

assembled, take the earliest Opportunity to congratulate Your Royal Highness on the Marriage of your illustrious Son, our Royal Sovereign, with a Princess of the most distinguished Merit.

So desirable an Event, as it must give Your Royal Highness the highest Satisfaction, has filled the Minds of His Majesty's faithful People with inexpressible Joy, and opens to them a Prospect of lasting Happiness and Security.

May the Royal Pair long live to enjoy the Fruit of their Virtues and mutual Affection; and to make your Royal Highness those dutiful Returns, which your tender Care of the King's younger Years has so eminently deserved.

We beg Leave to renew to Your Royal Highness, the strongest Assurances of our Loyalty and Duty to His Majesty, and of our Respect and Veneration for Your Royal Highness.

Signed by Order of Court,
James Hodges.

To which Her Royal Highness was pleased to return the following Answer.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I Return you My hearty Thanks for your kind Congratulations. So lively a Proof of your Affection greatly increases the Joy I feel on this most happy Event.

They had all the Honor to kiss her Royal Highness's Hand.

Monday, September 14, 1761.

THIS Day the following humble Address of the University of Cambridge, was presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, their Chancellor, accompanied by the Reverend Dr. Sandby, Master of Magdalen College, Vice Chancellor, the Right Honourable the Earl of Hardwicke, High Steward, and the following Noblemen and Bishops, who had been formerly, or are at present, of the said University, viz. the Earls of Exeter, Kinnoul, Gainborough, Holderness, Halifax, Ashburnham, Lord Viscounts Weymouth, Palmerston, Royston, Lord Mountfort, Lord Grantham, Lord John Cavendish, the Bishops of Rochester, Litchfield, Norwich, Chester, Peterborough, Bristol, Gloucester, St. Asaph, St. David's, Landaff, the Bishop of Clogher, Mr. Solicitor General, the Honourable Mr. Townshend, Member for the University, his Honor the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Salisbury, Judge of the Admiralty, Dr. Simpson, Dean of the Arches, together with many of the younger Sons of the Nobility, and Baronets, eleven Heads of Houses, Dr. Reeve, President of the College of Physicians, and a great Number of Doctors in that Faculty, many Doctors in Divinity and Law, with upwards of an Hundred Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Civil Law, all in their proper Academical Habits.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, of the University of Cambridge.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, of your University of Cambridge, feel the warmest Sentiments of Joy and Affection, in offering our Congratulations to your Majesty, on this most happy and auspicious Occasion. We cannot but ascribe it to a Principle of the most tender Regard for your People, so conspicuous in every Part of your Majesty's Conduct, that your Majesty should turn your earliest Thoughts to a Matter so highly interesting to the Happiness of your Kingdoms, and so necessary to make that Happiness permanent to Posterity. Your Choice of a Princess for your Consort, endowed with such Virtues, and distinguished for such personal Accomplishments, as will add Lustre to a Throne, while they alleviate the Cares of it, gives the surest Prospect of Domestic Happiness to your Majesty, and of universal Satisfaction to your Loyal, and Affectionate, People.

As Her Majesty's Illustrious Line has shewn its invariable Zeal for the Protestant Cause, we have

the firmest Hopes, under God, that this Alliance will perpetuate to us the most valuable Blessings, which a Race of British Kings, immediately descended from your Majesty, can secure to Britons; the free Exercise of their holy Religion, and the full Enjoyment of their civil Rights.

That wonderful Series of Providential Events, which has appeared in the happy Progress of your Majesty's Arms, affects us with the greatest Joy; and cannot fail to excite our devout Acknowledgements unto Him, who is the God of Armies. As these Successes render your Majesty's Reign truly Glorious, and your Kingdoms universally respectable; so the particular Impression they must make on your Enemies, by their seeing the Weight of British Power, and seeing the Hand of Heaven in Support of your Cause, will dispose them, we hope, to concur with your Majesty, in the desirable Work of establishing a Lasting Peace in every Quarter of the World; and we, as particularly bound by our Office, and Character, shall not cease to implore the Great Disposer of all Events, that He would graciously assist your Majesty's truly Christian Disposition, and earnest Endeavours for that Purpose.

We gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's Regard for, and Protection of those ancient Seats of Learning, which your Royal Progenitors so amply endowed, and so generously encouraged; and we most humbly entreat your Majesty's gracious Acceptance of these our faithful Assurances of our affectionate and zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, and Government; of our constant Attention to answer the good Ends of our Institution, by insilling into the Minds of the Youth, placed under our Care, and Inspection, such Principles of Religion, and Loyalty, as may make them dutiful Subjects to your Majesty, and useful Members of the Community: And our most earnest Petitions shall be offered at the Throne of Grace, that God would grant your Majesty a long, and glorious Reign over us, as the Sum of our Wishes for the publick Prosperity, and the surest Means of Happiness to your People.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to give this most Gracious Answer.

THE repeated Assurances of your Zeal, and Affection, for My Person, and Government, are extremely acceptable to Me; and can never be more so, than upon the present Occasion; which, I trust, will be as conducive to the Happiness of My People, as it is to My own.

You may always depend upon My Protection, and Favour.

His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Chancellor of the University, accompanied by the Vice Chancellor, and the other Members of the University who before waited on His Majesty, were introduced to the Queen by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Lord Chamberlain, when his Grace the Duke of Newcastle made the Compliments of the University in the following Speech.

May it please your Majesty,

TO accept from the University of Cambridge, ever zealous to express their Duty to His Majesty's Royal Person and Family, their most sincere Congratulations on this joyful Occasion; which gives them the great Satisfaction of seeing the Domestic Happiness of their most gracious Sovereign improved by an Alliance with a Princess of such distinguished Virtues and Accomplishments, and opens the fairest Prospect to all His Majesty's Subjects, that the various Blessings, which they enjoy under His Auspicious Reign, will be continued, and secured to their Posterity.

Long may your Majesty possess the Affections of that People, whom your Presence has filled with such uncommon Joy; and may Heaven vouchsafe so to bless your Royal Nuptials, that, from this happy Union, a Race of Princes may arise, who, endowed with the same Hereditary Virtues, and educated in the same generous Principles, for the Support of the Protestant Cause, may transmit the

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