

presented to His Majesty by the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Parker and Sir Edward Turner, Bart. their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Northumberland, 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.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, assembled at their General Quarter Sessions, and the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Oxford, beg Leave to express our Indignation at the manifest Preparations of the French Court, to execute a daring and unjust Design of invading some Part of your Majesty's Dominions.

The laudable Emulation of your private Subjects, and the glorious Alacrity of your National Council, in furnishing you with the necessary Sinews of War, are amply returned by your Majesty's Vigilance, in the Disposition and Increase of your Land and Naval Forces.

It is natural for every People to exert themselves in repelling Invasions; but we, your Majesty's Subjects, have an higher Call, a superiour Motive, to employ our Fortunes and expose our Persons on such an Emergency. Other Nations, by the Fate of War, may exchange one Servitude for another; but we have a Free Government to lose, which Providence permitted to be established among us at the Revolution, and to be improved under your Majesty's Royal Family.

Accept therefore, the dutiful and ardent Professions of your loyal Subjects of the County of Oxford, the Tender of awakened Zeal in this critical Conjunction, and the strongest Assurances of our utmost Services in Defence of our Commercial Interests, and of our Religious and Civil Liberties, which will continue to flourish, we hope, under your Majesty's Protection, for many Years, and under your Royal House to latest Generations.

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Earl of Holderness, 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.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**YOUR** Majesty's just Resentment of the Encroachments of the French in America, has compell'd that Nation to throw off the Mask of Peace, under which they have carried on Designs so pernicious to Great Britain. Hostilities are begun in Europe. War is now declared: — France has invaded Minorca, and threatens with Invasion the British Isles.

In this critical Situation of Publick Affairs, we your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the National Assembly, think it our Duty to express our deep Concern for the general Welfare, and our affectionate Regard for a Prince, who is the Guardian of Liberty, and the Father of his People: And we heartily embrace this Opportunity of giving

your Majesty Assurances, which cannot fail of being acceptable to your benign Disposition, authentick Assurances of the Loyalty of the People of Scotland.

The Members of this Established Church, who make so great a Majority of the Inhabitants of North Britain, are universally fervent in their Zeal for your Majesty's Person and Family. Devoted of old to the best of Causes, Religion and Liberty, the Presbyterians early fixed their Hearts and Hopes in the House of Hanover, by whose Succession alone Religion and Liberty could have been preserved. The happy Experience of almost Half an Age, during the Reign of your Majesty and your Royal Father, have demonstrated the Wisdom of our Ancestors, and confirmed the present Generation in their Loyalty and Love to your Illustrious House.

Nor is it less, from our certain Knowledge of the present Spirit, than of the ancient Principles of the Church of Scotland, that we can venture to assure your Sacred Majesty, that in no Part of your Dominions, the Zeal of the Subjects may be more safely relied on: For never was the Affection of this Nation to their Prince so manifest, as at this Juncture, roused by the Approach of Danger, the Hearts of your People, most Gracious Sovereign, are more than ever Your's; and should that Danger come, which may the Providence of God avert, it will be found, Great Sir, that your Government will be supported in this Part of the United Kingdom, by the Zeal and Courage of your most faithful People, who hold nothing so dear as Religion and Liberty, and esteem nothing so glorious as Loyalty to a Prince, by whom Religion and Liberty are held sacred.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that in our Sphere we shall make it our great Care to cultivate these good and happy Dispositions in your People; and shall endeavour to make it manifest, that we have nothing so much at Heart, as the Glory of God, the Honour of your Majesty, and the Support of your Government.

That mutual Love and Confidence may still subsist between your Majesty and your Subjects. — That the God of Battles may bless your Fleets and Armies with Success; and that a Race of Kings of your Royal Line, Lovers of Religion and Liberty, and their Country, may always sway the Sceptre of these Lands, is the fervent Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

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

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

*Patrick Cuming, Moderator.*

*Lisbon, May 10.* On the 4th Instant Don Luis da Cunha arrived here from England, and was that Evening appointed Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and War: M. de Carvalho has the Department of Home Affairs, which is esteemed preferable in Rank to the others; and M. Diogo de Mendonca preserves that of the Marine. The Portuguese Fleet, consisting of fifteen Sail of Merchant Ships for the Rio de Janeiro, three for Goa, and one for Mozambique, sailed hence the 25th of last Month, under Con-