

chants, Manufacturers, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wigan in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most faithful Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Manufacturers, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Wigan, with all dutiful Respect beg Leave to approach the Throne to testify our unalterable Loyalty and Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, at a Time when a most wicked and unnatural Rebellion hath made its Appearance in your Majesty's Dominions in America.

Fully sensible of the many Blessings we enjoy, in common with the Rest of our Fellow-Subjects, under your Majesty's mild and gracious Government, we cannot without Horror look on every Attempt to disturb the same.

With all the Attention we are capable of, we have considered whatever our deluded Brethren have urged to palliate the Violences they have been guilty of. We have weighed every Argument that has been offered by the Advocates they have unfortunately met with in this Country.—On the maturest Deliberation we cannot find any Ground for the outrageous Steps they have already taken, and we are lost in Wonder and Astonishment at their Conduct, who have been so far forgetful of their Duty to the best of Kings, as to endeavour to justify such Proceedings.

We lament that your Majesty's Mildness and Clemency have hitherto had no good Effect on the Minds of your infatuated Subjects in America; but we cannot help thinking this has been in some Degree owing to the Artifices of a Faction in this Kingdom, that has contributed to keep up the Spirit of Dissension; and, to serve private Views, hath not scrupled to sacrifice the public Interest.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that Trade has not, in our Neighbourhood, suffered any Diminution or Decay;—that our Manufactures flourish in the fullest Extent;—and that we are under no Apprehension from any Efforts that may be made to lessen or distress them.

In your Majesty and the Great Council of the Nation we repose an entire and implicit Confidence; and we shall zealously acquiesce in whatever Measures may be thought necessary to support the Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, and the Constitutional Rights and Authority of this Country over every Part of the Dominions thereunto belonging.

Thomas Barton  
J. Hodgson  
Robert Rowbottom  
Stephen Ellis  
T. Hawarden  
William Langshaw  
James Ryland  
Nicholas Latham  
Samuel Rigby  
John Hopwood  
William Finch  
Richard Thompson  
Francis Lenthall  
Thomas Wolturn  
Thomas Higham  
James Mort  
John Jackson  
William Ascroft  
Edward Bolton  
John Mort  
James Acton  
William Holt  
William Williams  
J. Wallis  
George Bolton  
James Wilding  
Thomas Steadman  
John Hargreaves  
Ralph Ranfon  
William Roper  
William Bolton  
Tho. Barton, jun.  
Ralph Barton  
Thomas Thacker  
Richard Fogg  
John Bullock  
John Bentley  
James Batterby  
John Heys  
Helt Leigh

Thomas Wigan  
Thomas Barrow  
John Taylor  
John Barber  
T. Hodson  
Thomas Blinkhorn  
Robert Atherton  
Walter Heckman  
Edward Hunt  
John Hodson  
James Marden  
W. Whitehouse  
William Clayton  
H. Bullock  
William Banks  
John Croudson  
John Baldwin  
John Bibby  
George Eccles  
Richard Bullock  
Ralph Bolton  
P. Cribb  
John Norcross  
John Moore  
Richard Eccles  
John Greenough  
John Millon  
James Latham  
John Christy  
Samuel Fogg  
Jo. Bromley  
John Wigan  
Roger Taylor  
Ralph Rylance  
Ralph Fox  
Ben. Bennett  
Charles Stuart  
Samuel Fox  
James Greenough  
Ed. Finch

Thomas Monk  
Page Godfrey  
John Singleton  
William Finch, jun.  
William Turner  
*Bailiffs,*  
James Penfon  
James Heyes  
Jonathan Fogg  
Roger Anderson  
Thomas Scott  
William Pinkerton  
John Unsworth  
John Blinkhorn  
John Merideth  
John Platt  
James Fairhurst  
William Forth  
John Dean  
John Barrow  
Thomas Norcross  
James Batterby  
John Vause  
Robert Bullock  
Thomas Doncaster  
Thomas Lever  
John Key  
P. Leatherbarrow  
Matthew Seddon  
Robert Cochran  
Nicholas Moore  
Edw. Worthington  
James Heyes  
William Johnston  
James Marsh  
Robert Millan  
William Cooper  
Richard Roper  
John Walmesley  
Thomas Slater

Thomas Dean  
John Worthington  
Ja. Worthington  
John Ward  
John Bibby  
James Johnson  
Thomas Barker  
John Rowe  
James Catherall  
John Greenough  
Charles Gaskell  
John Eccles  
James Bolton  
Ralph Thickness  
Samuel Bold  
Robert Fisher  
William Woods  
Jeffery Hickman  
Richard Holmes  
Wm. Chamberlain  
James Taylor  
James Aspull  
William Langshaw  
William Higham  
Peter Green  
Christopher Naylor  
John Anderson  
William Seddon  
Thomas Withnell  
Henry Thomsen  
Stephen Sandford  
Wilk. Fairbrother  
Elias Chadwick  
John Chaddock  
James Tyrer  
Jos. Bankes  
John Molyneux  
Thomas Higson  
William Cowell  
Roger Almond  
John Hunsley  
Thomas Brindle

James Smith  
William Prescott  
William Hilbert  
Henry Bibby  
James Newbottle  
John Sevenfson  
John Twigg  
James Thompson  
Thomas Feildin  
John Tatlock  
Thomas Kenerdel  
John Slater  
John Atherton  
Benjamin Jolly  
John Woods  
William Hulme  
John Lowe  
Samuel Asgill  
Martin Martindell  
Peter Fearncley  
W. Rigby  
William Woods  
Edw. Blinkhorn  
William Bolton  
Cuthbert Finch  
Hugh Gaskell  
James Molyneux  
Henry Andrews  
Thomas Woods  
William Wait  
John Ainsworth  
John Cropper  
Henry Roper  
James Houghton  
Richard Bill  
William Gordon  
J. Walmesley, jun.  
James Mawarden  
Thomas Breers  
James Ryland, jun.  
James Alker

T. Hawarden, jun.  
William Welfy  
Richard Walton  
Edward Pegge  
Richard Latham  
John Fairbrother  
Thomas Dawson  
Jeremiah Lyon  
John Chaddock, jun.  
Miles Mitton  
John Fairclough  
William Hilton  
Bertie Tatlock  
Ralph Ellam  
Samuel Haywood  
Joshua Rogers  
William Barrow  
James Barrow  
Law. Halliwell  
Robert Marden  
John Marden  
James Ronson  
Alexander Willing  
James Bullock  
Robert Digles  
Henry Swarston  
William Hough  
George Simlton  
John Grimshaw  
William Wain  
Thomas Norcross  
Paul Green  
Ralph Finch  
Joseph Taylor  
William Rothwell  
Gilbert Ashton  
Joseph Fairclough  
Thomas Grimshaw  
John Grimshaw  
Thomas Prescott  
J. Rigby

The following Address of the Recorder, Alderman, Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants, of the Town of Axbridge in the County of Somerset, has been presented to His Majesty by Thomas Hotchkin, Esq; Recorder of the said Town, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously; and Mr. Hotchkin had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

The dutiful Address of the Recorder, Alderman, Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants of the Town of Axbridge in the County of Somerset.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**A**T a Time when we think every Individual, who has enjoyed the Happiness of your Majesty's paternal Care, should stand forth in Vindication of those Measures, which we doubt not are the Result of sound and good Policy, however misrepresented by wicked, designing, and factious Men, receive, Sir, this dutiful Address of your Majesty's ancient and loyal Corporation of the Borough of Axbridge, who lament, even unto Sadness, that, at a Time when the Success of your Majesty's Arms had gained, and the Wisdom of your Councils had taught us to look up to the Blessings of a long and lasting Peace, a Set of Patricides should have arisen up among your own People, who wish to destroy that Happiness of which they cannot partake; Men, whose Circumstances being wretched, whose Expectations still worse, hope to gain from Anarchy and Confusion that Relief, which Decency and Order never can afford them.

The Conduct of your Majesty's American Subjects is painful to the Feelings of the Human Heart; that those who ought to have been the first to have stood forth to vindicate the Honour of your Majesty's Crown, and the Happiness of their Fellow-Subjects in Great Britain, should wantonly and unprovoked exert the first Efforts of their Strength to wound the Breast which warmed them into the Power to hurt, is an Extreme of Wickedness unknown to past Times and Countries.

Sensible of the Blessings we have ourselves enjoyed under your Majesty's most excellent Government; trusting that our Posterity may be as happy and blessed in your Royal Descendants as we have been in you; May it please your Majesty to be assured of our inviolable Attachment, and Loyalty to your Person and Family,