

And because we find, with extreme indignation that the horrid Assassination of your Majesty and his Royal Highness (which we tremble to mention, but in thanks for its disappoinment) was first laid to have been executed in this very County, where Your Majesty has so many Loyal Hearts and Hands devoted to Your Service, and ready at Your Royal Commands; We esteem ourselves obliged in a more particular manner, to take this opportunity of renewing our unfeigned Resolutions and Protestations of unmoveable Duty and Obedience to Your Majesty and the Royal Family, according to the Legal Right of Succession. And cheerfully to present to Your Majesty's disposal, our Lives and Fortunes, for the defence and honour of Your most August Person, Crown, and Dignity. And for the reducing to due Obedience either by a strict Execution of Laws, or by just force of Arms, if need be, all those Your Majesty's Enemies; whom now we have great reason to believe, no other Humane means will ever be able to make inoffensive to Your Government; Since even so many repeated Acts of Your Majesty's unparalleled Grace and Mercy, have not been able to do it.

And therefore we do with Humility and Faithfulness offer unto Your Majesty, a Troop to be formed of the principle Gentlemen of our County, under Your Royal Commission, to be ready at all times to guard Your Majesty's most Sacred Person at Your Royal Palace of Whitehall, or elsewhere, whenever Your Majesty shall please so to command us.

We conclude, with our most solemn Vows and Prayers to Almighty God for the continuance of Your Majesty's Health, Prosperity, and Glory; wishing and hoping that all Your Loyal Subjects affections and ardour for Your most righteous Cause, will increase proportionably to the Plenty and Felicity we enjoy under Your happy Reign; And that all Your enemies Malice and Rage for the future, will have no other effect but what it has hitherto had, to depress and confound them the more, and to make You still Greater, and more Triumphant.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Your Majesty's most Loyal Subjects of Your County of Dorset, the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and others Assembled at Shaftsbury, at the General Quarter Sessions, Humbly beg Leave a little to interrupt Your Sacred Majesty's great Thoughts and Cares which Your Majesty now (a weight more than ordinary) sustains, for the preservation of us, and all Your good Subjects, from the most imminent Ruine which the Unexampled Wickedness of the Ungrateful, Atheistical Seditionaries had prepared for us.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE are duly sensible that all Subjects ordinarily owe themselves and all they have to the Government, but upon this astonishing and wonderful Occasion, wherein God has been pleased to proceed in his course of working Miracles for Your Majesty, what Thanks we ought to pay to God, and Your Majesty, for this our so very great Deliverance and Redemption, we cannot express; But beg Your Majesty to believe, that our Joy for Your Majesty's and Royal Brother's Deliverance, exceeds even the Sense of our own restored Life.

The great God hath said, Kings are as Gods, but these True-Protestant-Atheists, who for these last Forty Years have said in their Hearts and Actions, and some of them with their Mouths, That there is no God; had resolved that once more a King should dye like Men, and fall like one of the People.

We therefore in all Humility thank God, and Your Majesty, most joyfully and dutifully owning our Lives, to the utmost of what we are or have,

Great SIR,
Your most Sacred Majesty's
ever Loyal Subjects.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesty's most Loyal and most Obedient Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, and Grand Inquest, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Wilts, held at Warminster, on Tuesday the 10th. day of July, in the Thirty fifth Year of Your Majesty's Reign over England, &c.

Dread Sovereign,

WE cannot without Abhorrence and Amazement, reflect on the Ingratitude of those Men, who owing their Lives to Your Majesty's Clemency, should design to take away Yours, and thereby involve us in that Misery and Confusion they would be thought too much to dread from the Papists: So that they draw near to the Jesuits in their Hearts and Practices; how much soever in their Tongues they seem to Condemn them. Neither will Impudence itself, or what is more, these Men, hereafter dare to accuse the Church of England of Compliance with Popery, when the Fanaticque outgoes Ravilliac; and the Demyre painful Teacher dilates the worst of Popes with their whole Consistory. For these Men sacrifice whole Kingdoms to their Rage, and would expiate the Murder of Your Glorious Father, by offering up his Sons to his Injured Ghost. But Providence, as in other Instances, so in this last, most eminently discovers the Concern it hath for Your Royal Person and Family, which taught You as a Brand out of the Fire, and made the Conflagration of a Town, the happy Instrument of Your Majesty's deliverance. To that God we offer up our thanks for your Majesty's safety, and to Your Great Self, the humble Assurance, That with our Lives and Fortunes, we will defend Your Sacred Person and Royal Brother from the attempts of the worst of Men.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Grand Jury of the Liberty of Peterborough in the County of Northampton, at the General Quarter Sessions held in the City of Peterborough, on the 12th. day of July, 1683.

May it please Your Majesty,

AS we Your Dutiful and Loyal Subjects (with no little Astonishment) have received an Account of a most Bloody Conspiracy contrived against Your Royal Person, Crown, and Dignity, and also against Your dearest Brother, James Duke of York; So we cannot but with all the passion (that Loyal Hearts are capable of) signify and profess our utter Detestation and Abhorrence of the same, together with all Traiterous Designs and Seditious Associations what soever.

And for as much as we are highly sensible of the dutiful Allegiance we owe to Your Sacred Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors, and also very apprehensive of the manifold Blessings we enjoy under Your Wife and Gracious Government; So we crave leave to assure Your Majesty, That with the hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, we shall readily and cheerfully endeavour to promote Your Majesty's Service, as well for the defence of Your Majesty's Sacred Person, and the Established Government both in Church and State, as for the Discovering (and as much as in us lieth) the bringing to Justice Your and their Enemies.

And since the watchful Providence of Almighty God, by a timely Discovery, hath prevented that Inundation of Misery and Destruction that would have overwhelmed both Church and State; We do in the first place with grateful Hearts adore His Mercy and Goodness for that Deliverance; And also implore the Divine Clemency that hath hitherto Miraculously preserved You, still to protect and defend You from all Your Enemies, and to abate their Pride, avenge their Malice, and confound their Devices, and to grant You for many and many years, a peaceable and prosperous Reign over us.

We His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Liberty of Peterborough, do return our hearty thanks to the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury for their Loyal and Seasonable Address, and do heartily concur with them in this Address, and do recommend it to the Citizens and Inhabitants of Peterborough.