

esty'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 Burgeses and Inhabitants of the Town or Borough of Ludlow in the County of Salop.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, Burgeses and Inhabitants of the Town of Ludlow, think it our Duty, in this present alarming Situation of Affairs, to approach your Throne with Professions of sincerest Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government.

Ever anxious for the Preservation of our excellent Constitution, we beheld, with the utmost Concern, a Measure attempted by your Majesty's late Ministers, tending to create an Influence unknown to the State, and equally inimical to your Majesty's Prerogative, and the Rights and Privileges of your People.

We heartily thank your Majesty for the seasonable Exercise of your Prerogative, in dismissing from your Councils the Promoters of so Unconstitutional a Measure, and in the Substitution of a Ministry, in whose Abilities and Virtues we place the most perfect Confidence.

With Concern and Indignation we behold the same Men, at a Time when the Country particularly calls for unanimous Support, still endeavouring to obstruct the necessary Measures of your Majesty's Government, and to impede the constant and uniform Rotation of Publick Business; a Conduct directly militating against true Patriotism, and evidently the Effect of disappointed Ambition.

Deeply sensible of your Majesty's paternal Regard for the Welfare of your People; we beg your Majesty's Acceptance of our sincerest Assurances, that we shall ever be ready, to the utmost of our Power, to support your Majesty in the Exercise of your Prerogative for the Attainment of that End; and we pray that you may long continue to reign in Peace and Prosperity over a free, happy, and united People.

[Signed by 145 Persons.]

The following Address of the Magistrates, Town Council, Incorporations, Manufacturers, Traders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Paisley, has been presented to the King by William Macdowall, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Shire of Renfrew, 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.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates, Town Council, Incorporations, Manufacturers, Traders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Paisley, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with our unsolicited and sincere Expressions of Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We very cordially approved of the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, in lately putting a Period to a tedious and expensive War, with so much Honour to Britain, after all the powerful Combination she had to struggle with, and were willing to indulge the most flattering Hopes, that by a generous and attentive Regard in Administration to the Public Interest, we might soon emerge from the Difficulties in which we had been involved, and still maintain our Dignity among the Nations; but how great our Disappointment, when instead of this we beheld nothing but the Contentions of Emolument and Ambition, producing the most unnatural Coalition, which, secure in the Extent of its political Connections, attempted to invade the most sacred Rights

of the Subject, and discovered a Spirit which threatened our most valuable Privileges; and which continues to hold its Ground in Opposition to the other standing Branches of the Constitution, and even in Opposition to that to which it owes its Parliamentary Existence itself; we mean the Sense and Voice of the People from every Quarter.

Full of Veneration for our excellent Constitution, and unconnected with Party of every Kind, we beg Leave to assure your Majesty of our firm Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and to express our humble Hope, that that overruling Providence which has hitherto defended the British Constitution, both from Foreign and Domestic Enemies, will yet, under your Majesty's wise and just Administration, make the several Estates of the Kingdom, at present in a disjointed and jarring Condition, again to harmonize, and thereby at once secure the Prerogatives of the Crown, and the Rights of the Subject.

That Almighty God may long preserve your Majesty a Blessing to these Realms, shall always be our earnest Wish and Prayer.

Signed by the Magistrates, Town Council, and Manufacturers, amounting to 766.—By Matthew Lochhead; Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers, amounting to 4,000;—and by the Deacons of the other 14 Incorporations, whose Numbers are not mentioned.

The following Address of the Magistrates, Town Council, the Incorporate Trades, Merchants, Manufacturers, and Householders, of the Town of Kilmarnock, has been presented to the King by Sir Adam Fergusson, Bart. Representative in Parliament for the Shire of Ayr, 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 Magistrates, Town Council, the Incorporate Trades, Merchants, Manufacturers, and Householders of the Town of Kilmarnock.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Magistrates, Town Council, the Incorporate Trades, Manufacturers, and Householders of the Town of Kilmarnock, beg Leave to approach the Throne at this critical Time, with the most sincere Assurances of our Zeal and Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Sensible as we are of the many Blessings derived from our most excellent Constitution, we cannot but deeply lament the late bold Attempts that have been made to encroach on the just Rights of the Crown, and to deprive the Subjects of their most invaluable Privileges. We therefore beg Leave to express our most grateful Approbation of the wise and seasonable Exertion of the Royal Prerogative, in the Dismission of your late Ministers, and to assure your Majesty that we will, with our Lives and Fortunes, support every Measure to preserve the solid Advantages that have been ever derived from our happy Constitution. With a due Conviction of your Majesty's Attention to the Welfare and Prosperity of your Subjects, we pray Almighty God may long preserve your Majesty to reign over a free and happy People; and that this Country, after the Ravages of a long and destructive War, may enjoy the Blessings of Peace, and the Advantages that may result from a firm and united Ministry.

[Signed by 67 of the Inhabitants, and 4 Deacons for the several Incorporations, amounting in the Whole to 1272.]

The following Address of the Magistrates, Town Council, Incorporate Trades, and Burgeses;