

them express their Compassion for the helpless Objects of this Charity, we were the more strongly excited to use our utmost Endeavours to attempt their Relief; and encouraged to support great Numbers of miserable Infants, who otherwise must inevitably have perished, or become burthenfome to the Publick.

For these, and others in the like miserable Circumstances, we are Supplicants to your Majesty; that you would be graciously pleased to take this Corporation under your Royal Protection, and honour us, by declaring yourself our Patron; that thereby we, and others, may be encouraged to execute the good Purposes for which we were incorporated; by saving the Lives of many poor Infants, and Educating them in the Principles of Religion, and the Practice of Virtue and Industry.

And we most fervently beseech the Almighty, to pour down on your Majesty, all those Blessings which attend true Piety and Charity, and to continue them to your latest Posterity.

Given under our Common Seal this 17th Day of December, 1760.

Signed by Order of the General Court,
Tho. Collingwood, Secretary.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased most graciously to receive, and to declare Himself Patron of the said Corporation; and they had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

After which they had the Honour to wait on her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales; when the Earl of Dartmouth made the following Compliment.

To her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager
of Wales.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young Children, beg Leave to condole with your Royal Highness, on the Loss which these Kingdoms in general, and we in particular, have sustained by the Death of His late Majesty. As Subjects, we have lost a mild and gracious Sovereign; and as Guardians of this Royal Foundation, a Munificent and Compassionate Patron.

At the same Time permit us to rejoice, that we see a Prince upon the Throne, whose early Disposition to promote Virtue, and discourage Vice, gives us the most pleasing Prospect of the Glory of His future Reign, and the Happiness of all that live within the Reach of His Authority.

We cannot forget the tender Commiseration expressed by your Royal Highness, and your late Royal Consort, at the Institution of this Charity; nor the generous Support which your Royal Highness has shewed us ever since; both which give us the strongest Encouragement to ask, and the most solid Ground to hope, for the Continuance of your Royal Highness's Favour and Protection.

They were received very graciously, and had the Honour to kiss her Royal Highness's Hand.

The following Address of the Episcopal Clergy, qualified according to Law, in the Counties of Aberdeen, Kincardin, Forfar, Banff, and Murray, North Britain, has been presented to His Majesty by the most Reverend Father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Episcopal Clergy, qualified according to Law, in the Counties of Aberdeen, Kincardin, Forfar, Banff, and Murray, North-Britain.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE the Episcopal Clergy, qualified according to Law, in the Counties of Aberdeen, Kincardin, Forfar, Banff, and Murray, North Britain, most humbly beg your Royal Permission, amidst the just and general Congratulations of your loyal and faithful Subjects on your Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne of your Royal Ancestors, to

join our warmest Expressions of the most zealous Affection and inviolable Attachment to your Majesty's sacred Person and Government.

As the Royal Virtues of our late most Gracious Sovereign, every where shone with the brightest Lustre; so His Death has been universally felt, and sincerely lamented, in the most remote Parts of His Dominions; and nothing but the many amiable Endowments your Majesty possesses, can compensate the Loss we have so lately sustained by that melancholy Event.

Under the happy Influences of our late most Gracious Sovereign's Paternal Care and Protection, we enjoyed the free Exercise of our Holy Religion, and have Reason to hope for the Continuance of that invaluable Blessing by your Majesty's most gracious Declaration, which claims our most grateful Acknowledgments; and which we shall carefully study to deserve, by inculcating on the Minds of our People, Piety towards God, Loyalty to your Majesty, and Peace and Unanimity among our Fellow-Subjects.

Engaged by every principle of Duty, we will not fail to offer up our most devout and fervent Prayers to the Throne of Grace, that Almighty God may bless your Majesty with a long and glorious Reign, direct your Counsels, continue Success to your Arms, for the Establishment of a lasting and honourable Peace; and that the Sceptre of these happy and united Kingdoms may be swayed, to latest Posterity, by a Prince of your Majesty's Royal and August House, so distinguished for its Attachment to the Protestant Interest, and Regard for the Liberties of Mankind.

Signed and subscribed in our Name, and by our Appointment, at Aberdeen, this 2d of December, in the Year of our Lord 1760, by

John Gordon,
James Riddoch,
George Farquhar, } Ministers of the Chapels in
Aberdeen.

The following Address of the Bishop of Ofsory, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Canice, and the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Ofsory, 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 of Ofsory, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Canice, and the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese of Ofsory.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to condole upon the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign of happy Memory; and to congratulate your Majesty upon your Accession to the Crown of these Realms. Your Majesty sitting on the Throne, in the Enjoyment of the warmest Affections of your People, affords a most agreeable Prospect; as your Majesty has always given the strongest Proofs of a steady Inclination to promote every Publick Good; and more especially to countenance Religion and Virtue; which are the most solid Foundation for the Happiness of the publick Weal.

We expect, by the Favour of Divine Providence, to see the British Empire, under your Majesty's Government, arrive at the highest Degree of Glory, through future Successes, by a wise Settlement in an happy Peace; and in such Prosperity, as will either prevent the Attempts of our Enemies, or most effectually secure us against them.

We shall never cease our fervent Prayers, that your Majesty may long reign over us in the Enjoyment of every Blessing; and that there never may be wanting one of your Royal Family to govern in the same Manner your Majesty's Dominions, and to continue these Blessings to latest Posterity.

The following Address of the Sovereign, Burgesses, Clergy, and Principal Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Belfast, has been presented to His Majesty