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THE following Address of the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, was this Day presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, beg Leave to present our most humble and sincere Congratulations to your Majesty upon the Increase of your Royal and Illustrious Family; every Addition to which, we, with the rest of your Majesty's faithful Subjects, consider as a farther Security of those invaluable Blessings, which this Nation has enjoyed under the House of Brunswick, and as a Pledge of its future Happiness.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction, as well as the deepest Sense of Gratitude, that your faithful Clergy take this Opportunity of their being convened, to repeat their Thankfulness to your Majesty for the frequent Assurances which you have given them of your firm Resolution to maintain them in the full enjoyment of their Civil and Religious Rights, and to make their public Acknowledgment of the Experience they have had of your strict Adherence to those gracious Declarations.

Happy, Sir, would it be for this Nation, if your Royal Authority, if your Illustrious Example, if the Influence of your private and publick Virtues, had a more powerful Effect upon the Minds and Morals of your People. But we are obliged to confess what we with Sorrow observe, that a Disregard to the Sacred Precepts of Christianity, and a Neglect of its most essential Duties, become every Day more general through all Ranks of Men; and that a Spirit of Licentiousness prevails both in the Writings and Practice of the Times, equally dangerous to the best constituted civil Government, and to the purest of religious Worship.

Under these Circumstances we, who are most immediately engaged in the Service of Religion,

feel ourselves in a more peculiar Manner called upon to check, as far as we are able, the growing Evils we lament; to impress, in the strongest Manner, upon the Minds of the People, Fidelity to, and Zeal for, the established Religion of our Country, with Moderation and Christian Charity towards those who have the Misfortune to differ from us; to admonish them to be attentive to the sacred Principles of Religion, and to use their utmost Endeavours to make their Lives conformable to its holy Doctrines.

Thus alone can we acquit ourselves of our Duty towards God, and contribute to the present Welfare and future Happiness of our Fellow-Creatures.

In these our pious Endeavours, we know we can depend upon the Countenance and Protection of your Majesty: May you, Sir, with the Assistance of the Almighty, long continue the firm Support of the Protestant Faith: May the same Providence, under whose Divine Protection you carried on and concluded the most successful War that is recorded in the Annals of our History, enable you to preserve to your People, for a Course of many Years, the Blessings of Peace: And may you continue to derive constant Satisfaction to yourself, from a Sense of that Happiness which your Subjects receive from the Wisdom and Mildness of your Government.

They were received very graciously, and all had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

I Return you My Thanks for this very dutiful and loyal Address, and for the Share you take in My Domestic Happiness, so warmly expressed in your affectionate Congratulations on the Increase of My Family. It is with the greatest Pleasure I observe your Reliance on My invariable Resolution to preserve and maintain the Civil and Religious Rights of the Church of England as by Law established. You may depend upon My constant Approbation and strongest Support of your Endeavours to suppress that Spirit of Licentiousness and Immorality,

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