

1703
To the QUEEN's Most
Excellent Majestie,

THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

AND

SUPPLICATION

OF THE

*Suffering Episcopal Clergy in the
Kingdom of SCOTLAND,
whose Names and Designations
are underwritten.*

DREAD SOVEREIGN,

WE Your *Majesties* most Dutifull and Obedient Subjects, and most humble Supplicants, (being deeply sensible that the *Divine Goodness* hath raised Your *Majestie* to the Throne of Your *Royal Ancestors*, as a Nursing Mother to the True Church of GOD, for the Support and Preservation of the Religion; Laws, and Liberties of all Your *Majesties* Dominions; And more especially, That it is a *Remarkable Blessing* to this Your *Majesties* Ancient Kingdom of SCOTLAND, in the present deplorable Circumstances of this *National Church*) do presume to Offer our most humble and most sincere Congratulations upon your *Majesties* Accession to the *Crown*.

And beg Liberty to lay before Your *Majestie* the sad Condition of the Afflicted *Episcopal Clergy*, who in the years 1688 & 1689, and some years after the late Suppression of the *Truely Antient and Apostolick Government of the CHURCH* by BISHOPS, were Deprived of, and put from the *Excercise* of their *Sacred Offices*, and Possession of their *Living*s, and there-



thereby they have been reduced to Extremity & Want. During the Continuance of which *Suffering State*, many *worthy Ministers of the Gospel* have been taken away by Death: And we, whom it hath pleased GOD to continue in Life, have laboured to sweeten the Bitterness of our Tryals, by a *Christian & peaceable* Submission and Resignation to His Will.

And as in Truth and Gratitude we are Obligated to Acknowledge, That many of us, in a great measure, Owe our Lives to the Charity and Benificence of such of *Your Majesties* good Subjects, as thought it a *Disgrace to Christianitie*, that a Society of Men Consecrated to the Altar in the service of CHRIST should perish in a Christian Kingdom for want of Bread.

So now, That it hath pleased Almighty GOD to place *Your Majestie* upon the Imperial Throne of these Dominions, the Relief and Advantages which all your Loyal Subjects do enjoy from the Benign Influence of *Your Majesties* auspicious Government, encourageth Us, *Your Majesties* most humble Suppliants, under the present Distress, and miserable starving condition of many of our Numerous Families, To implore that Princely commiseration and matchless Clemency, which ever have been congenial and peculiar to the *Blood Royal*, and are more eminently lodged in your sacred Person;

Humbly beseeching that Your Royal Bounty and INDULGENCE may be extended to us, in such manner, and by such methods, as Your Majesty in Your Princelie Wisdom shall think fit; That we may find our selves more and more obliged devoutlie to Pray, That your years may be many, and your Reign Glorious.

Her Majesty received this Address very graciously, and gave the following Answer; *I take this Expression of your Duty and Loyalty very kindly; and ye may be assured of my Protection, and Endeavours to supply your Necessities, as far as conveniently I can: and doubt not but ye will continue in your Duty. And I recommend to you to live in Peace and Christian Love with the Clergy who are by Law invested with the Church Government of that Our antient Kingdom.*

This Address was presented to the Queen, March 13th. 1703. by Dr. Sheen and Dr. Scot, Introduced to Her Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Queensberry and the Viscount of Tarbat.