

## APPENDIX 6

### WALPOLE'S ADDRESS 'FROM THE CORPORATION OF THETFORD' TO CONWAY

This address, transmitted to Conway by the Corporation of Thetford but actually drafted by HW, was through HW's efforts circulated in the London newspapers in early May 1764 (see HW to Conway 5 June 1764, n. 1) after Conway's dismissal from his civil office and regiment because of his votes against general warrants. The version given here is printed from the copy in the *London Chronicle* 3-5 May 1764, xv. 427.

We the Mayor, Aldermen, and Corporation of Thetford, desire to return you our most unfeigned and grateful thanks for your late spirited, conscientious and unbiased conduct in Parliament, particularly on that most important question to the liberties of us all, the seizure of private papers by the warrant of a secretary of state; a question, which remaining undecided, must make every Englishman tremble, and which, till declared to be illegal, leaves the Glorious Revolution imperfect.

Your behaviour, Sir, on that occasion, was worthy the unblemished integrity which you have always manifested. Superior to bribes or menaces, you have demonstrated your civil courage to be equal to your military. You have fought the battles of your country against *domestic* and foreign enemies. We know your services; and we have heard that they were particularly recommended to favour by that great judge of martial merit, Prince Ferdinand. *These honours*, Sir, cannot be taken from you. Some sort of rewards may be envied you by selfish and designing ministers, who may know that you scorn to support unconstitutional measures; but your country (and may it continue this free country) in whose cause you have fought from the noblest and most disinterested motives, will join in conferring the best of rewards—*its applause*. There are seasons when it would be a disgrace not to be disgraced. Continue to act as you have done, and may every borough in the kingdom be as worthily represented as the Corporation of Thetford.

Dated at our Guildhall, the 28th of April, 1764.