

but in the Protestant Succession, as settled by Law in your Majesty, and your Royal Family.

To which Address his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

I Thank you for this seasonable Mark of your Duty and Affection. Your Influence and Example will greatly tend to animate my People with a due Zeal for the Support of my Government, and for the Defence of our most Holy Religion. You may be assured of my constant Resolution to protect and maintain the Church of England, as by Law established.

The following Address of the Governor, Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to his Majesty: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Governor, Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Governor, Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, in General Court assembled, most humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty, upon the Reduction of the Island of Cape Breton, with its Dependencies, to the Obedience of your Majesty's Crown; and to express the deep Sense we have of our Obligations to your Majesty, for the timely Assistance of your Majesty's Ships of War, which you was most graciously pleased to order for the Support of your Troops raised in this and two of the neighbouring Colonies, for your Majesty's Service in the late Expedition against those Settlements.

It is with the highest Pleasure that we reflect upon the Share which your Majesty's Subjects of this Province have had in making this Acquisition, as it has afforded them an Opportunity of distinguishing their unalterable Duty and Attachment to your sacred Person, their Zeal for the Honour of your Majesty's Government, and their Disposition to promote the general Welfare of your Dominions; an Acquisition which, as we esteem it in its immediate Effects to be of very great Importance to the Interest of your Majesty's European as well as American Subjects, so we trust it will prove still more beneficial to them in its future Consequences! And

we hope the Remembrance of it will be transmitted to succeeding Generations within your American Colonies, that it may excite and preserve in them the same Spirit of Loyalty, which animated us in our late Enterprize for your Majesty's Service.

May the Divine Providence, which has most remarkably favour'd your Majesty's Arms in this Conquest, continue to crown them with Success, till your Majesty shall have established the Liberties of Europe and America, by a safe and honourable Peace; and may this Acquisition be an Earnest of larger Additions to your Majesty's Dominions.

William Shirley, Governor.

In the Name and by Order of the Council,

Josiah Willard, Secretary.

*Boston,
July 30,
1745.*

In the Name and by Order of the House of Representatives,
Thomas Cushing, Speaker.

The following Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County Palatine of Lancaster, having been transmitted by the Earl of Derby, Lord Lieutenant of the County, to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been presented to his Majesty: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County Palatine of Lancaster, assembled at the Borough of Preston, most humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty's safe Arrival in your British Dominions.

As your Majesty's Presence Abroad has been found powerful and effectual in disconcerting the dangerous Schemes of an ambitious Monarch, the open and avowed Enemy of these Kingdoms, and raising the Grand Duke of Tuscany to the Imperial Throne; so we doubt not but it will be as powerful and effectual at Home, in defeating the traiterous Attempts of your and the Nation's Enemies, and give new Strength and double Vigour to your faithful Subjects.

The unnatural Rebellion at this Time raised in Scotland, (which from a Spark is now become a Flame threatening Destruction as far as it shall extend) cannot but fill our Hearts with a just Horror and Resentment, and inspire us with Unanimity and Resolution to exert all the Means in our Power, for the Defence and Security