

To this most auspicious beginning, for which we are ever bound to bless God, we are deeply sensible how much your Majesty has added by your most Gracious Declaration, at your first coming to Council, and particularly by your Declaring, That you will make it your endeavour, to preserve this Government both in Church and State, as it is now by Law established; Which also adds a further obligation of Gratitude, to that which we had before, by our hereditary Principle of unconditional and unchangeable Loyalty.

And as our Fathers have also taught us, we make it our daily Prayer to God, That he would grant your Majesty in health and wealth long to live, Strengthen you that you may vanquish and overcome all your Enemies, and finally after this Life you may attain Everlasting Joy and Felicity.

In Testimony whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the 17th day of March, 1684. and First Year of your Majesties Reign.

To his Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Steward, Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Citizens of your Majesties Antient City of Bath.

WE your Majesties most dutiful and obedient Subjects, having our hearts full of inexpressible grief and Sorrow for the loss of our Nursing Father, his late deceased Majesty your dearest Brother.

Nothing on earth but your Majesties quiet and peaceable Ascent to his Throne in so true and Rightful a Succession, with your Gracious Declaration thereupon could lessen or allay it. As therefore out of the deepest sense thereof we do and shall always offer up our continual Sacrifices of Thanks to the Great Preserver of Princes, that hath brought your Majesty in safety to it against the Malice and Outrages of your fiercest Enemies: So we shall ever humbly implore his Almighty Providence that hath so wonderfully disposed and ordered it; That his choicest Blessings may continually descend upon your Royal Head, in giving your Majesty a long, happy, and flourishing Reign over us: For the promoting whereof, And in Defence and Preservation of your Majesties Person, your Prerogatives, and Rights, Crown, and Dignities, we are ready to lay down our Lives and Fortunes, and are resolved with a Loyal constancy ever to serve you with them.

Given under the Seal of our City by a full and free consent this Eighteenth day of February in the First Year of your most Gracious Majesties Reign, Anno; Dom. 1684.

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Cambridge at their Assizes the Ninth day of March, Anno Domini 1684.

Most Dread Sovereign,

WE your Majesties most dutiful and Obedient Subjects, come with hearts full of Loyalty, beseeching you to believe that we will always be ready with our Lives and Fortunes to Defend your Majesties Sacred Person, Rights and Prerogatives: We do also think ourselves bound in Duty and Gratitude to return you all imaginable Thanks for your late Gracious Declaration, that you will maintain our Religion as now by Law established, which hath given us and all honest men entire Satisfaction. And we doubt not but we may give your Majesty some further Assurance of what we now profess by choosing such Representatives for the ensuing Parliament who will truly serve the End for which they meet. And we hope there is no Person so Villanous, who will refuse to joy with us in our hearty Prayers for your Majesties long and happy Reign over us,

The following Address was Presented to His Majesty by His Grace the Duke of Albemarle, and the Right Honourable the Earl of Oxford.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Grand Jury for the County of Essex, at the Assizes held at Chelmsford, the Eleventh day of March, One thousand six hundred Eighty four.

Great SIR,

THe Duty we owe to the memory of our late Gracious Sovereign, might justly oblige us to discover our excess of Sorrow, were we not unwilling to disturb the Royal Breast of your sacred Majesty; As therefore we must submit to the Divine Providence in translating that Blessed Prince to a more glorious situation so are we bound to adore the Wisdom and Benignity of Heaven in defending us from all Pretenders to the Throne, and fixing the Imperial Crown of this Realm upon the Head of your Royal Majesty, whereby the most Republick and Phanatick Spirits may be convinced that the Law of Heaven is never to be violated by an Exclusive Bill upon Earth. Your Majesties Gracious Declaration will certainly oblige the worst of Men to repent of their former Mistakes, and make them double their Diligence in performing their Duty hereafter. However, we do here in all Humility prostrate our Lives and Fortunes at the Feet of your Sacred Majesty, which shall most readily and vigorously be employed for the safety and defence of Your Crown and Dignity, against all Persons attempting to Unking the best of Governments, or invade the least Branch of your Royal Prerogative. In order whereunto our utmost endeavors shall be for Electing Representatives of most approved Loyalty.

To his most Excellent Majesty, King JAMES the Second, over England, &c.

The humble Address of your Majesties Corporation of Morpeth, in the County of Northumberland, both Bailiffs, Steward, Aldermen, Minister, Burgesses, and all the Inhabitants thereof.

SHEWETH,

That never Death (next to your Majesties most Royal Father that Glorious Martyr) afflicted Subjects more than the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign your Majesties most intirely loving and beloved Brother; And it God Almighty the Preserver and Protector of his own Vicegerents, had not preserved your Majesty to be our Rightful Sovereign (maugre all the Antimonarchical designs of Excluding Achitophels) we must unavoidably have sit down under worse then Egyptian Tyranny; But thanks be to God, who has so happily confounded those hellish Devices, and has so early revived the joy of our Lives and well-beings here with Your most Gracious Majesties Rightful and peaceable accession to the Throne of Your Ancestors, to the Succession whereof we humbly Presume to avow to the World, never Poison steep upon it more Qualified with Royal Endowments then your Majesty. And we do humbly render our most intireted thanks to your Majesty for your Princely Declaration to the Lords of your Majesties most Honorable Privy-Council, But (Great SIR) Minutes of time are precious with Majesty, Therefore we do unanimously with one Heart, Tongue, and Pen, promise and vouch Heaven for our Testimony, That we will ever be Loyal and Faithful Subjects with our Lives and Fortunes to your Majesty, and send none for our Representatives in Parliament: but Persons of known Loyalty and Affection towards your Majesties Person and Government, and never cease to pray for Your Majesty and your Royal Progeny to be our Kings and Governors while Sun and Moon endures. In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set the Common Seal of our Corporation the Twelfth day of March in the First Year of your Majesties most Gracious Reign over us, Anno; Dom. 1684.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocess of Hereford.

The deep Sense and Grief of Heart which we your Majesties most Loyal and Obedient Subjects had conceived for the great Loss of our most Gracious King CHARLES, your Majesties dearly beloved Brother, of ever Blessed Memory, was much abated when we saw your Majesty ascend the Throne of your Royal Ancestors (to which You had so undoubted a Right by the Laws of Nature and this Kingdom) not only in