

The following Address of the Ministers of the Established Church of Scotland, in the City of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the most Honourable the Marquess of Tweeddale, 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 Ministers of the Established Church of Scotland, in the City of Edinburgh.

At

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects, the Ministers of Edinburgh, warmed with the highest Regard for your Majesty's Person and Government, and the utmost Abhorrence of the present impious and desperate Attempt to disturb your auspicious Reign, beg leave, in Testimony of our unfeigned Loyalty, to approach your Throne in the most humble Manner.

When we reflect with thankful Hearts on the watchful Care of Heaven, in delivering this Church and Nation from Popery and Slavery, by bringing to the Throne of these Realms, the great King William, whose Name shall be in everlasting Remembrance; when we adore the same kind Providence, in establishing at that happy Period the Protestant Interest on the surest and most lasting Foundations; when we recall the unspeakable Happiness of this Kingdom under the Reign of your Royal Father; and while we consider your Majesty as Guardian under God, of all our Liberties, sated as well as civil, we are equally surprized and afflicted to find, in any Part of your Dominions, Enemies to your Majesty and their own Happiness, and cannot think without Horror on the insatiate, rebellious few, whom the most solemn Oaths cannot bind, nor repeated Pardons reclaim from the Error of their Way.

But however ungrateful, however detestable the Conduct of some of our Countrymen, in the more remote Parts of the Island; the distinguished Zeal of the Church of Scotland for the Protestant Succession in your illustrious House, even in Times of the greatest Danger, is well known; and we will be allowed to say, that the Ministers of Edinburgh cannot be outdone by any in their unshaken Loyalty and invariable Attachment to the common Interest.

Happy, Great Sir, under your paternal Care, sensible of the many Marks of your Royal Favour, it has been our constant Endeavour to inculcate on the Minds of our People such lively Sentiments of Duty and Loyalty, and warmly to recommend such peaceable Dispositions as become the Subjects of the most gracious Prince, and Members of the best constituted civil Society.

Forgive us humbly to inform your Majesty of our Zeal to oppose the Beginnings of this unnatural Rebellion at the Expence of our Lives and Fortunes; forgive us to mention our united Exhortations to all our Hearers, to join with us in quitting themselves like Men and Protestants, in Support of the purest Religion and best of Causes; and our particular Care to guard their Minds against the various Arts used by a popish Pretender and his Abettors, once more to subject us to that Yoke of Bondage, which neither we nor our Fathers were able to bear.

And it is with the greatest Pleasure we can take upon us to assure your Majesty, that to whatever Cause the Progress of the Rebels may be assigned, Loyalty is the prevailing Principle and Character of the People under our Care, who don't count even Life itself too dear in Support of your Majesty, and our happy Constitution.

Permit us, Sir, humbly to add, that Vain were all the Efforts of the common Enemy, Vain! most gracious Sovereign, all their publick Promises and private Threatnings, to weaken our firm Attachment and steady Affection to your Royal Person; and when on this Account obliged, while the Rebels possessed this City, to forsake our Flocks and Families, our Country and Pulpits, we nevertheless ceased not to make Mention of you in our Prayers, that the Eternal God might be your Refuge, that the Wisdom which is from above might direct all your Councils; that true Christian Fortitude might inspire your Army and Navy; Success and Victory ever attend them; and that after a long and prosperous Reign over a free and happy People, your earthly Crown might descend to your latest Posterity, while you yourself shall be possessed of a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.

We trust in the Merits of Jesus our exalted Prince and Saviour, that these and the many Prayers, which are daily offered to the God of all Graces, in behalf of your Majesty, will not return empty: We trust that the Lord of Hosts, whose Almighty Arm has so often brought us Salvation, will even now command Deliverance, and doubt not, but the present unnatural Commotions, shall issue in the utter Confusion and Disappointment of all our Enemies at Home and Abroad, and in the further Security of your Majesty's Government, and the Happiness of your People.

These are the earnest Wishes, the ardent Prayers, and this the hopeful Prospect of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers of the City of Edinburgh

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

Edinburgh, *John Mathison, Preses*
Nov. 12, 1745.