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THE following Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Gloucester, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of that Diocese, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Earl Waldegrave, 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 of the Cathedral Church, and Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Gloucester.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Gloucester, most humbly beg Leave to take this Opportunity, the first that we have had since the breaking out of the unnatural Rebellion in Scotland, to express jointly to your Majesty our utmost Abhorrence and Detestation of this wicked Attempt, which, at the Incitement of our Enemies Abroad, hath been made at Home in Favour of a popish and adjur'd Pretender.

We have always been mindful of the solemn and just Engagements we are under to God, and to your Majesty, by the Oaths we have taken: And have Hearts full of Gratitude for the very great Blessings, Religious and Civil, enjoy'd by us under your Majesty's just and auspicious Government; on which, as we are certain that we may, with the Blessing of God, depend for their being at all Times continued to us; so we are not less assured, that if this Rebellion should meet with Success, which God avert, it would

soon establish both Popery and Arbitrary Power amongst us. And these, joined together, would throw us into Misery beyond Expression, without any Prospect of Deliverance from it.

Our earnest Endeavour therefore hath been, and at all Times shall be, as Members of a free Government, and Ministers of a Protestant Church, to oppose, as far as in us lies, in our several Stations, both this and all other Attempts which may be made by this Pretender, or any other Enemies to your Majesty, our Religion and our Country. Our Labours, our Fortunes, and our Lives, if it shall please God to call us to this Trial, shall be devoted to this Purpose. And we will carefully improve all Occasions, which our Functions may afford us, both in publick and in private, to raise in our Fellow Subjects a well-grounded Zeal for our holy Religion, a hearty Concern for the Welfare of our Country, with a warm and dutiful Loyalty to your Majesty. And as the most effectual and only sure Means of making your People firmly loyal and faithful to your Majesty, we shall labour in the first Place to make them truly sensible of their Duty to God; and we shall strive to the utmost of our Power to stem that Torrent of Vice and Irreligion which has broken in upon us, and has a natural Tendency to dissolve the Bands of Society, and destroy all Government and Authority whatsoever.

At the same Time that we are inculcating these Principles of Loyalty towards your Majesty, whom God grant long to reign over us, we shall also impress upon the Minds of the People under our Care, a constantly affectionate Attachment to your Royal House; on the happy Increase of which, by the safe Delivery of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and the Birth of a Prince, we most humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty. And as we cannot but desire to transmit the Blessings ourselves enjoy to our latest Posterity, so we cannot, for the same Reason, but fervently wish and pray, that, in order thereto, the Sceptre of these

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