

Providence, the Crown of these Realms may rest with Ease and with Lustre on the Head of your Majesty and of your latest Posterity.

[*Presented by the Hon. Horatio Walpole and Sir Martin Browne Folkes, Bart. Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough.*]

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons and Clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons and Clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the profoundest Sentiments of Respect and Attachment. We are anxious to express to your Majesty our Horror and Indignation at the daring Outrages lately offered to your Royal Person, at the Moment you were discharging one of the most solemn and important Duties of your high Situation, and to congratulate your Majesty upon your providential Escape from the Danger to which you were then exposed. Convinced that your Majesty's paternal Care is uniformly extended to every Description of your Subjects, we cannot but view these atrocious Acts of Violence with equal Surprise and Concern. Whilst we participate in the general Blessings of your Majesty's mild and auspicious Government, we are bound, as Ministers of the Gospel, to acknowledge the happy Influence of your Royal Example in Support of the great Interests of Religion and Virtue. We feel the warmest Gratitude to Almighty God for this recent and signal Instance of his accustomed Goodness to this Country, and we earnestly pray that the Supreme Disposer of all Events will be pleased to continue his gracious Favor to these Kingdoms by a long Preservation of your Majesty's invaluable Life.

[*Presented by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, the Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Diocese of Salisbury, deeply impressed with indignant Horror at the late daring Attempts against your Royal Person, eagerly press forward to offer our most hearty Congratulations on your happy Preservation, by the merciful Care of Divine Providence, from the alarming Danger to which your precious Life was exposed, by so desperate an Effort of treasonable Violence. Though for a few Years past we have had but too just Cause to lament the mischievous Industry with which Principles of the most pernicious Tendency have been propagated throughout the Kingdom, it might have been expected that the Force of Loyalty, in the great Majority of good Subjects, would already have been sufficiently strong to defeat the Machinations of the turbulent and profligate Enemies of their Country, who, with an Activity that supplies their Want of Numbers, labour to subvert a Form of Government which insures to every Member of the Community as great a Share of Freedom as is consistent with social Order. But, when we now observe them, emboldened by Impunity, starting out from the dark recesses of their seditious Meetings, and proceeding, with unexampled Insolence, to the most public Manifestation of

their detestable Designs, it is high Time to unite all the Strength of the State, all the Authority of the Laws, and all the Weight of Individuals, in every Station and of every Profession, to repress the wild Infatuation. Those of our Profession, Ministers of holy Religion, are not only under peculiar Obligations to exert their best Endeavours, at so momentous a Crisis, but have peculiar Opportunities of exerting them to good Purpose. Permit us, therefore, humbly to convey to your Majesty our most sincere Assurances, that it shall be our constant, and, we trust, our effectual Study to guard the Minds of our Congregations against the Delusions employed by the Emissaries of Sedition, to cheat them out of their Happiness, and, by training them up to the Fear of God, to furnish them with the most powerful Motives to honour the King. To the diligent and conscientious Discharge of the Duties of our sacred Function in our public Instructions, so well calculated to produce the most important national Advantages, we shall never forget to add our earnest and devout Supplications to that great Being who governs all Things in Heaven and Earth, that He would vouchsafe the Continuance of his Protection to your Majesty from secret Conspiracy and open Violence; that he would preserve you, long to reign, endeared to the great Body of your People, not less by the Exercise of every private Virtue, than by an invariable Attention to the public Good; and that there never may be wanting a Succession of Sovereigns of your illustrious Family, who, emulous of your bright Example, may be the happy Instruments of Heaven in securing to our latest Posterity the invaluable Blessings of civil and religious Liberty, now completely enjoyed under the beneficial Influence of our Constitution in Church and State.

[*Presented by the Lord Bishop of the said Diocese.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, humbly approach the Throne to offer our most sincere Congratulations on the providential Escape your Majesty has recently experienced, and to express our utmost Abhorrence of the daring Insult by which your Majesty's Life has been endangered, and the Laws established for the Safety of your sacred Person grossly violated.

We feel our Indignation increased by the Consideration that the atrocious Attempt, which Divine Providence hath graciously frustrated, was committed when your Majesty was in the actual Discharge of one of the most important Duties of your high Office, and against a beloved Sovereign, the whole Tenor of whose public Conduct has been devoted to the Welfare of his People, and whose private Character has displayed to them the brightest Example of Virtue and Goodness.

When such an Outrage is offered to such a Monarch we feel ourselves forcibly called upon to profess our firm and inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, to profess our Determination to protect these invaluable Pledges of our Happiness and Prosperity against every Effort of Sedition and Violence, and to discriminate the Clamours and desperate Acts of a few from the general Sentiments and Conduct of your affectionate and faithful Subjects.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we are fully sensible of the superior Blessings we enjoy under our