

Gentlemen, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Cholmondeley Lord Lieutenant of North-Wales. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Custos Rotulorum, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Merioneth, met at the Great Sessions held at Bala for the said County the 29th Day of March 1727.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave to approach your Throne with Hearts fully sensible of the great Blessings and infinite Felicity we enjoy under your Majesty's most wise and gracious Administration, to join with the rest of your People in sincere Assurances of our Duty and Affection to your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and unfeigned Thanks for the prudent Care and Vigilance that appear so conspicuous in your Counsels and Preparations to frustrate the Attempts of your Enemies, and to preserve the Peace and Happiness of your People. We are at a Loss to express our just Resentments and Indignation at the unmannerly and extravagant Behaviour of a Prince, who owes all he enjoys to the Support and victorious Arms of the British Nation; at his ungrateful Engagements and secret Schemes entered into with other foreign Powers, in favour of a Popish Pretender, in manifest Violation of the most solemn Oaths and Treaties, and tending to the inevitable Ruin of the most valuable Trade and Commerce of this Nation.

Permit us therefore, Dread Sovereign, to assure your Majesty, that we shall, with the greatest Alacrity, sacrifice all that is dear and valuable to us, in Defence of your Majesty's Safety and Government, against all Efforts whatsoever of your Majesty's open or secret Enemies: And that your Majesty's Reign over us may be long and prosperous, and continue fixed on the firm Foundation of the Hearts of your Subjects; and that the Enjoyment of our present inestimable Blessings may be transmitted to our latest Posterity in your Royal Family, is, and shall be our daily Prayer.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, Minister, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnestaple, in the County of Devon, has been presented to His Majesty by Thomas Whetham, Esq; Lieutenant-General of His Majesty's Forces, and one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, Minister, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough and Parish of Barnestaple, in the County of Devon.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to return your Majesty our unfeigned Thanks, for the many Blessings we enjoy under your wise and auspicious Administration.

When we see one Prince (from whom we might have expected better Returns) invade the Trade of this Nation in its most valuable Branches, and another endeavouring to wrest out of your Majesty's Hands the Forts of Gibraltar and the Island of Minorca, which were the only Advantages this Nation reaped after a long, bloody, and successful War, it fills our Hearts with the warmest Resentment and Indignation against the Authors of such destructive Schemes.

We beg Leave to express our utmost Detestation of the abjured Pretender, and all his Abettors, and think that this Nation can never be so far infatuated as to exchange our Religion and English Liberty for Popery and Slavery.

We rely on your Majesty, under God's Providence, for our Safety and Protection; and do not doubt but that your Majesty, either by the Wisdom of your Counsels, or by the Force of your Arms, will soon bring to Reason those great Disturbers of the Peace and Liberty of Europe.

*Port-Mahon, March 26, O. S.* A Messenger arrived here nine Days ago from England, with Orders for a Detachment of 500 Men of this Garrison to be sent to Gibraltar: And such Expedition has been used, in providing Shipping, Victualling, and other Necessaries for their Transportation; that the said Detachment will all be on board, and ready to sail, the 29th Instant.

*Paris, April 21, N. S.* Letters from Madrid of the 7th Instant N. S. relate, that the Siege of Gibraltar goes on very slowly, and with little Success; and that the Spanish Army loses daily a great many Men: That two British Ships being lately arrived in that Bay with 900 Men for strengthening the Garrison, the Besiegers began to despair of succeeding in their Enterprize; and it was said at Court that if their Army was not in Possession of Gibraltar by the End of April, the Siege would be raised. The same Letters add, that besides the Spanish Ship of 50 Guns taken by an English Man of War, another Spanish Ship of 32 Guns, bound for Cartagena in the West-Indies, the Cargo amounting to 75000 Pieces of Eight, has been taken by the English; that they have also sunk five great Barks coming on the 27th of March from Malaga, and on the 28th they took