

most engaging of all human Sanctions, the Royal Countenance and Example.

Given at our House of Convocation this Ninth Day of September, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One.

To which His Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer,

I Return you My Hearty Thanks for this Proof of Duty and Affection to My Person: And I take a very sensible Satisfaction in such a cordial Testimony of Joy from My University of Oxford, on an Event so truly happy to Me. That ancient and famous Seat of Learning may depend on My Protection and Favour, and may be assured of my kind Acceptance of their Exemplary Care to form My youthful Subjects to a due Reverence for the Law, and to a just Sense of This Excellent Constitution, by enforcing Moral, Civil, and Religious Discipline.

They were most graciously received, and had the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand.

Immediately after they were introduced to Her Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Her High Chamberlain; when the Chancellor made the Compliments of the University to the Queen in the following Speech.

To the Queen.

Madam,

I Have the Honour, in the Name of the University of Oxford, to approach your Royal Presence, with an humble Offering to your Majesty of their most faithful Duty and Homage; welcoming your Majesty's safe Arrival in these Kingdoms, and felicitating your Marriage with our most Gracious Sovereign.

On this Auspicious Occasion, His Majesty hath given the strongest Demonstration of His Zeal for the Publick Welfare, by resolving to place the Imperial Crown of Great Britain on the Head of a Protestant Princess, whose Personal Merits, superior to her Illustrious Birth, will give an additional Lustre to the Diadem she wears. It is, indeed, a Circumstance peculiarly glorious to your Majesty, that the elevated Station to which you are called, is owing solely to your own Royal Accomplishments, and to our August Monarch's just Discernment and Estimation of them, who is proud of laying His Honours and His Lawrels at your Majesty's Feet; and of sharing with you, what he valueth more than a Crown, the unbounded Love and Affection of all His Subjects.

Your Royal Consort's acknowledged Virtue and Goodness, joined to those Excellent Qualities, with which Nature and Education have so liberally adorned your Majesty, afford the fairest and most certain Prospect of Domestic Happiness. Our Prayers shall be daily offered for an uninterrupted Continuance of it; and that the Royal Pair may long live to set forth the brightest Pattern, and also reap the blessed Fruits and Effects of Conjugal Affection.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

I Return you My Thanks for these affectionate Congratulations, so very flattering to Me; and I assure you, that an Address, so full of Duty to the King, gives Me the greatest Pleasure.

They were received in a most gracious Manner, and had all the Honour of kissing Her Majesty's Hand.

Leicester House, September 16.

This Day the University of Oxford, attended by their Chancellor, High Steward, the Nobility, Bishops, and Gentlemen, who before had waited on their Majesties, were introduced to Her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, by the Lord B^{co} on Her Chamberlain; when the Chancellor paid the Compliments of the University in the following Speech.

To her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales.

May it please your Royal Highness,

TO accept the sincerest Congratulations of your most faithful and loyal University of Oxford, on the happy Occasion of His Majesty's Marriage with the Illustrious Princess of Mecklenburg Strelitz; a Princess, whose singular Virtues and Endowments have recommended Her to the Affections of the most amiable and best of Kings; who, from Parental Examples, and the particular Influence of your Royal Highness's Care and Inspection, is equally formed for Publick Government, and Domestic Happiness.

We cannot omit any Opportunity of gratefully acknowledging that benevolent Disposition, which your Royal Highness hath ever shewed towards your ancient University: And our hearty Prayers and Wishes are, that your Royal Highness may long live and enjoy that truly desirable Felicity — of seeing your Children's Children, and Peace upon Israel.

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

I Return you my Thanks for your kind Congratulations: The Affection you express on this Joyful Occasion, still adds to the Happiness I feel.

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

The following Address of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir James Dashwood, Bart. High Steward of the City of Oxford, being introduced by the Lord of the 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 Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Oxford, in the County of Oxford, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

MAY it please your Majesty to accept, amidst the universal Joy of your People, the Congratulations of the Mayor and Corporation of Oxford, on the Conclusion of your Royal Nuptials; an Event which demands the warmest Expressions of our Affection to your Person, the most ardent Zeal of our Prayers, That Heaven may crown them with its choicest Favours. The many Virtues which adorn your auspicious Reign, had raised your Fortunate People even beyond the Power of wishing for any future Blessing, than an Union with a Princess, whose Great and Amiable Qualities might (under Heaven) perpetuate their Felicity; an Union, now so happily accomplished, that we should be wanting in Duty to your Majesty, if we did not beg Leave, on this Occasion, to lay before you the sincerest Wishes of our Hearts for a Continuance of every Divine Blessing to Yourself and Royal Consort; the Wishes of Hearts full of all that Loyalty and Gratitude, which become the most faithful Subjects to the best of Kings.

Given under our Common Seal, at our Council Chamber, the 12th Day of September, in the First Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the City of Norwich, has been presented to His Majesty, by Sir Thomas Churchman, 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 Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens,