

Address from Grand Lodge to King George regarding government by King,  
Lords and Commons as established by the  
Glorious Revolution of 1688.

superceding all other considerations, we add, without further pause,  
our voice to that of our fellow-subjects, in declaring our common and  
firmest attachment to a Government by King, Lords, and Commons, as  
established by the glorious Revolution of 1688.

The excellency of all human institutions as comparative and flatter-  
ing, or perfection or ever changing aptitude to its object, we know, belongs  
not to the work of man; but when we view the principles of Government  
which have recently obtained in other Nations, and then look upon our own  
we exult in possessing at this time the wisest and best poised system the  
world has ever known: a system which affords equal protection (the  
only equality we look for, that indeed is impracticable) and im-  
partial justice to all.

It may be thought perhaps, that being <sup>what we are</sup> a private society  
of men, connected by invisibilities, professing every mysterious in-  
conceivable, stamped by no act of prerogative, and acknowledged to  
no laws, we assume a fact, and hold a language, upon this occasion,  
to which we can urge no legal or admitted right. Men of the Free Citizens, to  
of a Free State, and number many thousands of our body. The Great  
Majesty of the Empire is our Chief. We fraternize for the purposes of  
social intercourse, of mutual assistance, of charity to the distressed, and  
good will to all; and fidelity to a trust, reverence to the Magistrate, a  
obedience to the Laws, are sculptured in Capitals upon the pediment of  
our Institution; and let us add, that, providing as we do, every class of the

Commonwealth

community, and every walk of life, and disseminating our principles, wherever we strike root, this Address may be considered, as speaking in epitome, the sentiments of a people —

Having thus attested our principles, we have only to invoke the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose Almighty hand hath laid in the deep the firm foundation of this Country's Greatness, and whose protecting Shield hath covered her amidst the crush of nations, that he will continue to shelter and sustain her. May her Sons be contented and her Daughters happy, and may your Majesty, the immediate instrument of her prosperity and power; to whom sublimed posterity shall thus inscribe the columns:

To  
George,  
The Friend of the People,  
and  
Patron of the Arts,

which brighten and embellish life, with your  
amiable Queen and your Royal Progeny,  
Long, long, continue to be the Blessing and the  
Boast of a grateful, happy and united people.

Given unanimously in Grand Lodge at Free Mason's Hall, this 6th day of February, 1773. (Signed)

Rawdon, A. J. M.

Peter Parker, D. J. M.

(Counter-signed)

Wm. White, J. S.

Resolved



General Lodge held 11<sup>th</sup> April 1793. —

B. Scaeth M.  
B. Stout S. W.  
B. Hardcastle J. W.  
B. Carter S. D.  
B. Hewitt J. D.  
B. Howley D. M.  
B. Wright Lecturer  
B. W. Hills Secy  
B. Kelvington  
B. Hutchinson  
B. J. Wilson  
B. R. Reed  
B. Shields  
B. H. Joblin  
B. R. Young  
B. Nicholson  
B. Russell  
B. Stanfield }  
B. Robinson } Visitors  
B. Taren —

At this Lodge B.<sup>r</sup> W. Russell was admitted by Ballot  
a Member. — Also the Bill of £2. 3. 6 for advert. of the  
Address in three Newcastle papers. Attest M. Stanton  
be placed to Acco<sup>t</sup> of the President  
B.<sup>r</sup> Russell paid the Registering fee  
of 2/8 — W. Hills Secy

£2-3-6d for advertising Address to King George in three Newcastle newspapers.

Good politics?

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