

glorious Memory ; at the same Time beseeching your Majesty to accept our sincerest Congratulations upon your peaceable and happy Accession to the Throne of these Kingdoms.

The Death of so great and good a Prince, could not but in the most sensible Manner affect the Hearts of your faithful Subjects of this Kingdom, who had so long enjoyed an uninterrupted Course of many great and signal Blessings under his mild and just Administration ; but we must ever thankfully acknowledge, that the Divine Goodness has fully repaired this Loss, by placing your Majesty upon the Throne of your Royal Ancestors, which has not only continued and secured all those Blessings to us, but given us the pleasing Prospect of still greater under your most auspicious Reign.

The Regard your Majesty has shewn to the Religion, Laws and Liberties of your People, your Knowledge and Love of our Constitution in Church and State, are, under God's good Providence, sure Foundations of all that publick Happiness which we can hope for from the undisturbed Enjoyment of all our religious and civil Rights. But when we further consider your Majesty's Royal Virtues, which so eminently qualify you for the Rule and Conduct of a great People, the distinguished Merit of the Queen your Royal Consort, and the promising Appearances of the same hereditary Virtues in your numerous and Royal Issue, we justly enlarge our Hopes, and can set no Bounds to the growing Happiness of these Nations under your illustrious and Royal House.

Your calling us together so soon after the Decease of your Royal Father, to consider of such Laws as may be found necessary to encourage our Manufactures, to employ our Poor, and provide for the Safety of the Kingdom, is so great an Instance of your early and paternal Care for it, as must ever beget in us a suitable Return of Duty and Zeal for your sacred Person and Government.

Nor can we omit to acknowledge it as a further Instance of your Goodness to this Kingdom, that you have been pleased to continue the Government of it in his Excellency the Lord Carteret ; the Confidence placed in him by two great Kings, and the Experience we have had of his constant Endeavours equally to promote the Service of your Majesty and the Interest of your People, must ever make his Government most acceptable to us.

We want Words to express the grateful Sentiments of our Hearts, for the good Opinion your Majesty has been pleased to entertain of the Loyalty and Affections of your Subjects of Ireland : This and the many Instances you have given us of your tender Concern for your Peoples Welfare, call upon us for the highest Returns of Duty Zeal and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government. And we assure your Majesty, that we will, with the utmost Cheerfulness and Unanimity, do every thing in our Power that may contribute to support and defend your Government, and the Succession in your Royal Line.

The Lord-Lieutenant's Answer to the Lords Address to His Majesty.

*I Will forthwith transmit this Dutiful and Loyal Address, in order to be laid before His Majesty.*

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, The humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Ireland in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to approach your sacred Person, to express our Sorrow for the Death of your Royal Father, our late most Excellent King.

The Loss of a Prince, under whose prudent Government your People enjoyed the greatest Security and Happiness, affected in the most sensible Manner the Subjects of this Kingdom ; and the real Grief with which our Hearts were filled, could be removed only by the Goodness of Providence, which placed your Majesty on the Throne, and gave us a firm Assurance of all the Blessings which the best of Princes can confer on the happiest People.

Our unfeigned Congratulations upon your Majesty's peaceable Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, are farther heightened by that Prospect of Happiness, which your Majesty and your Royal Consort our most gracious Queen, have extended to our Posterity by a numerous and Royal Issue, and by setting before them an Example of all those Virtues which are requisite to adorn the Throne and bless a Nation.

We return your Majesty our most humble Thanks for being pleased to call your People together in Parliament, as soon as the necessary Affairs of your Government would permit ; and we gladly lay hold on this Opportunity of expressing that grateful Sense which your Commons will ever entertain for the Regard you have shewn to the Religion, Laws and Liberties of your Subjects ; and for confirming the Sentiments they always had of your great Goodness, by the solemn Declaration you have graciously made, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, as it is now happily established, shall be your first and always your chief Care ; which could proceed from no other than a Heart filled with the most consummate Knowledge and Love of our Constitution.

And we assure your Majesty, that we shall constantly endeavour, by our Unanimity and Zeal for your Service, and the Support of your Government, to deserve and obtain the Continuance of your Royal Favour and Protection.

We entreat your Majesty to accept our humblest Acknowledgments for the many Instances of your Royal Goodness to your Subjects of this Kingdom, and particularly for committing the Government of it to his Excellency the Lord Carteret, of whose steady Loyalty to your sacred Person, and of whose Ability and Zeal to promote the Welfare and Prosperity of your People, we have had the fullest Experience.

We will with all Diligence apply ourselves to consider of and prepare such Laws as may conduce to the general Good, and particularly of such as may prevent Popish Priests and Regulars from coming into this Kingdom, and continue such others as have been found to contribute to the Interest and Advantage of this Nation.

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