

To the Kings most Sacred Majesty.

The most faithful and assigned Thanks and Resolves, of the Bayliff, Recorder, Burgeses, and principal Inhabitants of your Majesties Burrough of Abergavenny in the County of Monmouth.

Great SIR,

WE your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, seriously reflecting on the exceeding great Felicity, which we and all your Majesties Subjects enjoy, by your Majesties Gracious Reign over us; humbly return your Majesty our most hearty Thanks, for your steady Resolutions, of maintaining the Rights of the Crown, the Succession in its due course, the Protestant Religion as by Law now established, the Rights of your Subjects, their Liberties and Properties, against the Arbitrary proceedings, of all Factions and Designing Men; and in condescending to give us fresh assurances thereof, by your Majesties Gracious Declaration, bearing date the 8th day of April 1681. And therefore being confident of your Majesties perseverance, in such your Majesties great and pious Resolutions; We beg your Majesty to believe, that we are firmly resolv'd to stand by your Majesty, your Heirs and lawful Successors, with our Lives and Fortunes, in the prosecution of these ends, against all opposition whatsoever; the which we shall at all times, and upon all occasions, be in the greatest readiness to perform; as glad to shew our selves, Great SIR, Your Majesties most Dutiful, and most Loyal Subjects.

The same day the Right Honourable the Earl of Peterborough, Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, presented to His Majesty an Address from the Deputy Lieutenants and the whole Militia of that County. And several other Addresses, as from the County of Coventry, from the Town of Helston in Cornwall, and from the Town of Deal, were presented to the King, and very graciously received by His Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, the Colonels, Captains, and all other Officers and Souldiers of Your Majesties Militia in the County of Northampton.

Humbly Sheweth,

That we being infinitely satisfied with your Majesties gracious and firm Resolutions of using your utmost endeavours to preserve the Government as it is now by Law Established both in Church and State, sufficiently made known and secured to us, and to all your Majesties Dutiful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects, by your late most Gracious Declaration published for that purpose. It gives us Encouragement, with all Duty, Loyalty, and Submission, humbly to beg leave to tender to your Majesty our most humble Thanks for the same; and to give you a perfect assurance, That we are unanimously resolved to venture our Lives

and Fortunes for the Preservation of your Majesties Sacred Person (which God long preserve) and for maintenance of the Government as it is now by Law Established in Church and State; and that we will be ready, at any time when your Majesty shall Command us, to March out and Fight against any Rebels, Traitors, or Conspirators, that shall presume to appear against your Majesty, your Heirs and Lawful Successors: And although we happen to be later than others in this Address, and humble Presentation of our Duties (not knowing till we had Examples, how it would be accepted by your Majesty) yet we beseech you to be assured, That none of your Subjects shall ever be before us in our Zeal, Obedience, and Affection to your Majesties Sacred Person and Service.

The Humble Address of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and other the County, Inhabitants, Freemen, and Freeholders of the County and County of Coventry, whose Names are hereunto subscribed.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, having to late had the sad experience, that no Arbitrary Power can be so grievous, as that which in the memory of many has been exercised by those who pretended to free us from it, cannot but admire the restless disposition, and vain hopes of some; the unwary, easy, and simple temper of others, that are willing to be deceived in judgement, that cannot foresee the Design and end is like to be the same, when they may plainly see already the same words and pretences are openly declared in those secret insinuations and open invectives against Monarchy and Episcopacy, which are spread among us by Men of base Designs, and diabolical Principles: we think it might be sufficient satisfaction to all reasonable and sober Subjects, against all suspicions of Arbitrary Power, that Your Majesty hath been pleased hitherto to make the Law the Rule of Your Government; and to express Your Royal Pleasure in Your most Gracious Declaration to do so for the future: And we return these our most humble thanks, for that Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased in so solemn a way, to publish Your Royal Intentions of making use of frequent Parliaments; the times and seasons for their Meeting, as it is Your Majesties undoubted Right to appoint, so we rest fully satisfied, that such is Your Majesties great Prudence and Care for Your Subjects, as to call them at such times as shall be most for Your Majesties and the Nations Honour, and Your Peoples good; And we heartily wish, that in all places (as we shall do our endeavour in our Sphere) such Representatives may be Elected, as may answer the expectation of their King and Country; And we do also render our most Humble Thanks, for that Your Majesty has been pleased so seasonably to free us from all strange fears and jealousies of any Invasion upon our Laws, our Properties or Liberties: But above all, we desire to return our most Dutiful, and most Humble Acknowledgments for that by often repeated Assurances Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to secure unto us the true established Protestant Religion, by all desirable ways and means, excepting only such as no true Right grounded Orthodox Protestant can think agreeable to his Profession, to the established Government of the Church, or to the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; we therefore return our unfeigned Thanks to Your Sacred Majesty, the Defender of our Faith, that our Church has yet a Being, that Injustice has not been established by Law, that our Peace has not been undermined, and that our Consciences have not been ensnared. And we do publicly Declare, That as in the true Protestant Sense, we have taken the entire Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; so we hope by the Grace of God, as entirely to keep them, and not by halves, or with any Jesuitical reservation, pretend to be true to Your Majesty, and yet false and perjured to Your Lawful Successors. And we do in all Humility assure Your Sacred Majesty