

Carrickfergus (otherwise called Knockfergus) have too just a Sense of the many great and valuable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's prudent Administration, to omit this Opportunity of approaching your Royal Person, and of congratulating your Majesty upon your safe Return to your Regal Dominions, and the Success that has attended your Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of the important Island of Cape Breton.

Permit us, at the same Time, Dread Sovereign, to express our utmost Detestation of every Attempt made in Favour of a popish Pretender, by either the open and professed Enemies of your Majesty and your Kingdoms, or such pretended Subjects as are not to be restrained by any religious Obligation, from declaring in Favour of a Person they have abjured, or kept in Loyalty by the Wisdom and Clemency of your Majesty's Government, under which they have been so happily protected.

Under your Majesty and your illustrious House we can only hope to secure to Posterity the free Enjoyment of our Religious and Civil Rights; and we beg Leave in Return to give your Majesty the most solemn Assurances of our Readiness to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Support of your Royal Person and Family.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our Corporation to be hereunto affixed, this Thirtieth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty five.

The following Address of the Sovereign, Free Burgesses and Commonalty of the Borough of Belfast, 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.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Sovereign, Free Burgesses and Commonalty of the Borough of Belfast, beg Leave most humbly to congratulate your Majesty upon your safe Return to your British Dominions, and to express our unfeigned Joy for the Almighty's Blessings on your Majesty's Arms, in the Reduction of the Island of Cape Breton; a Place, by its Situation capable at once, under your Majesty's wise Administration, of annoying the Plantations of your Enemies

in America, and securing the Trade of your British Subjects.

We cannot at the same Time omit shewing our Abhorrence of the traitorous Practices of those rebellious Subjects, who, forgetful of their being in the full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights, during the whole Course of your Majesty's Reign, have promoted an unnatural Rebellion in the Kingdom of Great Britain, and, in Defiance of all Obligations both human and divine, have chosen to take up Arms against the best of Kings, and fight under the Standard of a popish and abjured Pretender.

For our Parts we beg Leave to give your Majesty the strongest Assurances that we shall, upon all Occasions, shew our Readiness to support your Majesty, and your Royal Family, against the secret or avowed Enemies of your Majesty and your Kingdoms; and, at the Expence of every Thing that can be dear to us, give the utmost Proof of our Attachment to the Protestant Religion, and our happy Constitution.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Common Seal of our Corporation to be hereunto affixed, this Thirtieth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and forty five.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury and Gentlemen of the County of Westmeath, 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 his most Excellent Majesty George the Second, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury and Gentlemen of the County of Westmeath, now assembled at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at Mullingar in and for the said County of Westmeath, on the Tenth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred, and forty five, beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on your safe and happy Return to Great Britain.

The Account of the daring and wicked Attempt of the Disturbers of Europe and Enemies of Liberty, to abett a popish Pretender, by assisting him in an actual Invasion of your Majesty's Dominions, is such an Insult as we look upon