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St. James's, November 12.

**T**HE following Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, 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 Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Litchfield and Coventry.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, in a deep Sense of our inviolable Obligations of Duty, and the warmest Gratitude for all the Blessings we derive from your Majesty's paternal Care and Protection of us; and likewise under just Apprehensions of the present dangerous Situation of the Publick, the Happiness of which is inseparable from that of your Majesty; do humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal Presence, and to declare, by this solemn Testimony, our utter Detestation and perfect Abhorrence of the unnatural Rebellion that has broke out, and is now carrying on, by some of your desperately wicked Subjects in Scotland, in Favour of a popish Pretender to the Crown of these your Kingdoms: An Attempt, that, if successful, (which may God avert!) must unavoidably involve our happy Constitution in Church and State, in absolute Ruin, and terminate in the Triumphs of Popery and arbitrary Power over these Free and Protestant Nations.

On so very important an Occasion, we not only think it our bounden Duty, to renew our publick Acknowledgments of your Majesty's just

and rightful Title to the Crown of these Realms, but likewise we most sincerely assure your Majesty that, as your faithful Subjects, we will do all that lies within our Sphere, and becomes our Profession and Character, to defeat the flagitious Enterprizes of your Majesty's and our Enemies: And as we are Ministers of that God by whom Kings reign, we shall not fail to use all our Opportunities of disabusing any deluded Persons that may happen to be found under our Inspection, and of infusing into them the Principles and Practice of a legal and Christian Obedience to your Majesty, by our Examples, our Instructions, our Prayers, and all our Influence; such an Obedience, as is most justly due to the professed Defender of our holy Faith, and more especially to the gracious Protector of the Established Church, and all its Rights; in the Preservation of which the whole Body of your Clergy is more immediately interested and more deeply concerned.

We likewise trust, that, by God's Assistance, we shall effectually promote your Majesty's Service, by exerting our utmost Efforts in stemming the Torrent of all that Vice and Impiety that are broke in upon us; which naturally tend to the Diminution of the Dignity and Reverence of all Government, and in the last Result of Things, prepare the Way even for the Return of Popery itself.

And we farther assure your Majesty, that we shall not cease to offer up to Heaven our most ardent Prayers, and to engage all those with whom we are concern'd, to join heartily with us in the same, that the wise Disposer of all Events will direct your Counsels, and the supreme Lord of Hosts will intirely disappoint the pernicious Attempts of all your Enemies, however assisted they may be by any Powers abroad; or encouraged by any false and ungrateful Subjects at home; that he will clothe them with Shame and Confusion, and cause the Crown long to flourish on your Majesty's Head; and likewise, that he will establish the Protestant Succession in your Royal House in all future Ages, as the firmest Foundation of the Security of our excellent Constitution in Church and State.