

Limerick, 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 High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Limerick, at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at St. Francis Abby in and for the said County, the 8th Day of October 1745.

**WE** the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Limerick, assembled, beg Leave, with faithful Hearts, to testify our most affectionate Zeal and Duty to your sacred Majesty; and we cheerfully embrace this first Opportunity to congratulate your Majesty upon your safe and happy Return to your British Dominions.

The Honour and Safety of your Royal Person and Government, and the Security of the Protestant Succession in your illustrious House, have been ever most dear and valuable to us; The many Blessings we have enjoyed during the Course of your Majesty's auspicious Reign, have visibly flow'd from that Influence; and from thence only can our Posterity hope to derive the Benefits and Privileges of a free People. Permit us, therefore, most Gracious Sovereign, from a just Spirit of our avow'd Loyalty, and a true Sense of our Gratitude, further to testify to your Majesty our Abhorrence of the present desperate and daring Attempt, form'd by our inveterate Enemies to interrupt your Quiet on the Throne of these Kingdoms, and vainly concerted to defeat the reasonable Measures which have been conducted, under your Majesty's wise Counsels, for the Protection of the Rights and Liberties, as well of your Allies as your own People, in Support of the great Balance of Power intrusted to your Royal Care; an Attempt, more particularly to be held in the utmost Detestation by a Protestant People, as it appears to be aided and abetted by some of your Majesty's ungrateful and Rebellious Subjects in Favour of a popish Pretender to your Crown and Dignities, whom we have long since most sincerely abjured.

Under these Circumstances your Majesty has Reason to expect the hearty and vigorous Assistance of the rest of your Subjects, to oppose and crush this traiterous Enterprize, so presumptuously levell'd against your sacred Person and Government, and tending to the utter Subversion of our most excellent Constitution in Church and State,

We therefore beg Leave, with unanimous Affection and Duty to your Majesty, to assure you, that we are firmly resolved, at the Hazard of our Lives and Fortunes, to act in this Conjunction with a Spirit becoming a Time of common Danger, in Support of your Majesty's undoubted Right and Title to the Imperial Crown of these Realms, and the Protestant Succession thereof in your Royal Line; upon which Establishment alone, we are truly sensible our Civil and Religious Rights stand protected, against the Revenge and Tyranny of a bigotted popish Pretender and his Adherents.

Your Majesty's sacred Person, and the Tranquillity of your Government, being thus dear to your Subjects, we zealously implore the Divine Providence, to give your Majesty Length of Days, and that your Reign may continue to be as prosperous, glorious and easy to yourself, as it is beneficial and happy to your People.

The following Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Freeholders and Citizens of the City of Limerick, 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, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Freeholders and Citizens of the City of Limerick, at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held at the Tholsel of the said City, the eighth Day of October, 1745.

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Clergy, Freeholders and Citizens of the City of Limerick, assembled, beg Leave, with the greatest Pleasure, to embrace the first Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty on your safe and happy Return to your British Dominions, and assuring your Majesty of our sincere and unfeigned Zeal and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government,

All our Minds are justly filled with the highest Detestation and Abhorrence at the outrageous and insolent Attempt, made in Favour of a popish and abjured Pretender, to deprive us of your most mild and gracious Administration, and all the many other invaluable Blessings we now enjoy under your Majesty's Government as Freemen and Protestants. We therefore beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that not only upon this, but upon all other Occasions, we will be