

as the Business of Government is naturally accompanied with much Care and Trouble, and frequent Disappointments, we will exert our utmost Duty, to render your Majesty's Reign, which we earnestly trust will be long and glorious, as easy and happy, as the Nature of your Royal Office will admit; and when your Majesty's Labour and Toil shall be finished here; we sincerely wish and pray that your Majesty may inherit that Crown which can alone be enjoyed in full Happiness.

Signed,

Tho. Pitt, Recorder.

By his Deputy, and by the Direction of the Mayor and Corporation.

The following Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Nairn, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Nairn.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of your Town of Nairn, in the humblest Manner, beg Leave to lay before your Majesty, the most sincere and hearty Acknowledgments of our zealous and inviolable Attachment to your sacred Person and Government; and, at the same Time, to present our most hearty Congratulations upon your Majesty's Succession to the Throne, long happily filled by your most illustrious Grandfather, our late gracious Sovereign of blessed Memory! A Prince whose paternal Goodness, splendid Virtues, and admirable Endowments, did strengthen an excellent Constitution, made happy, for many Years, a grateful People, and are now set up a glorious Pattern of Imitation to Kings desirous to approve themselves to the great Ruler of Heaven and Earth, and to the Nations over which they may be appointed to sway the Sceptre.

The affecting Death of a Sovereign, so good, so much beloved, unfitted us, sooner, to testify our Comfort in the Succession of a Prince, who, by the united Voice of the Nation, would have been pointed out as Heir to his Virtues. We now, Sire, Joy to find your happy Subjects blessed in the Fruition of what was then in Prospect. As Britons, we exult in the singular and unprecedented Honour conferred on that Appellation, by your Majesty's vouchsafing to glory in it. As Christians, we rejoice in your professed Patronage of Piety and Virtue. As Protestants, in the Security of the established Churches, and of a prudent Toleration. As free Subjects, we triumph in the Assurance of your Majesty's Love of Liberty, of your maintaining inviolable the Rights of your People, and of your making their Happiness and Interest a Rule of Government.

The Prince, blessed with such Goodness of Heart and Discernment to adopt and establish so wise and constitutional a Plan of Government, stands insured of the Divine Assistance to enable and direct him in the Execution of it, and effectually secures to himself the Love, Affection, and cheerful Obedience of a free, happy and grateful People; and being thus strengthened and supported, he will be glorious in Peace, and, to his Enemies, terrible in War.

Given at Nairn, the Twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixty Years, and signed, in Name and Presence of the Magistrates and Town-Council, by

Hugh Ross, Provost.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by Ralph Willet, Esq; High Sheriff of the said County, accompanied by George Pitt, and Humphry Sturt, Esqrs. their Representatives in Parliament, 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 High Sheriff, Gentlemen and Clergy of the County of Dorset.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff, Gentlemen and Clergy of your County of Dorset, humbly beg Leave to entreat your Majesty to accept our Condoleance upon the great Loss this Kingdom has sustained by the Death of our late Gracious Sovereign, your Royal Grandfather; and likewise our faithful Expressions of unfeigned Joy, at seeing this Loss happily supplied by the Accession of your Majesty to the Throne.

Permit us, likewise, to tender our humble and most sincere Assurances of Duty and Affection; and suffer us to add, that the truly magnanimous Regard which your Majesty has so generously shewn to your People, fills our Hearts with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude and Veneration.

We further crave Permission to assure your Majesty, that it is our earnest Desire, to the utmost of our Power in our several Capacities, to discharge the Trusts committed to our Care with Diligence and Effect; and agreeably to your Majesty's Royal Injunction (and most illustrious Example) to promote true Religion, to preserve good Order and Decency, to suppress Vice and Immorality; and, in every Respect, to contribute our best Endeavours towards carrying on your Majesty's Government.

We shall pray, that the Joy with which you have filled all Hearts, may be the constant Companion of your own, through a long, and, by every great and good Event, a distinguished Reign; and that there never may be wanting, in your illustrious House, a Prince to perpetuate the Virtues and amiable Endowments of your Majesty, your Royal Grandfather and Father; and to transmit our present Felicity to our latest Posterity.

The following Address of the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Derby, 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 High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Derby.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the High Sheriff, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Derby, beg Leave most humbly to present to your Majesty our hearty and united Congratulations upon your Majesty's happy Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms.

We acknowledge and adore the Goodness of Providence in the great and signal Blessings vouchsafed to these Nations, throughout the long and glorious Reign of our late most Excellent Sovereign, your Majesty's illustrious Grandfather. And whilst we feel the severe and affecting Loss which your Majesty, your Kingdoms, and all Europe have sustained by his Death, we cannot but exult in the pleasing Confidence that his Virtues still live in your Majesty; and, that the same Justice, Mercy, and Truth, the same Wisdom, Firmness, and Magnanimity, by which his Memory is rendered for ever dear and sacred to his People, are innate Principles in your Majesty's Royal Breast, and a sure Pledge of Glory and Happiness to all your Subjects.

Bound by all the Ties of Duty and Affection to your Majesty's sacred Person, and filled with humble Gratitude for your most gracious Declarations to your Parliament, happy are we in offering to your Majesty a Tribute ever acceptable to the true Father of his People, that of our Hearts; there your Dominion