of their present Forces, as their own immediate Preservation, and the Necessity of Asfairs, ab-

folutely require.

The great Advantages, which we have received from our naval Strength, in protecting the Commerce of my Subjects, and intercepting and diffresting that of our Enemies, have been happily experienced by the former, and feverely felt by the latter. I am therefore determined to be particularly attentive to this important Service, and to have such a Fleet at Sea early in the Spring, as may be sufficient to defend ourselves, and effectually to annoy our Enemies.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

It is with much Regret, that I find myself obliged to ask any farther Aids of my People. I am so sensible of the Burthens they endure, that nothing could give me so fincers a Pleasure as to lighten them. But the Considerations, I have laid before you, are so necessary to our own Preservation, that I doubt not, you will grant me such a Supply, as shall be sufficient for these Purposes. The proper Estimates shall soon be laid before you and I earnefully recommend it to you, to take the most effectual Methods to maintain the Publick Credit in this Conjuncture.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

· I have fully opened to you my Views and Intentions, which are so essential to the Honour of my Crown, and the true Interest and Wellbeing of my Kingdoms, that I depend on your vigorous Support, and the utmost Unanimity and Dispatch in your Proceedings.

The following Address of his Majesty's Loyal Independent Volunteers, has been presented to his Majesty by Thomas Dicey, Esq; and others, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl Cowper, 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 Gentlemen Volunteers.

Most Gracious Sovereign, TAJE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, first incorporated by your Royal Permission, under the Character of your Majesty's Loyal Independent Volunteers, lately review'd by your Majesty's Secretary at War, humbly beg Leave to approach your facred Person, with our unfeigned Thanks for the Honour and good Opinion your Majesty hath been gracioully pleased to entertain of our Sincerity, and

Attachment, in the Distribution of your Majesty's Arms, which have been committed to our

Custody and Care.

And as a solemn Pledge of our Zeal and most grateful Sense of your Majesty's Goodness, we entreat, Great Sir, to lay before you our Desire and inflexible Resolutions to preserve, with your Royal Leave, your Majesty's Arms, and other Implements of War so entrusted to our Hands, in the perpetual Defence, . while Breath remains, of your facred Person and Government, and to secure the Protestant Succession to the Crown of these Kingdoms in the illustrious Line of Hanover.

And herein, most Royal Sir, we are determined every Hour we live, never to be found. wanting, on all Occasions, whenever called upon, to convince the perfidious House of Bourbon, ever treacherous in all their Policies and Designs, and the insolent Invaders they presume to send among us, in order to disturb your Majesty's Peace of Mind, and the Repose of these Realms, that your Majesty hath Volunteers, ever obedient to your Royal Commands, who, in Conjunction with your other Troops, are ever ready and resolv'd to chastise their Insults, and to defeat the ungrateful and unnatural Attempts of all those who dare exert themselves as Enemies to your Royal Person and Government; and who must, in such Light, consequently appear Enemies also to our happy Constitution, and the

British Nation in general.

These, most gracious Sir, are the solid, the unshaken Principles we will ardently adhere to and pursue; and to maintain which, we willever make it a Point of Duty, and constant Study, to inculcate the same to the utmost of our Power; that Posterity, to the most distant Ages, may never swerve, nor be any ways deluded, either by the Perfidy of the French Court, or the Jesuitical Arts of Romish Priestcraft, from the like Zeal, and religious Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Offspring, and the true Protestant Cause: A Cause! in which your Majesty hath most eminently distinguished yourself, and in which also (from our very Souls, Great Sir, we really speak and believe it) your Majesty, shielded by Divine Protection, now sits adorn'd on the Throne of Great Britain, as the One Saviour, under God, of as magnanimous a Race of People, and as glorious a Nation, as the whole World can truly boast.

In a Word, Illustrious Sir, we pray the AImighty Ruler and Disposer of all great Events, by Land and Sea, in Peace and in War, ever to guide and direct the Wisdom of your Royal Councils; that they may perpetually roll on in one continued and very long Series of Prosperity to your Royal Person, and your People in general; that the baneful Troubles now unhappily sublisting both at Home and Abroad, may soon fublide,