

Rich ovi King's Address to the freeman of Scarborough 1?69.<

To the freeholders and others of the Town of Scarborough who have a Right by Charter to give their voets for a Representative in the General Assembly of the first British Province in America*

Gentlemen, the King's -frit for that Purpose now calls upon us, among the other towns of the Province, to give our aid at a time when the Rights of the Crown, and the Liberties of the subject, are the grand matters in Debate , and the most interesting Objects of attention both in Great Britain and her dominions in America.'*/© are now to give aid to an Assembly,whose lott it is to take the Lead for her sister Colonies, on whose wise,firm and prudent conduct the Liberties of Millions may hereafter depend;/and that too at a time when a Rod of Iron is stretched forth over us in the Capitol of the Province. Universal History can scarce furnish an Instance wherein any State had a louder call to exertion than this Province is under at this day. "ould to God that every town could furnish a Cato to serve our sinking country, all that can be expected of us is but to lay aside every family, private and secret prejudice, and instead of enouiring,as luxurious Princes of old, who Is the man we delight to honour,let our enquiry bp for a faithful, upright man, who best understands the constitute of the British Government, the Rights of the Crown, her Charters and Compacts wdth her Colonies,and our natural rights as men; a man fearing God by whom Kings reign; that will with equal firmness render to the King the rights of the King, and nobly withstand any attempts,even of the King's servants however dignified,that have a manifest tendency to enslave the subjects of the King. T'he Person that has your votes this year is to consider himself as acting for millions now on the stage, and generations unborn; a thought .sufficient to raise any man above private or selfish views. Nevertheless let your Instructions be given him for the rule of his conduct.

Scarborough May ye 13th
1769.

A Freeman,