

and Liberties of His Subjects, are reckoned amongst the most eminent Virtues of a Sovereign.

In the Midst of our Grief for this Melancholy Event, it is our Consolation to behold the Throne filled by a Prince who has given so clear and early Proofs of His Attachment to the real Welfare of His Subjects; and from whose Royal Virtues we have a cheerful and certain Prospect of the Continuation of all those invaluable Blessings which the Accession of your Majesty's Illustrious House to the Dominion of these Realms, secured to us, and we trust will secure to our latest Posterity.

Permit us, Sir! to congratulate your Majesty on your ascending the Throne of your Ancestors at a Period, when, by the Wisdom and Maturity of its Councils, the Valour and Activity of its Fleets and Armies, and the Unanimity and Consent of all its Parts, the British Nation stands in a more illustrious and respectable Situation than any former Age can boast of; and when, at the same Time, that the Justice of your Majesty's Cause prevails over your Enemies in all Quarters of the Globe, we alone are secure at home from all the Calamities of War, and happy in all the Blessings of Peace.

We can, with the greatest Truth, assure your Majesty of the Zeal and unalterable Affection of the County of Northumberland to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government; and that it is our most sincere and ardent Wish, that the Almighty may continue to crown your Majesty's Arms with all imaginable Success, and may prolong your Majesty's most auspicious Reign over a free, loyal, grateful, and unanimous People.

The following Address of the High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of Dublin, having been transmitted to His Grace the Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has by him 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 High Sheriff and Grand Jury of the County of Dublin, at Michaelmas Term, One thousand seven hundred and sixty.

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects humbly beg Leave to represent to your most Sacred Majesty, the deep Affliction we are moved with for the Loss of your Royal Grandfather, our late most gracious Sovereign, which nothing could alleviate, but the just Consideration of your Majesty's succeeding to the Throne of the British Kingdoms; a Prince born among us, educated under the Care, influenced by the Example, and inheriting the Virtues of one of the best of Kings; who made the Prosperity and Happiness of His People His greatest Glory, and whom the Divine Providence was pleased to bless with Length of Days, and unexampled Success in that just and necessary War he was engaged in.

May the same Divine Goodness continue our Happiness, which we have so just a Prospect of, by granting to your Majesty a long and a prosperous Reign over us; and may we ever have a Branch of your Majesty's Royal Family, to continue those most invaluable Blessings which we enjoy, unto our latest Posterity.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons and Clergy of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, beg Leave humbly to approach your Royal Presence, with Hearts full of unfeigned Sorrow and Condolence, upon the great and affecting Loss, which your Majesty, this Nation, and Europe in general, have sustained, by the Death of your Royal Grandfather, whose Memory will be always dear to

us, and transmitted to our Posterity with the highest Honour.

So melancholy and afflicting an Event, at so critical a Juncture, would have been insupportable, had it not pleased the Divine Providence to give us a Prince of the same illustrious Line, the undoubted Heir of His Virtues as well as Dominions, born and educated amongst us, and thereby fully instructed in, and attached to our Laws and happy Constitution, to rule over the Hearts as well as Persons of a dutiful and grateful People; and we cannot but look upon it as the surest Omen of a most auspicious Reign, that your Majesty has been pleased to give us so gracious and early Assurances, that it is your fixed Purpose and invariable Resolution, to adhere to, and strengthen our excellent Constitution in Church and State, and to countenance and encourage the Practice of true Religion and Virtue.

That so beneficent and pious a Declaration may not fail of producing the best and most salutary Effects, permit us with all Humility to assure your Majesty, that we will on our Parts approve ourselves signal Examples of Zeal and Affection to your Sacred Person; that we will make it our constant Employment, in our respective Stations, to instill sound Principles of Religion, Loyalty and Virtue, into the Minds of those committed to our Charge: And lastly, Sir, that we will offer up our daily Supplications to Almighty God, to grant you a long and prosperous Reign over us; and that after our present just and necessary War, shall by your Majesty's wise Counsels have been happily concluded with Justice to the British Nation, and your good and faithful Allies, you may many Years enjoy the blessed Fruit thereof, in a safe, honourable and lasting Peace.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, Archdeacons, and other Clergy of the Diocese of Chichester, do with all Humility beg Leave to condole with your Majesty upon the Death of our late Excellent Sovereign, under the mild and wise Administration of whose Government these Nations have long flourished in Freedom, Commerce, and Security, and in the full Enjoyment of all those Civil and Religious Rights, which form the Happiness and Prosperity of a People.

Permit us likewise to congratulate your Majesty upon your happy Accession to the Crown of these Realms; a Crown worn with Lustre by your late Royal Progenitors, and now adorned with those many publick and private Virtues, by which your Majesty has been so early and eminently distinguished, and which cannot fail of raising the just Returns of Honour, Obedience, and Affection throughout all your Kingdoms.

We acknowledge, with Hearts full of the warmest Duty and Gratitude, your Majesty's most gracious Declaration, that you are resolved to preserve and strengthen the Constitution both in Church and State. By these auspicious Beginnings, this affectionate Regard to the Interests of your native Country, we are fully satisfied, that the Happiness of your Subjects will be the great Object of your Care; and do humbly desire to offer the strongest Assurances of our Reverence for your Sacred Person, of our Fidelity and Zeal in the Support of your Government, and of our Constancy and Vigilance in taking every Opportunity of inculcating the same loyal Principles among all those, with whom, in our several Stations, we are more immediately concerned.

May that God, whom you constantly and devoutly serve, preserve you a long and shining Example of sincere Piety, and the purest Morals, exercised and maintained in the highest Station; make you a blessed Instrument in the Hands of His Providence, to promote the same Virtuous and Religious Principles among