

every other landed Gentleman in the County, to subscribe a Subscription Paper, and thereby engage themselves to pay at the Rate of Five Shillings Sterling for every Hundred Pound Scots of the valued Rent they enjoy in the County, and this Fund to be disposed of in the Way that shall be found most conducive to the intended Purpose, to be determined and fixed upon by a Committee to be named for that Purpose, and to be paid into the Hands of such Person the Committee shall appoint, within Six Days from the Demand. And the Meeting, in order to carry their Resolutions into Execution, nominate and appoint the Right Honourable the Earl of Kintore, the Right Honourable the Viscount of Arbutnott, Lord Adam Gordon, Lord Gardenston and Monboddo, Sir Alexander Ramsay, Sir David Carnegie, Sir James Nicolson, Sir William Ogilvy, Mr. Barclay of Ury, Mr. Carnegie of Pittarrow, Mr. Duncan of Muchells, Mr. Auldjo, Mr. Foulerton, Mr. Scott of Commieston, Mr. David Scott, Mr. Scott of Brotherton, Doctor Young, or any Five of them, as a Committee; and this Meeting in the first Place instantly appoint their Preses to form a proper Address at the Sight of the Meeting, and to transmit it to Lord Adam Gordon, to be by him, or his Directions, presented to His Majesty in the most proper and respectful Manner; and also to form a Subscription Paper, according to the Spirit of these Resolutions, to be instantly subscribed by the Gentlemen present, and Copies thereof, together with Copies of these Resolutions, to be sent to every Gentleman of the County by proper Persons, to solicit their Subscription and Adherence to these Resolutions, and also Copies transmitted to such of the Members of the County as reside at a Distance; and they name and appoint Robert Burne, Writer in Stonhaven, the Clerk of the present Meeting, to be Clerk to the further Procedure in this Affair, and to transmit the Subscription Papers, &c. as above directed, and to get printed Copies of them for the Purpose, and this he is appointed to do without Delay; and the Meeting appoint the Committee to meet for the First Time in the House of James Andrew, at Bridge of Leapie, upon the Twenty-fourth Instant; and they appoint the Clerk to form from these Resolutions a proper Abstract, to be insert in the Edinburgh and Aberdeen-News-papers.

(Signed) K I N T O R E.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of the Land-Tax, and other Proprietors of Land within the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, assembled this Day at the Head Burgh of the Stewartry, beg Permission to offer your Majesty our warmest Assurances of Attachment to your Royal Person and Family, and of Zeal for the Safety and Honour of your Dominions, in this critical Situation of Public Affairs.

Conscious of the Dignity of our Situation as Subjects of the British Empire, it has ever been our most earnest Desire that its political and commercial Rights be inviolably preserved; Rights which have on repeated Occasions called forth the Ambition and Envy of the faithless House of Bourbon in unavailing Efforts to infringe them: For the Wisdom of British Councils, and the Spirit of British Subjects, have hitherto, by the Blessing of Providence, rendered those Efforts ineffectual.

At this important Juncture, a speedy Supply of Seamen for manning your Majesty's Fleet appears an Object meriting the serious Attention of every Friend to the Religion and Liberties of his Country.

To contribute every Aid within our Power towards this most necessary Measure is the Purpose of the present Meeting. Premiums have been held out by it to induce Seamen to become Volunteers on Board the Royal Navy; and where Rewards may prove ineffectual, we consider it our Duty to force proper Persons into the Service of their Country, by such compulsory Measures as are not repugnant to its Laws.

Permit us, most gracious Sovereign, in our own Names, and in the Names of your other Subjects in this County, to assure your Majesty, that our Fortunes and our Lives shall ever be devoted to frustrate the Attempts of the Enemies of Great Britain.

Signed by Order of the Meeting, at Kirkcudbright, the 13th Day of July, 1779.

*Ja. Laurie, Preses.*

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,  
The humble Address of the Representatives of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, in Annual Convention assembled.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, in Annual Convention assembled, humbly beg Leave to approach your Throne, to express our firm Attachment to your Majesty, and our determined Resolution to act in Behalf of our Country against her ancient Enemies.

We have beheld, with Concern and Indignation, the Trade of your Majesty's Colonies, which of Right belongs to your Realms, by the unnatural Conduct of your rebellious Subjects, transferred to the Hands of your Enemies, who, after insidiously supporting the Rebellion of your Subjects, have commenced open Hostilities against your Majesty.

As Representatives of a large Body of the mercantile Part of your Majesty's Subjects, we are conscious that it is our Duty to exert ourselves to carry on so just a War;—attended that War may be with some Inconvenience and Interruption to Trade in the mean Time; but it is essential to its future Security. The most effectual Aid we can give, is, by exerting ourselves to the utmost in enabling your Majesty to reduce your Enemies to Reason, by encreasing your Maritime Force; and we have taken such Measures as to us were attainable to promote this End.

That the Tranquility of your Majesty's Dominions may be re-established, that your Enemies may be taught to revere the Wisdom of your Councils, and that they may be convinced the Dignity and Rights of your Crown are not to be insulted with Impunity, is the earnest Prayer of,

*May it please your Majesty,*

Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects,

The Representatives of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, in Annual Convention assembled.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and by our Appointment, by

*Edinburgh,*

*Walter Hamilton, Preses.*

*July 15, 1779.*

In the General Convention of the Royal Boroughs of Scotland, holden at the City of Edinburgh on the Fourteenth Day of July, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine Years, by their Commissioners therein assembled.

**T**HE which Day the Commissioner from Dunbar moved, That, as this Kingdom was presently at War with France and Spain, the Convention should