

Care for continuing us a Flourishing and Happy People (notwithstanding the restless endeavours of some to interrupt and disturb you in it) do think both our Duty and Loyalty concern'd to return our most thankful Acknowledgments, next under God to your Majesty, for the great Prosperity we enjoy as to our Religion and Property, and in the General Peace and Quiet of your Kingdoms. And though it never be unreasonable to make such returns of Thanks, yet now we conceive it necessary, when Papists, with other seditious, disaffected Persons, who seem to be united in this; are strangely alive and industrious in seducing your true Protestant Subjects into needless Fears and Jealousies, that so they may more easily bring your Government in Church and State, under Contempt, and then remove it from its ancient Foundations. Your most Gracious Declaration for which we more particularly are thankful, has been so wonderfully successful, that there is quite another Spirit and Temper of Men than of late; the hopes of those who rejoice never to be satisfied being quash'd and defeated, others not so obstinate, having their Eyes more opened; but they whose Hearts were never possess'd with any other than Honest and Loyal Principles, are so enlivened and encouraged by your Majesties great Resolutions, that they will cheerfully Sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes against all your Enemies, both at Home and Abroad. And as amongst other Blessings, we derive our present Commands from your Majesty, as the only Supreme over the Militia, so we hope the fatal Consequence which attend'd your Royal Father's being illegally depriv'd of that Authority, will always be a prevailing Argument for your Majesties firm retaining it in your own disposal. And then whilst your Laws are in one Hand, and your Sword in the other, we are as secure from Arbitrary Power, as 'tis possible for any to assume it.

That your Majesty may long live to sway the Scepter of these Kingdoms, and that there never may be wanting a Lawful Heir and Successor of your Royal Family to support the Imperial Crown, and the Church of England as now establish'd, is the daily Prayers of your Majesties most dutiful Subjects, whose Hearts have guided their Hands in this Subscription.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury at the Sessions at Hereford, held the 12th of July, 1681.

Great SIR,

WE have with great Admiration, looked upon Your Princely Clemency, not only in granting Pardon and Oblivion at Your happy Restauration to all Your Subjects for their Crimes committed, but without endeavouring to win their Hearts by Favours and Kindness, conferr'd even on those that had declared themselves inveterate Enemies to the best of Kings and Monarchy; ever since with vigilant Care, preserving Union amongst Your People, and a free Trade and Commerce with all Neighbouring Princes and States, to the great increase of our Happiness and Plenty; which ('tis to be fear'd) have with some ill Men, only served to advance their Pride and feed their Arrogancy, instead of filling their Hearts with Love and Gratitude. But we, who at this time represent the Body of this

Courty; and know the Sense of most of them, do with all Humility for our selves and them, beseech Your Majesty to accept our thankful acknowledgment for the Blessings we have and do still enjoy by Your Protection and Government; more especially for Your Transcendent Care in preventing those Dangers, that seem'd to threaten us, from the Bloody Attempts of Papists, and the sly Designs of Factional Phanatics. but above all for Your Majesties late most Gracious Declaration, set forth to be read so Publickly, that all who deserted not the known Place of Gods Worship might hear it: A satisfaction to all that were not fond of one or other of the Traiterous Factions, it giv'g us great assurance that Your Majesty will still Preserve, and Your self closely adhere to the Protestant Religion, as now by Law established: Which we hope, as it doth comfort and enliven all Your Loyal Subjects, so it will extinguish the Malice, and allay the heats of all pretended Jealousies and Fears, rais'd by such as neither wish well to Your Sacred Person, nor to the Peace and Tranquility of your three Kingdoms.

We humbly beg your Sacred Majesty to accept this our Address, though it come not as early as those of other Countries, or our own, since we wanted an opportunity, such as our present Service affords us, to be Convened together, and speak our Thoughts publickly; though the late Wars that kept so long from us your Self (the delight of our Eyes, and joy of our Hearts) have harass'd our Persons, and lessened our Fortunes: yet as true Heirs of our honest Ancestors we inherit their Loyalty and Resolution, being ready with the forwardest, to spend the remainder of our Lives and Fortunes in defence of your Majesties most Sacred Person, your Royal Authority, your Heirs and Lawful Successors, the Religion as now Established, against all Plots, or Plotters whatsoever; resolving that our last Breath shall expire in Prayers for your Majesties happy Reign and long Life, and that there may never be wanting one of that Line to Reign over these Kingdoms, till the World it self and all other Governments, fall under their last fatal Dissolution and Change.

The Humble Address of your Majesties Lord-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for the County of Westmorland, at the General Sessions of the Peace, holden at Appleby for the said County, the 12th of July, Ann. Dom. 1681.

SHEWETH,

THAT we having considered your Majesties late Declaration, touching the Dissolution of the two last Parliaments, do hold our selves obliged to take this first opportunity, to make our humble Acknowledgment of your Majesties Great Grace and Favour to all your People, by the Publication thereof, as being a sufficient ground of hope, that your Majesty will secure us against Popery, and all other our just fears; and as your Majesty hath most Graciously been pleas'd to Declare, that your Majesty looks upon Parliaments as the best Method for healing the distempers of this Kingdom; and to preserve Monarchy in due Credit and Respect both at home and abroad; so we shall heartily endeavour to do our parts towards a just Settlement both of Church and State, by choosing Representatives of approved Loyalty and Moderation, to serve in Parliament for this County (when your Majesty in your Great Willom shall think fit) as shall account it their Happiness to perform that Parliamentary Duty and Service, which may most tend to your Majesties Honor, the preservation of the Monarchy, and the good of your People. And