

ber 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, Bailiffs,  
and Commonalty of the City of Coventry.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*  
**I**MRESSED with the warmest Sense of your Majesty's Paternal Goodness, we humbly beg Leave to lay before your Majesty the Address of a faithful and loyal People, and to testify our Attachment to your Majesty's illustrious Family, the Honor of your Crown, and the Dignity of your Empire. We esteem it essentially our Duty at a Time when the Metropolis has been so lately and so violently convulsed by Riots and Outrages of a most alarming Nature, to express our Gratitude and Thankfulness to your Majesty for the wise and salutary Measures which have been taken to suppress these Disturbances, and which have, we trust, effectually re-established public Order and Tranquility.

With Sentiments full of Duty and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Family, we beg Leave humbly to assure your Majesty, that we will in our several Stations, both as Magistrates and private Men, exert ourselves at all Times in the Preservation of public Order and good Government, and in effectuating at this Time more particularly the great Object of your Majesty's Royal Proclamations. We are too sensible of the Value and Excellence of our happy Constitution, and how much we owe to your Majesty's Paternal Care and Affection for your People, not to be solicitous to refrain, by every Means which God and the Laws have put into our Power, a Spirit of Sedition and Tumult, as tending to the Subversion of all Law and Government, and to involve all Orders of Men in Anarchy and Confusion.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our most sincere and steady Attachment to your Royal Person, and that we may be permitted to lay at your Majesty's Feet our warmest Congratulations upon the late signal Successes of your Majesty's Arms, which we pray to God may be productive of, what we are sure is ever your Majesty's ardent Desire; a happy Termination of all the Calamities of War, in a safe, honourable, and lasting Peace.

Given under our Common Seal, at the Guildhall of the said City, the 4th Day of July, in the Year of our Lord, 1780.

The following Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgeses of the Borough of Leicester, has been presented to His Majesty by John Darker, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Town, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bedchamber in Waiting : Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E your Majesty's loyal and affectionate Subjects, the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeses of the ancient Borough of Leicester, glad of every Opportunity of testifying our sincere and zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government; beg Leave to approach the Throne, and express the Joy we have received from the late Successes of your Majesty's Arms, both by Sea and Land.

We have beheld with Indignation the Perfidy of the House of Bourbon, who, contrary to every Principle of Justice, have basely encouraged and strengthened America in her ungrateful and unparalleled Rebellion. We had no Doubt, but, by the Blessing

of a gracious Providence upon your Majesty's Fleets and Armies, you would soon have the Happiness to see them justly punished for their Perfidy, and your Subjects again united and established in a permanent and honourable Peace.

We now hope that Period is not far distant; and sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the pleasing Prospect, which the late Victory over the Spanish Fleet and the Conquest of Charles Town give us. We are happy also in seeing so immediate and effectual a Stop put to the late alarming and dreadful Disturbances in the Metropolis, and we thankfully acknowledge our great Obligations to the Vigilance and Activity of your Majesty's Council.

Confident that you, Sire, are uniformly studying, and will esteem it the chief Glory of your Reign to secure and perpetuate to all your Subjects the Privileges of your happy Constitution, we hope your Majesty will long be preserved to reign over us, and, at once, maintain the Honour of your Crown and the dearest Liberties of your People.

Given under our Common Seal, this Fourth Day of July, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty.  
*John Gregory, Mayor.*

*Copy of a Letter from General Sir Henry Clinton, K. B. to Lord George Germain, dated Head Quarters, Charles Town, South Carolina, June 3, 1780.*

My LORD,

**I**HAVE the Honor to inclose, for your Lordship's Information, the Copies of two Proclamations I have found it necessary to issue as Commander in Chief, and the Copy of a Hand-Bill which has been circulated amongst the Inhabitants, and appears to have had a very good Effect.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

H. CLINTON.

*Hand-Bill issued after the Surrender of Charles Town.*

**W**HEN the Royal Army arrived in South Carolina, the Commander in Chief avoided, as much as possible, every Measure which might excite the Loyal Inhabitants to rise in Favor of Government, and thus bring Danger and Trouble upon themselves, at a Time when the King's Army, being employed in the Reduction of Charles Town, could not assist or second their Struggles.

The Blood of the Loyalists that had been unhappily shed, and the Severities which had been inflicted on them by the Rebels, in consequence of the former spirited but ill-timed Insurrections of the King's numerous Friends on the Back of both Carolinas, had already occasioned too much Grief and Regret to His Majesty and their Fellow Subjects in Europe, for him wantonly to bring again into Hazard the Lives and Happiness of Men who deserve so well of their Country.

But Charles Town with its Harbour, and Fort Moultrie, being now reduced, and their Garrisons, to the Amount of 6,000 Men, with all their Arms, Stores, Artillery, and Ships of War, being in Possession of His Majesty's Forces, the Time is come when it is equally the Interest and Duty of every good Man to be in Readiness to join the King's Troops, and assist them in establishing Justice and Liberty, and in restoring and securing their own Property, whenever they shall march to support them against the small Rebel Parties that still linger at a Distance in the Province.

After so much Disorder, Violence and Oppression, the Helping-Hand of every Man is wanted to re-establish Peace and Good Government; and as the Commander in Chief wished not to draw the King's Friends