

assembled at Fortrose on Tuesday the 4th Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Rectors, of the County of Ross, sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most auspicious Government, and alarmed at the audacious Attempts which we have of late seen made, to poison the Minds, and alienate the Affections of your Majesty's Subjects, beg Leave to make this public Profession of those Sentiments of Duty and Attachment which we owe to the best of Princes.

When we reflect on the whole Course of your Majesty's Reign over us, and more particularly on those signal Instances of your Regard for our excellent Constitution, whereby your Majesty has been pleased to provide for its farther Improvement, and greater Security, we are equally surpris'd and concern'd, that any Set of Men should be found among us wicked enough to instil into the Minds of ignorant and unwary People, an Apprehension, that under the Government of your Majesty their Liberties are in Danger.

In the Defence of our Liberty, and of that Constitution whereof we consider your Majesty as the Chief Guardian and Protector, we shall ever be ready to stand forth; and we conceive, that we can never better testify our Zeal for that glorious Cause, than by expressing our Detestation of the seditious Practices of those Men, who, while they pretend to serve the Cause of Liberty, are in Reality the only Enemies from whom at present it has any Thing to fear; Men, whose Principles, under whatever specious Names they may be disguised, are such as lead them to blaspheme their God, to insult their Sovereign, to obstruct the Execution of the Laws, and to traduce the Ministers of Justice, who, by endeavouring to make the lower Ranks of People discontented with the Lot which Providence has assigned them, and exciting them to cast off all Sense of Order and Subordination, have done what in them lay towards rendering insecure the Life, Liberty, and Property of every Man, and towards introducing that Anarchy, which can end in nothing but Slavery.

Against all such Attempts we do most cheerfully engage to support your Majesty to the utmost of our Power; and we trust, that by the Wisdom and Steadiness of your Majesty's Councils, and the unshaken Fidelity of your Subjects, we shall soon see the pernicious Designs of those turbulent and profligate Persons, who, for their own factious and interested End, have set on Foot this Delusion, utterly blasted; that the Eyes of those, who for a Time may have been imposed upon, will be speedily opened; that those, who shall obstinately persevere in disobeying and resisting the Law, will suffer by the Law; and that the Effect of this daring but impotent Attempt will be to establish more firmly among us all, the fullest Conviction, that by supporting your Majesty's Government, we shall best provide for the secure Enjoyment of Liberty, Civil and Religious; and with that for the General Welfare and Prosperity.

By the unanimous Appointment of the Meeting signed by Sir Harry Munro of Fowlis, Baronet, their Preses.

Harry Munro, Preses.

The following Address of the Provincial Synod of Glasgow and Ayr has been presented to His Majesty by David Kennedy, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Shire of Ayr, 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 Provincial Synod of Glasgow and Ayr.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Moderator, Ministers, and Elders,

of the Provincial Synod of Glasgow and Ayr, in Synod assembled, beg Leave to express the deep Sense we have of the Happiness we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and equitable Government, and to testify our Abhorrence of that Spirit of Licentiousness and Riot, which unhappily prevails among some of your Majesty's Subjects.

Our holy Religion requires us to fear God, and honour the King; and we are convinced, that then only we can enjoy true Liberty when we steadfastly adhere to Religion and to the Laws of our Country.

With Pleasure we assure your Majesty, that these Principles prevail among the different Ranks of People committed to our Charge; and it shall ever be our Endeavour to cherish them to the utmost of our Power.

That the great Sovereign of Heaven and Earth may bless and long preserve your sacred Majesty, our most gracious Queen, and all the Royal Family; and that, under your Majesty's paternal Care, the Dignity of Government, and the Blessings of our most excellent Constitution, may stand secure against the Attempts of foreign Enemies, and the wild Efforts of factious and designing Men, is and ever shall be our most sincere and fervent Prayer.

Signed in Name, Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod at Ayr, this 13th of April, 1769,
by *David Shaw, Moderator.*

The following Address of the Nobility, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Selkirk, has been presented to His Majesty by John Pringle, 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 Nobility, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Selkirk.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Impressed, as we are, with the liveliest Sense of the Duty and Loyalty we owe your Majesty for the full Enjoyment of our Civil and Religious Liberties under your Majesty's mild and constitutional Government, we cannot but lament that so many of our Fellow-Subjects should be so far misled by the false Pretences of disappointed, desperate, and seditious Men, as to apprehend their Liberties to be in Danger under your Majesty's most auspicious Reign.

We hope the Mask will soon be pulled off these pretended Patriots, and then your People will clearly see and detest their Deceivers.

We should be wanting to the Duty we owe to the best of Kings, and to our Country, if we did not, on this Occasion, express to your Majesty our most sincere and inviolable Attachment to your Royal Person and Government; and, at the same Time, declare our entire Disapprobation of every Attempt to diffuse a Spirit of Riot and Disobedience to the Laws, and all legal Authority, well knowing Law and Liberty must lie interred in the same Grave.

In Defence of these invaluable Blessings, and of your most sacred Person, so interesting to every undeluded Briton, we will cheerfully sacrifice every Thing that is dear to us.

These are the Principles which shall invariably animate and direct our Conduct

Will. Scott, Preses.

The three following Addresses have been presented to His Majesty by George Dempster, Esq; being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Provincial Synod of Fife, met at Cupar the 12th of April, 1769.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Conscious of the Worth and Importance of our happy Constitution, Civil and Sacred, established by Law, and animated with the warmest Zeal