

and Reconciliation may take Place among all your Subjects, and the further Effusion of human Blood be prevented: That you may have a long and prosperous Reign over a free and happy People, is our sincere Prayer.

Signed in Name, and by Appointment of the Magistrates and Town-Council of the Burgh of Ayr, in Common Council assembled, this Nineteenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

James Hutchison, Provost.

The following Address of the Mayor and Burgesses of the antient Borough of Christchurch in the County of Southampton has been presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Thomas Williers Hyde, and James Harris, Esq; their Representatives 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 Mayor and Burgesses of the antient Borough of Christchurch in the County of Southampton.

SIRE!

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Burgesses of your antient Borough of Christchurch, beg Leave to approach your Royal Throne, with every Sentiment of Affection, Zeal, and Gratitude.

It is with the deepest Concern that we see a desperate Attempt made to reject the Sovereignty of this Country by those, who owe the very Power of resisting it to its long, it's expensive, and it's parental Protection.

We are daily taught the Difference between Freedom and Despotism, and we are taught it in the surest Way, not by Words, but by Deeds.

Under the mild and constitutional Government of your Majesty, we in this Island feel both our Persons and our Properties secured; nay even those among us who affect to entertain a different Opinion, and who sometimes perhaps differ, not in a Manner the most respectful, are permitted to do it with Impunity, and shew by that Impunity their Charge of Despotism to be groundless.

But when we look to the real Regions of Despotism, (be they in the East or elsewhere) we find no such Equity, no such Tolerance; the minutest Difference in Sentiment is sure to expose the unhappy Dissident, however innocent, however conscientious, to infamous Injustice and insolent Cruelty.

When we reflect on these Events, we cannot but be sensible, that we have no other Protection to shield us from Anarchy and Oppression, and to preserve our excellent Constitution unbroken, whole and intire, than the Wisdom and Firmness of your Majesty's Counsels, supported and enforced by the Efforts of your Parliament.

We humbly beg your Majesty's Permission to lay these our Sentiments at your Feet; and while we assure your Majesty of our firm and unfeigned Attachment, to add our fervent Prayers for our deluded Fellow-Subjects, that they may become sensible of their Error; that they may depart from their Hostilities, and return to a Sense of that Duty which they owe to the British Legislature, and to the best of Princes.

Given under our Common Seal, at a full Assembly, in our Town-Hall, this Twenty-fourth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

Tho. Mews, <i>Mayor</i>	John Cook	Jos. Gibbs
John Reeks	William Jackson	Henry Gibbs
Jos. Stevens Jeans	Jos. Jarvis Clerke	Robert Reeks
John Lloyd	Jasper Bursey	Edward Hooper
Tho. Mews, <i>jun.</i>	Abraham Daw	William Dale
William Newlam	Richard Holloway	James Takman
John Horlock	Thomas Jeans	

The following Address of the Officers of the Northamptonshire Militia, having been transmitted to the Earl of Rochford, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, 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 Officers of the Northamptonshire Militia.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Officers of the Militia now assembled for the County of Northampton, humbly beg Leave to give your Majesty this Assurance of our Readiness to defend your Royal Person against all foreign and domestic Enemies, and to support the legal Authority of

the Crown in preserving entire the matchless Fabrick of the British Constitution

Northampton, October 26. 1775.

SUSSEX, Colonel	Will. Robinson, <i>Captain</i>
Clarke Adams, <i>Lieut. Col.</i>	Grey H. Kirge, <i>Captain</i>
T. Cecill Maunell, <i>Major</i>	John Steer, <i>Lieutenant</i>
Richard Kent, <i>Captain</i>	John Hopz, <i>Lieutenant</i>
Wenman Samwel, <i>Capt.</i>	

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds in the County of York, has been presented to His Majesty by Edwin Lafcelles, Esq; One of the Representatives in Parliament for the County of York, 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds in the County of York.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, beg Leave (as we think it our indispensible Duty at this Time) to approach the Throne, and with the utmost Zeal and Sincerity to declare our grateful and affectionate Attachment to your Royal Person and Family.

Convinced of your Majesty's great Regard for the glorious Constitution of this Country, and the real Happiness of all your Subjects, permit us to assure your Majesty, that we shall at all Times be ready to join in supporting the Rights and Authorities of the British Legislature and the just Prerogatives of the Crown.

It is with very great Concern we observe that our Fellow-Subjects in America disclaim all Obedience to the Laws of their Mother Country; but whatever Sorrow or Compassion we may feel for that distressed People, we think it not only our Duty but our Interest, to afford every Assistance in our Power towards reducing them to due Subjection, however disagreeable the Means necessary to be used for that Purpose may be; and your Majesty may rest assured that we shall at all Times persevere in supporting such Measures as may be thought necessary for ascertaining and maintaining the Legislative Authority of this Kingdom, and reducing your Majesty's rebellious Subjects to proper Obedience.

Given under our Common Seal this Twenty-eighth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

By the Court,

Thomas Barstow, jun. Common Clerk.

The following Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Freeholders, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Neighbourhood of Leeds in the County of York, has been presented to His Majesty by Edwin Lafcelles, Esq; One of the Representatives in Parliament for the County of York, 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 Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Freeholders, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Neighbourhood of Leeds in the County of York.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, humbly beg Leave to approach your Throne, to testify our grateful Acknowledgments for the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Government, to the Gentleness and Mildness of which we owe the rapid Increase of our Manufactures, giving full Employ to all our Poor even at advanced Wages; and to the Protection therefrom derived, attribute the Extension of our Commerce abroad, and the consequential flourishing Situation of this populous Country.

Silence in us therefore would be criminal, at a Time when Sedition, fomented by the Misrepresentations of artful, ill-designing Men, working upon the Minds of narrow and self-interested People, hath in some of your Majesty's Colonies in North-America erected the Standard of Rebellion, a Rebellion as unnatural as unprovoked; the Abettors whereof, for Want of real Grievances, are obliged to have Recourse to speculative Opinions, and ideal Doctrines incompatible in Practice with every Form of Government.

Impelled by a grateful and just Sense of the Happiness we have enjoyed under your Majesty's Reign, we your Majesty's