

It is with the greatest Pleasure, that we can observe to your Majesty, that such has been the Affection and dutiful Behaviour of the Commons of this Shire, animated by the Zeal and good Example of the Nobility, Gentry, and whole Freeholders, that they voluntarily took Arms in great Numbers for the Support and Defence of your Majesty's Government.

May your Majesty live long to be the Guardian of the Religion and Liberties of an affectionate People; may Heaven pour down its best Blessings upon your Royal Person, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, and all the Royal Family; and may that heroick Courage, hereditary to the Line of Brunswick, animate and adorn Princes descended in perpetual Succession from your Royal Family.

The following Address of the Citizens who have at any Time shared in the Government of the City of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Argyll, and presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; his Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,
WE the Citizens who have at any time shared in the Government of the City of Edinburgh, now destitute of Magistrates and Town Council, by our City's having unfortunately fallen under the Power of the Rebels before the Time of our last annual Elections, humbly presume, as private Subjects, to join in expressing our most sincere and hearty Congratulations to your sacred Majesty, on the late happy and compleat Victory gained by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland over the Rebels, who (assisted with Foreign Forces) had presumed, in Favour of a popish and abjured Pretender, to rise up in Arms against their lawful Sovereign, whose just Administration had made us truly sensible of the inestimable Blessings of a legal, mild, and equitable Government.

We cannot however, at this Time, avoid expressing our deepest Sorrow and Regret, that from some Circumstances, our Zeal and Activity in defending the ancient Metropolis of this Part of the United Kingdoms, may seem to have been short of the insolent Boldness with which the Rebels presumed to rise in Arms against your Majesty: But it is with the highest Satisfaction that we can assure your Majesty, that by far the greatest Part of the most reputable Burghesses, shewed a chearful Readiness to hazard their Lives and bestow their Fortunes in Defence of your Majesty's Government, and for preserving this City from falling into the Hands of the Rebels, though our Endeavours came to be disappointed by a Variety of Circumstances which we could not foresee, nor was it in our Power to prevent.

We can likewise with great Justice affirm, that tho' the Rebels were long in Possession of this City, only a very few of the Inhabitants, and these too of the lowest Rank and most desperate Fortunes, ever joined in taking Arms with them.

The Calamities we suffer'd under the Oppression of the Rebel Army, while we were overrun by them, excited our warmest Wishes for the Presence of his Royal Highness amongst us; and the Alacrity, Chearfulness and Confidence that appear'd in your Majesty's Soldiers when they marched from this City under the Command of that illustrious Prince, as well as the Fame of his military Honours, by which he has added Glory to the Kingdom of Great Britain, gave a happy Presage of certain and speedy Deliverance from all our Distresses. And it is with the most unfeigned Joy that we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that our Wishes are fully satisfied, and our Expectations exceeded, by the Chearfulness of the Victory obtained by his Royal Highness, to whose Conduct, Activity, and intrepid Courage, in the Midst of Dangers, this glorious Victory, as well as Safety of the Troops, has (under God) been chiefly owing.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we look on ourselves as bound by the most sacred Ties of Gratitude, for the Blessings of a just and regular Government, and for Favours received in delivering us from our Enemies at home, to support your sacred Majesty to the utmost of our Power, in overthrowing your Enemies abroad, till they be obliged to submit to Terms of Peace consistent with the Honour of your Majesty, and the Religion and Liberties of your Kingdoms, and of all Europe. And that it shall be our chief Care to add to the Glory of your Majesty's Reign, by behaving ourselves as becomes dutiful, loyal, and affectionate Subjects.

The following Address of the Merchant Company of the City of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Argyll, and presented to his Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State: his Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Merchant Company of the City of Edinburgh.

Most Gracious Sovereign,
WHEN some deluded and perjured Men, aided by the barbarous Inhabitants of the more remote Parts of the Country, and instigated by the Tool of our inveterate and ambitious Enemies, dared to disturb your Majesty's mild and legal Government, our Duty and Inclination called upon us to declare our Readiness to defend your Majesty, and our happy