

jefty's gracious Intentions for the Maintenance of Piety and Virtue: And may your Majesty long live, to see the happy Effects of your Government, in the still increasing Prosperity of your People.

Given under our Common Seal, this First Day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixty.

*St. James's, December 3.*

This Day a numerous Body of the People called Quakers waited on His Majesty with their Address; and being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, Dr. Fothergill presented the same to His Majesty; who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

To GEORGE the Third, King of Great Britain, and the Dominions thereunto belonging.

The humble Address of His Protestant Subjects, the People called Quakers.

*May it please the King.*

**D**E E P L Y affected with the sudden and sorrowful Event, that leads our Fellow-Subjects with Condolence to the Throne, we beg Leave to express the Sympathy we feel on this afflicting Occasion.

Justly sensible of the Favour and Protection we have enjoyed during the late mild and happy Reign, and impressed with the warmest Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude to our deceased Sovereign, we pay this Tribute of unaffected Grief, to the Memory of the Father and the Friend of His People.

We have abundant Reason to acknowledge the Goodness of Almighty God, for continuing to this Period, a Life of such Importance to the Welfare of these Kingdoms; a Period, when we behold a Prince, endowed with Qualities that add Lustre to a Crown, formed by Tuition and Example to protect the Liberties of His People, ascending the British Throne, and, in the earliest Acts of Power, giving the most ample Demonstrations of His Royal Regard for Piety and Virtue.

Ever faithful and zealously affected to Thy Illustrious House, though differing in Sentiments and Conduct from others of our Fellow-Subjects, we embrace this Opportunity to crave Thy Indulgence and Protection; and beg Leave to assure the King, that our Dissent proceeds not from a contumacious Disregard to the Laws, to Custom, or Authority, but from Motives to us, purely conscientious.

The same Religious Principle that produces this Dissent, we trust, through Divine Assistance, will continue to engage us, as it always hath done since we were a People, to exert whatever Influence we may be possessed of, in promoting the Fear of God, the Honour of the King, and the Prosperity of His Subjects.

May the Almighty bless Thy Endeavours, to put a Stop to the Effusion of Blood; and render Thee the happy Instrument of restoring Peace and Tranquility. May sacred and unerring Wisdom ever be Thy Guide; adorn Thee with every Virtue, and crown Thee with every Blessing; that future Ages may commemorate the Happiness of Thy Reign with grateful Admiration.

Signed in London, the First Day of the Twelfth Month, 1760.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer.

*THIS Dutiful and Loyal Address is very acceptable to Me; and you may depend on My Protection.*

The same Day a Deputation from the People called Quakers, waited upon her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales at Leicester House; when being introduced by Sir William Irby, Bart. Dr. Fothergill read the following Address, to which her Royal Highness was pleased to return a very gracious Answer.

*May it please the Princess Dowager of Wales,*

**W**E the People called Quakers, beg Leave to testify our Grief for the Loss we have sustained, by the Decease of our late Gracious Sovereign:

reign: Duty, as well as Gratitude, for the Favour we enjoyed, during his long and happy Reign, claim our unfeigned Regard to his Memory, and to every Part of the Royal Family, our most grateful Attachment.

As the Afflictions that befall them, very deeply affect us; so we share in the Blessings they enjoy; and we sincerely rejoice at the happy Accession of Thy Son, our Sovereign, to the Throne of these Kingdoms.

The noble Proofs He has already given of great and illustrious Qualities, sufficiently point out how much we are indebted to a Mother's early Care in His Education.

It will, we trust, be our constant Endeavour to manifest our dutiful Affection to the Princess, and our cheerful Obedience and Fidelity to the King, by a Conduct becoming our Religious Profession. May the Almighty pour down His choicest Blessings on every Branch of the Royal Family. May they be regarded as the Ornaments of the present Age, and as Examples of Virtue in succeeding Generations.

The following Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Durham, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Durham.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy of the Diocese of Durham, do, with all Humility, beg Leave to present to your Majesty, our most hearty Congratulations on your happy Accession to the Imperial Throne of these Kingdoms; and also to condole with your Majesty on the sudden, and much lamented Death, of your Royal Grandfather, our late most gracious Sovereign, whose Memory will ever be dear to us, and to all the Friends of our excellent Constitution.

Permit us further to assure your Majesty of our inviolable Attachment to your Sacred Person and Government, and of our earnest Zeal to inculcate to those committed to our Care, the same dutiful and loyal Principles; and to confirm every other Christian Grace and Virtue, that may tend to the Security, the Lustre, and the Blessing of your auspicious Reign.

We desire also to express our grateful Acknowledgment of the Encouragements your Majesty has been pleased to give to this our Zeal, by your gracious Declaration, that you will preserve and strengthen our Constitution in Church and State; by your Royal Proclamation, in Favour of Religion, and against all Impiety and Prophaneness; and especially by the conspicuous Example of Piety and Virtue, so uniformly and eminently manifested, in every Step of your Life, from your early Youth to your present happy Ascending the Throne of your Ancestors.

May God long preserve your Majesty in this high and awful Station, the chosen Instrument of His Providence, for the Welfare of your People; may He crown your Arms, already eminently prosperous, with such further Success, as, by securing an honourable and lasting Peace, to enable your Majesty to consult the true Wealth and Happiness of your Subjects; and to preterve and increase, their Religion and Probity, together with their Riches and Prosperity: And may He, after a long and prosperous Reign over them, reward your Royal Labours for their Good, with a happy Eternity.

The following Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons and Clergy of the Diocese of Salisbury, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,  
The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter,