1769.

*Adam McWhanny.*

The following Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Montrose, has been presented to His Majesty by the Honorable Thomas Lyon, 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Town-Council of Montrose, in Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**F**ULLY sensible of the great and important Blessings that we enjoy under your Majesty's most clement and equitable Government, we humbly beg Leave to present your Majesty with our sincere and hearty Professions of Regard and Attachment to your Royal Person, Family, and Government; and to express our Abhorrence and Detestation of the late daring and seditious Attempts that have been made by turbulent and designing Men, who, under the feigned Name of Liberty, have attempted to introduce a Spirit of Riot and Licentiousness, thereby disturbing the Peace of your Majesty's Government, and creating groundless Fears and Uneasiness in the Breasts of your Majesty's loyal Subjects.

We can never be insensible of your Majesty's fatherly Regard and Care for all your People, nor forget, that, during the Whole of your Reign, our Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties have been inviolably maintained, and that it has been your Majesty's unwearied Care and Study to make us a great and happy People; and we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will contribute all we can to promote the Peace, the Prosperity, and Glory of your Majesty's Reign.

We trust that your Majesty will in due Time take such Measures as may be necessary to stop the Current of Licentiousness and Disorder, and to restore that Regard for lawful Authority, which is so valuable a Part of our Constitution, and so very necessary to its Peace and Well-being.

May your Majesty's Reign be more and more prosperous and glorious. May your valuable Life be long lengthened out; and may you ever reign in the Hearts of a free and united People.

Signed in Name and by the Appointment of the Rest of the Magistrates and Town-Council, at

Montrose, the 10th of April, 1769, by *William Christie, Provost.*

The following Address of the Magistrates and Town-Councils of the Royal Boroughs of Kinghorn, Dysart, Kirkcaldy, and Burntisland, has been presented to His Majesty by James Townend Oswald, Esq;