

joy, under our glorious Constitution, and your Majesty's just and mild Administration.

A pure Religion, free from Superstition and Bigotry, and Laws calculated for the Preservation of the Lives, Liberties and Properties of each Individual, as also a Prince who has made it his constant Care and Study to defend and support them, are such inestimable Advantages, that none but Persons possessed with Madness, or something worse, can wish to change.

Therefore, Great Sir, permit us to assure you, that we shall, to the utmost of our Abilities, exert ourselves, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, in the Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person, being fully convinced, that your Enemies are only such, for your being so steady a Protector of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, against the most secret Machinations and open Violences of Papists, whose Religion is Idolatry, their Law an arbitrary and oppressive Power, and their Liberty Bondage.

To perpetuate the Blessings of your Majesty's auspicious Reign, and to prevent us from these deplorable Calamities, may that God, whom we adore in Sincerity and Purity of Heart, preserve the Diadem of these Kingdoms on the Head of your Royal Person and Posterity, till Time shall be no more.

The following Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of Corke, having been transmitted by his Excellency the Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland 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 Mayor, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of Corke.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of Corke, most heartily congratulate your Majesty on your safe Return to your British Dominions, and on the important Success of your Majesty's Arms in America.

We cannot omit observing, with the highest Pleasure and Satisfaction, that your Majesty's Enemies are so grievously distressed by the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, and Vigour and Power of your Arms, that notwithstanding they loudly boast of Conquests, they are necessitated to sue for Peace.

The Success of your generous Endeavours for the Liberty of Europe, by which you have so

eminently contributed to give a powerful Head to the Empire, able and willing to controul the restless Ambition of the House of Bourbon, fills all Hearts, that have a due Sense of the Value of Freedom, with the greatest Joy and Transport; and gives your faithful Subjects a new Occasion of expressing their highest Gratitude to your Majesty, for the unwearied Pains you have taken, to secure to latest Posterity those Rights and Privileges, which we have ever enjoyed, since we had the Happiness of being governed by your most Excellent Majesty.

With infinite Concern and Abhorrence we behold the base Ingratitude of some of your Majesty's Subjects, stir'd up by the dark Intrigues of your Majesty's implacable Enemies, who reward your Majesty's paternal Care of all your Subjects, by an unnatural Rebellion in Favour of a popish Pretender, whose Birth, Education, and Obligations, will ever render him incapable of ruling a People, accustomed to a long Enjoyment of Blessings under your Royal and illustrious Family.

May your Majesty's Arms soon reduce these abandoned Wretches to a just Sense of their Guilt; may their wicked Attempt only give a fresh Occasion to the World to observe, that your Majesty reigns in the Hearts of your grateful Protestant Subjects; may you ever be victorious over all your Enemies foreign and domestick; to effect which, our Persons and Fortunes shall always be ready at your Majesty's Command: May there never want one of your Majesty's Descendants to govern these Kingdoms, in Spite of the avowed Malice and united Schemes of France, Spain, Rome, and the Pretender. And we, your Majesty's most faithful Subjects can wish no greater Happiness for us or our Posterity.

Given under the Common Seal of the said City, this Twenty fourth Day of September, in the Nineteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and forty five.

Copy of the Association entered into by the Commons of Ireland, in Parliament assembled, the 22d Day of October 1745.

WHEREAS a most wicked and unnatural Rebellion is raised in Scotland, in order to place a popish Pretender on the Throne of these Kingdoms, to the Subversion of our Religion, Laws and Liberties; we the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament assembled, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, having an utter Abhorrence of such an insolent Attempt, a due Sense of his Majesty's paternal Care of, and Concern for the Preservation of our happy Constitution in Church and State, and of his

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