

To the QUEEN'S Most
Excellent Majesty

ADDRESS

SUPPLICATION

Gathering 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 Majesty 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 Majesty the sad Condition of the Afflicted Episcopal Clergy, who in the years 1688 & 1689, and some years after the late Suppression of the Truly Antient and Apostolick Government of the CHURCH by BISHOPS, were Deprived of, and put from the Exercise of their Sacred Offices, and Possession of their Livings, 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.