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**T**HE following Address of the Magistrates, and Town Counsellors of the Burgh of Dunfermline, has been presented to his Majesty by the Hon. James Erskine, Esq; their Representative in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore, one of the Lords of his Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Counsellors of the Burgh of Dunfermline, in Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E the Magistrates and Town Counsellors of the Burgh of Dunfermline, in Council assembled, having seen a Declaration of War published by the French King against your Majesty, wherein is contained Insinuations most injurious to your Majesty's Royal Dignity, and to the Honour of the British Name and Nation; and having heard that Preparations were made by that perfidious Court of France (in open Violation of most solemn Engagements) in Favours of a popish, abjur'd Pretender, to interrupt that Happiness we thankfully enjoy under your Majesty's Government; and all this done by that Court, noted Disturbers of the Peace and Tranquillity of Europe, for your Majesty's endeavouring to defend the ancient and natural Allies of your Crown, to preserve the Liberties of Europe, and to maintain the Commerce and essential Interests of your Kingdoms, do therefore most humbly beg Leave, with the utmost Duty and Gratitude, not only to acknowledge the Wisdom, Equity and Magnanimity of your Majesty's Councils, and rejoice in the great and glorious Effects of them; but also to take this Opportunity, in the strongest Manner, to express our Concern for, and Abhorrence of the Indignity intended and offer'd against your Majesty and these Kingdoms.

As your Majesty's Subjects must be too sensible of the Blessings of Liberty, and the free Exercise of our Religion, which we enjoy under your most auspicious Reign, to exchange them for an arbitrary and tyrannical Government; so the Loyalty and Unanimity of your faithful Subjects, will greatly tend to discourage these desperate, insolent and wicked Endeavours to destroy and subvert our most excellent Constitution.

We therefore, with Hearts unfeigned, hope (by the Blessing of God on your Majesty's Arms) to see our Enemies disappointed in their Expectations. And we most humbly beg Leave to

assure your Majesty, of our firm and sincerest Attachment to your sacred Person and Government, and our happy Establishment in Church and State. And we, with a Zeal and Firmness never to be shaken, unanimously promise, that no Endeavours of ours shall, even at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, be wanting to frustrate these Attempts to the Prejudice of both; and that we shall exert our utmost Efforts for the Preservation and Defence of your sacred Person and Government, and of our constitutional Rights, against all the Attempts of Foreign Enemies, and against all treasonable Practices at home, and also for the Maintenance of the Protestant Succession in your Royal and Illustrious Family, on which the Continuation of the Protestant Religion, Laws and Liberties of Great Britain, doth, under God, depend.

We also most humbly beg Leave to present our hearty Congratulations on the Increase of your illustrious Family, by the Birth of a third Son to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and on the Marriage of your Royal Daughter Princess Mary to the Prince Royal of Denmark, Events which must greatly contribute to our Happiness, as they strengthen our Constitution.

That the same good Providence, greatly propitious to the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of Britain, which lately protected your sacred Majesty in the Day of Battle, and blessed your Majesty with a signal and ever memorable Victory, may not suffer any Weapon form'd against you to prosper, but may preserve your Royal Person in Safety, Health and Glory, and long, very long to continue to a loyal and thankful People the free Exercise of our Religion, Laws and Liberties we enjoy in your Majesty's wife and happy Reign, and transmit the same in your august and royal House to latest Posterity, is the Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most humble, most faithful, and most obedient Subjects and Servants,

The Magistrates and Town Counsellors of the Burgh of Dunfermline, in Council assembled.

Signed in their Presence, and by their Appointment (the Seal of the Burgh being hereto appended) by *Jo. Lindsay, Præses.*

*Turin, May 4, N. S.* By Letters from Admiral Matthews, dated the 20th of April, O. S. from Vado Bay, there is an Account, that the Admiral had taken above twenty Prizes since the French Declaration of War, some of which were from the Levant; that Captain Goodyere, of the British Train of Artillery (who with two Lieutenants, and other Officers and People belonging to the Train, were taken Prisoners at the Battery under Mentaban) had, with two