

Machinations whatsoever, preservation of His Majesties Royal Person, Protection of the Church established, from the Malice of her Popish and Schismatical Enemies, the great Felicities we can be blessed with.

And that our Zeal may not be wanting for the accomplishment of such good purposes, we do conceive our selves bound in Gratitude to His Majesty, as well as by our Duty and Allegiance; and are steadfastly resolved to maintain and support His Majesty and His lawful Successors, in all his and their Rights and Prerogatives, and our Religion established, with the utmost exerce of our Lives and Fortunes. And to the end that these our Resolutions might not only remain a Testimony against us, but redound to the Shame and Dishonour of our Posterity, If any should err therefrom (which God forbid) We do order that these our Sentiments and Resolutions be entred into the Records of our Sessions with this Petition to God Almighty, That he will set down length of days on His Majesties Right Hand, and on His Left Hand Riches and Honor, preserving His Royal Person and our Religion established against His and its Enemies.

An Humble Address has been likewise presented to His Majesty from the Burrough of *Hastmere* in *Surrey*.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Burgiss and Burgeses of Your Majesties ancient Burrough of *Hastmere* in the County of *Surrey*, having with infinite satisfaction read Your Majesties most Gracious Speech to Your Parliament at *Oxford*, on the one and twentieth day of *March* last: and also having heard Your Majesties like Gracious Declaration touching the Causes and Reasons that moved Your Majesty to Dissolve the two last Parliaments, according to Your Majesties Order Read publicly in our Chappel on Sunday, being the 2th day of this instant *May*, did thereupon warr a Meeting of all the Members of the said Burrough in our Common-Hall or Chamber, on this present 10th day of *May*, 1681.

Where it was by us (whose Names are hereunder Subscribed) unanimously agreed to render unto Your Majesty our most Humble Thanks for Your said Gracious Speech and Declaration; and that Your Majesty hath in both so solemnly Declared, not only, that Your Majesty will never us Arbitrary Government (which as we had no cause to fear, so neither had we thereof any jealousy) but also that Your Majesty is resolved not to suffer it in others; That the known and establish'd Laws of this Your Kingdom, shall be the Rule of Your Majesties Government; And also that it is Your meaning they should be the Measure for all Aemaling under Your Majesties Authority; And that Your Majesty takes not fit to consent to a Law that shall establish another Civil War, or make it necessary to maintain a standing Force, whereby to preserve the Peace of Your Majesties Kingdoms.

For all which we do hereby render our most hearty and humble Thanks unto Your Majesty; and we do most humbly assure Your Majesty, that we shall take all possible care when Your Majesty shall think fit to call another Parliament, to send such Members from our Burrough, as we shall have good assurance are cordially and zealously affected to Your Majesties Person and Family, and also to the Government Ecclesiastical and Civil, as it is now by Law established: And we humbly beg Your Majesties Gracious Acceptance of this our Dutiful Ad-

dress from the Hands of Sir William More, Baronet, George Woodcock, Esq, our late Burgeses, and James Greatham of *Hastmere*, Esq;

Witness, *May* 22. This day was presented to His Majesty an Humble Address from the Town of *Wigan*, by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Ancram*, who served for them in the last Parliament, and by Major-General *Egerton*, Burgeses of the said Town.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, &c. having heard the Tenor of Your Majesties most Gracious Declaration published in our Parish Church, in Obedience to Your Majesties Command, cannot but express the satisfaction we receive from the said Gracious Declaration; wherein after all the frequent and repeated assurances to the People both in Parliament and out of Your Royal intentions, to preserve inviolable the Rights and Conflitions of the Government, both in Church and State, with the just Liberties, and legal Privileges of Your Subjects, Your Majesty hath been Graciously pleased by the Declaration of Your Royal Will in the Presence of God in our Sacred Assemblies, to manifest the Religious sincerity of Your Most Gracious intentions: Wherein as we do cordially and cheerfully acquiesce, so we cannot but Declare (with our grateful acknowledgment of Your Majesties Grace and Favour therein), our esteem of it, as a sufficient and satisfactory ground to us, (and we hope to all good Subjects) to allay those cautelous fears and jealousies wherewith designing and ill-meaning Men, have endeavoured to possess the minds of Your People; and as we are intimately sensible of Your Majesties great care and watchfulness for the preservation of the Government, the security of our Peace, and the establishment of Religion (as now professed, and by Law established in the Church of *England*) so are we now more than ever convinced of Your Majesties profound Wisdom and Counsel, to choole the most suitable Methods to the attainment of such great ends; and do cheerfully depend upon Your Majesties great Judgment (as it is Your sole Prerogative) to Align the strictest time when to meet Your People in Parliament, and compleat those most Gracious intentions mentioned in Your late Declaration.

For which, as we look upon our selves as bound in Duty to return Your Majesty our humble Acknowledgments, and hearty Thanks. so we were willing to take this opportunity to Present it to Your Sacred Majesty; together with the Assurance of the unshaken Loyalty of this Your Corporation.

And though others have Addressed Your Majesty more early, yet none ever shall go before us in all Dutiful Allegiance to Your Majesty, and Fidelity to the Royal Line, and a firm Adherence to the true Protestant Religion of the Church of *England*. In defence of all which we are ready and resolved to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes, as well against the treacherous Designs of Papists, as the restless endeavours of Factious and Schismatical Dissenters. Your Majesty has been pleased to own the Loyalty of this ancient Corporation, and immediately after Your Happy Restauration, did set a Mark of Your Royal Favour upon it: And we are humbly bold to assure Your Majesty of our firm Adherence to the same Principles of Allegiance and Loyalty; and whenever Your Princes Judgment shall think fit to Summon another Parliament, we shall endeavour to make choice of such Representatives, as shall most cheerfully concur with Your Majesty for the support of the Government, the Preservation of Your Majesties Sacred Person, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, as it is now by Law established.

And as we lay this hearty Acknowledgment at Your Sacred Feet, Humbly begging the Acceptance of our sincere intentions, so do we earnestly beg of God the long continuance of Your Majesties Sacred Life (in which is bound up all that is near and dear to us) that so we may many years enjoy the happy Influence of Your great Wisdom and Counsel.

This Majesty having over this Address read, was pleased to tell our Lord *Ancram* and Major-General *Egerton*, That this was not the first Mark that Town had given Him of their Loyalty; that he had heretofore bid many Testimonies of it, and showed them for giving this new proof of it at this time.

Whitehal, *May* 24. This Evening their Majesties past by in their Barges, intending to go down the River in their Yachts, and to be back at *Windfor* on Saturday next.