

just Exercise of its legal Powers, yet we feel ourselves now called upon to declare, that any Act (however artfully disguised) to wrest from the Crown its real and undoubted Right of appointing to the Offices of executive Government, and presenting in the House of Commons, appears to us as a Violation of the Constitutional, or likely to be agreeable to the Wishes of your People; and the attentive Regard which your Majesty has shewn for the Preservation of the Rights and Property of your Subjects, in the discreet and prudent Use which you have lately made of your Power to dismiss and appoint Ministers, furnishes a still additional Reason why we ought not to wish the Crown to be deprived of it: And we beg Leave to assure your Majesty that we will support such legal Exercise of your Prerogative, as may be necessary to put an End to the present alarming Contests, and to secure the just Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties of your People.

[Signed by 625 Persons.]

The following Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Bucks, has been presented to the King by Edmund Waller, Esq; accompanied by Henry Thomas Gott, Esq; Thomas Backhouse, Esq; and John Freemantle, Esq; being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Bucks, assembled at Aylesbury, March 8, 1784.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Grand Jury of the County of Bucks, beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our most zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government.

Convinced that the Preservation of our Constitution and Liberties depend on the free Use of the legal Powers of the Crown, we humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our determined Resolution to support your Majesty in the just Exertion of your Royal Prerogative.

We presume to express our grateful Sense of your Majesty's Wisdom and Goodness in the Appointment of a Ministry, in whose Abilities and Integrity your People place the utmost Confidence.

We fervently pray that your Majesty may long enjoy the Constitutional Support of a loyal and affectionate People.

[Signed by Edm. Waller, Foreman, and 14 of the Grand Jury.]

The following Address of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Great Marlow, has been presented to the King by William Clayton, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough, 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 Inhabitants of the ancient and loyal Borough of Great Marlow, in the County of Buckingham.

May it please your Majesty,

WE are conscious that we ought not, on slight Grounds, or trivial Occasions, to intrude on your Majesty's Repose; but now we think it our indispensable Duty to express our Gratitude for your Majesty's Wisdom and paternal Regard for the Welfare of your People, in dismissing from your Councils the late Ministry, who, we conceive, (under the Mask of Public Good) artfully and ambitiously grasped at the Disposal of the Property and Power of an opulent Company, and endeavoured to annihilate Charters and Securities, solemnly confirmed by repeated Acts of the Legislature.

We also humbly and sincerely thank your Majesty for the legal and spirited Exercise of your undoubted Prerogative in the Appointment or Continuance of your Majesty's Ministers, notwithstanding the daring

violent Efforts of an interested Coalition of disappointed and desperate Men, who appear to be endeavouring to establish a Dictatorial Power, equally injurious to the Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties of the People.

From the well known and often experienced Virtues of our Gracious Sovereign, we confidently trust that your Majesty will persevere, with Dignity and Firmness, in forming and supporting such a fair, equal, and effective Administration, as may give Peace and Unanimity to this distracted Empire.

Unanimously done at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Great Marlow aforesaid, held according to a Requisition of the Principal Inhabitants, at the Town Hall in the said Borough, the Ninth Day of March, 1784.

[Signed by 215 Persons.]

The following Address of the Freeholders, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough of Okehampton, has been presented to the King by John Rolle, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the County of Devon, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Freemen and Inhabitants of the free and ancient Borough of Okehampton.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the most profound Sentiments of Respect and Veneration, and to express our most sincere Attachment for your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

It is with the deepest Concern that we have lately beheld an obstinate, though small Majority, of One Branch of the Legislature, militating against the just and undoubted Prerogative of your Majesty's Crown, and impeding the Public Business and Welfare of the Kingdom, at a Time when the critical Situation of our Country called for great and splendid Exertions, and afforded an ample Field for displaying the genuine Spirit of Patriotism.

We cannot but seriously lament that idle Punctilios have predominated over honest Principles; and that ill-founded Resolutions formed in Haste and Warmth, have been hitherto held as sacred, and considered as sufficient Obstacles for opposing your Majesty's Will, and the Wishes of your Subjects in general.

At this awful Moment nothing affords us greater Satisfaction than to find that your Majesty, with that paternal Attention to your People which animates your Bosom, and with that Firmness and Magnanimity which becomes a British King, hath withstood the Torrent of a Faction which seemed ready to deluge this Island with Destruction.

Amidst the Plaudits of Millions, permit us also, most gracious Sovereign, to express our high Sense of the great Integrity and Abilities of those Ministers whom your Majesty hath thought fit to place and continue in the first Departments of State.

We entertain the strongest Confidence in the Sincerity of their Intentions to promote the Public Good, and to preserve our Constitution inviolate. May your Majesty's Reign be long and happy, and the Artful and Ambitious be taught to know that all their Attempts to disturb the Repose of your Royal Mind, must be vain, whilst guarded by the Loyalty and Affection of a brave and free People.

On all Occasions your Majesty may rest assured that we shall be ready to support the due Exercise of your Prerogative, that the Honour and Dignity of your Crown may be transmitted unshaken to your Majesty's Posterity.

[Signed by 130 Persons.]

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and other Principal Inhabitants of the Borough Town and Manor of Bideford, has been presented to the King by John Cleveland, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the Borough of Bideford.