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I unfortunately did not receive your Majesty's commands untill a few minutes ago. in the enclosed extracts from the gazettes the only ones I have yet been able to find your Majesty will see that the Common Council are expressly named. My opinion ^{on a general view of the subject} would have been that your Majesty should not receive upon the Throne any thing but an address properly so called and entitled solely an address but how for the precedents in 1770 & 1775. decide against that opinion must be left to the consideration of those who are much better to judge in such matters than I can possibly be. I should humbly conceive that there is no necessity for giving the Sheriffs an immediate answer.

