

preserved to these Kingdoms, till the Divine Providence, by giving early Maturity to your Majesty's Virtues, qualified you to fill and adorn the Throne of your Ancestors.

Whilst we congratulate your Majesty on your Accession to these your Kingdoms, we do, at the same Time, felicitate ourselves on the pleasing Prospects which open to us with your Majesty's auspicious Reign, which we beseech the Almighty to crown with Honour and Glory, Peace and Length of Days.

The gracious and repeated Declarations which your Majesty has been pleased to make of your Love and Affection to your faithful Subjects; your Zeal for promoting their Welfare; your tender Regard for their Civil and Religious Rights; and your firm Resolution to adhere to, and strengthen this excellent Constitution both in Church and State, demand the warmest Returns of Duty and Gratitude from a loyal and affectionate People; whose Security and Happiness, together with the Honour and Dignity of your Majesty's Crown, are founded in the Establishment of these excellent Principles.

We are persuaded, that we cannot give a more convincing Proof of our Duty to your Majesty, and of our Regard for our Holy Profession, than by exerting our constant and most zealous Endeavours in the Cause of Religion and Virtue, to which your Majesty has so graciously promised your Royal Encouragement. We revere the innate Goodness of your Majesty's Heart, cultivated by the pious Care of an excellent Prince, whose illustrious Ancestors were early and remarkably distinguished by their vigorous Defence of the Protestant Faith, and their heroic Sufferings in that glorious Cause.

Blessed with the Influence, and encouraged by the Example of so good a King, we beg Leave, with due Humility, to assure your Majesty, that we will study to deserve your Royal Protection and Favour, by inculcating the Principles of true Religion, the Practice of Virtue and Morality, and the necessary Duties of Affection and Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government; endeavouring, at the same Time, to recommend them by that persuasive and engaging Motive, our own Example.

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Westmorland, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir George Dalton, Bart. one of their Representatives in Parliament, and Sir James Lowther, Bart. Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the said County, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Westmorland.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Westmorland, most humbly beg Leave to condole with your Majesty on the sudden and affecting Death of our late most gracious Sovereign, whose mild, just, and glorious Reign, must render His Memory ever sacred and dear to us; and, at the same Time, to congratulate your Majesty on your happy Accession to the Throne of these Kingdoms, with the universal Approbation and Joy of your Subjects.

That good and amiable Disposition, of which your Majesty, in your earliest Years, has given so distinguished Proofs, fills us with the most assured Hopes, that you will adorn the Crown you wear, by the Exercise of every Royal and Princely Virtue; and through the whole Course of your gracious and auspicious Reign, with an affectionate and paternal Care, pursue the Welfare and Happiness of your People.

Happy in these pleasing and well-grounded Expectations, we humbly beg Leave, with all Warmth

and Sincerity of Heart, to profess our most steady and inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's most Sacred Person and Government; and to assure your Majesty, that it shall always be our most zealous Endeavour, by every Act of Affection, Duty, and Obedience, to promote the Ease, Prosperity, and Glory of your Reign.

May your Majesty long continue to reign a Father, Protector, and Blessing to your Subjects! And may these Kingdoms be blessed with a perpetual Succession of Princes of your Illustrious House, endowed with your Royal Virtues, and reigning, like your Majesty, in the Hearts and Affections of a free, loyal, and united People!

The following Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Kirkby, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir James Lowther, Bart. one of the Representatives in Parliament for the County of Westmorland, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**Y**OUR Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Burgesses of your Borough of Kirkby in Kendal, in Court assembled, with the sincerest Duty, and the greatest Humility, beg Leave to condole with your Majesty upon the severely afflicting Death of our late most Excellent King. The all-concerning Loss of so inestimable a Blessing, is a publick Calamity; affects every Heart with deep-seated Regret; and makes every House truly the House of Mourning. Yet though the all-powerful Disposer of Events hath taken from us the Person of the best of Kings, His Perfections will remain ever meritorious, ever memorable, as he was the tender Father of His Country, the assiduous Promoter of Publick Good, the constant Protector of Trade, Navigation, and maritime Commerce; the gracious Patron of religious and civil Liberty; and the generous Friend of Mankind. Disconsolate and melancholy indeed would be the Death of so amiable, so beloved, so beneficent a Monarch, had not we the strongest Assurances, justly raised in our Breasts; that your Majesty does not only inherit His Dominions, but all those His Royal Virtues which adorned His Reign, dignified His Administration, eminently advanced the Honour and Happiness of His Kingdoms, and signally distinguished him as a Patriot and a Sovereign.

Comforted by this auspicious Reflection, and inspired by your Majesty's gracious Declaration, our drooping Heads and depressed Hearts are lifted up; and we unfeignedly rejoice in your happy Accession to the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, the Place of your Illustrious Birth, where your Majesty's Mind was early and happily formed to good, to great, and exalted Principles; where were seasonably implanted in your Heart the sublime Virtues of a warm Love of your Parent Country, a reverential Affection to her holy Religion; and an invariable Adherence to her most excellent Constitution in Church and State. We are truly sensible, that, as the Knowledge of this pre-eminent Constitution has been your peculiar and attentive Study, the Preservation of it in Purity and Vigour, will be your principal and paternal Care.

Happy Britons! We have no sooner endured the Loss of one excellent Sovereign, than we enjoy the Repair of it, by the Accession of another, who has been trained up in the Paths, where Wisdom, Virtue, uniform Magnanimity, and genuine Patriotism, led the Way; who has, with an ardent Publick Spirit, declared in Council, "That he will make it the Business of His Life, to promote, in every Thing, the Glory and Happiness of these Kingdoms." Thus we have a well-grounded Confidence, that your Majesty will be the Blessing of your Subjects, the Dread of your Enemies, the Delight of your Allies, and the Admiration of Europe.

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