

both; in a just Sense of our Duty to God, who has appointed us the Preachers of Obedience to Governours for Conscience sake; of Gratitude to your Majesty, under whose auspicious Reign we enjoy so many, and great Blessings; and of the Obligations of our own Oaths, by which we have abjured the Pretender to your Crown, and solemnly bound our selves, before God and the World, to defend your Majesty to the utmost of our Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts; and to secure the Crown of these Realms to your Majesty and your Heirs: And we are sensible that we should be the most abandoned of all Mankind, if we, whose Duty it is to inculcate into others a Religious Regard to their Oaths, should not take the utmost Care, that all our Words and Actions be strictly conformable to our own.

The Concern for our Civil Liberties, and Legal Rights, which Experience has taught us to be precarious under a Popish Prince, is common to us with the rest of our Fellow Subjects: But as Religion is our more immediate Care, under your Majesty, our Supreme Governour and most Gracious Protector; we dread to think how soon the whole Work of the Reformation would be destroyed, and Popery become the Religion, not of these Kingdoms only, but of all Europe, if it should please God for our Sins to give Success to these desperate Attempts; being fully convinced that a greater Delusion cannot possess the Hearts of Men, than to hope for any thing but utter Destruction to a Protestant Church, under a Popish Prince, who must think himself obliged in Conscience to destroy it.

As the present happy Settlement of the Crown is our only Security, under God, against these terrible Calamities to Church and State; may he evermore protect your Sacred Person, and those of your Royal Family, against all the Designs and Conspiracies of wicked Men: May your Government be peaceable and prosperous; and your Reign long: And may you never want an Heir to sit upon your Throne, who, after your Example, shall be the Defender of our Faith, the Protector of our Church, and a Bulwark to the Reformed Religion, against all the Efforts of Popery and Superstition.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

I Thank you kindly for this Loyal and Dutiful Address. The Zeal you express for the Safety of my Person and Government, and your just Abhorrence of the Traiterous Designs that have been carried on against both, give me great Satisfaction.

And as I doubt not but your joint Endeavours will, by the Blessing of God, very much contribute to the Support of our happy Constitution; so you may be fully assured, that I shall do every thing on my Part to encourage the Clergy, and to maintain the Church of England, as by Law established, in a safe and flourishing Condition.

St. James's, Nov. 2. The following Address having been transmitted by the Lords Justices of Ireland to his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Lieutenant of that Kingdom, has by him been presented to His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Dublin, at a General Session of the Peace held at Kilmainham the 4th Day of October 1722.

May it please your Majesty,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Dublin, beg Leave, with Hearts full of Gratitude, to acknowledge the Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most wise and gracious Administration.

It is with the utmost Horror and Indignation we behold the Practices and Conspiracies of those Men, who, in favour of a Popish Pretender, endeavour to destroy the best established Church, the most wisely framed Constitution, and happiest Government in the World: Men, whom no Obligations of Religion, Conscience, or even their own true Interest can engage, or the Sanctions of the most solemn Oaths can bind to Loyalty and Allegiance.

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