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**T**HE King and Queen set out on Monday last, the 28th of September, at One in the Afternoon, from Windsor Castle, and arrived at Winchester about Half past Five in the Afternoon, and alighted at Mr. Penton's House; His Majesty was attended by the Marquis of Lothian, Gold Stick in Waiting, the Honourable Colonel St. John, one of His Majesty's Aides de Camp, and Lieutenant General Carpenter, Equerry in Waiting; and Her Majesty by the Marquis of Carmarthen, Lord Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, and the Countess of Egremont, one of the Ladies of Her Majesty's Bed-chamber. Their Majesties were escorted from the Hill in Sight of the Camp by a Captain, two Subalterns, and fifty Men, of the King's Regiment of Light Dragoons; the Line was drawn out, and the Artillery fired a Royal Salute; the Light-Infantry and Grenadiers of the Camp, commanded by the Earl of Derby, lined the Avenue from the Camp to Mr. Penton's House.

A Guard of a Captain, two Subalterns, and one hundred Men of the Kentish Militia, as senior Regiment in the Camp, were posted at Mr. Penton's House; but, on Account of the Review the next Morning, were soon relieved by a like Guard of the Bedfordshire Militia.

Soon after Their Majesties Arrival, the Mayor and Corporation waited upon His Majesty with the following Address:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

**T**HE Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Winchester, at all Times eager to testify their Loyalty to your Majesty, and their Attachment to your Illustrious Family, most humbly approach your Majesty, to express their unfeigned Joy at seeing within the Walls of this ancient City, a Sovereign under whose Government they experience so many and so extensive Blessings.

Your Royal Presence in this the once flourishing Capital of your Realm calls to our Remembrance those remote Times, when it's Citizens, warmed by the Love of their Country, and animated by the Residence of their Sovereigns, stood foremost in the Defence of the State; and acquired, by repeated Proofs of their Loyalty, a Grant of the First Free Charter which had ever been obtained by any Subjects;—a Pre-eminence which at once bespoke the Munificence of the Prince who gave it, and the Sense which He entertained of the Zeal and Fidelity of the City which He rewarded with such peculiar Privileges. Great, however, and extensive as were the Advantages which it's Inhabitants enjoyed over other Subjects in the early Periods of the English History, we, your Majesty's loyal Citizens, look up with Gratitude to the Divine Providence, thankful for the superior Blessings we derive from living in a more enlightened Age, in the Exercise of a more perfect Religion, and in the Possession of such just and wise Laws as have secured to us, in common with all your People, those Liberties of which your Majesty is the Guardian.

Long, Royal Sire, may You continue to reign over a loyal and united Nation; may it be ever sensible of that parental Affection which distinguishes your Government; and may You long continue

blessed in the Possession of an amiable and virtuous Queen, to participate with your Majesty the Duty and Affections of a grateful and happy People.

In Testimony whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereto affixed, the Twenty-sixth Day of September, in the Eighteenth Year of your Majesty's Reign.

This Address was very graciously received by His Majesty; and the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty had the Honour of kissing His Majesty's Hand.

They were afterwards introduced to the Queen, and addressed Her Majesty in the following Words:

*May it please Your Most Excellent Majesty,*

**Y**OUR Majesty's loyal Citizens, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of Winchester, entreat your Majesty's Permission to lay at your Royal Feet the humble Offer of their Duty, and to testify the Excess of their Joy in being admitted to the Presence of a Princess possessed of every Accomplishment which can adorn Her Sex, and graced with every Virtue which can give Lustre to Her exalted Station. It has pleased the Divine Author of all Goodness to shower down upon your Majesty Rewards well suited to such Merits by uniting You with a Sovereign who is the Father of His People, by blessing your Majesty with a numerous Offspring, and by giving You Dominion over Subjects sensible of the Blessings which they enjoy under the best of Princes.

May your Majesty long remain the bright Ornament, as You are the Admiration, of a grateful and affectionate Nation, and may it for Ages yet to come be governed by a long Succession of Princes descended from your Majesty, and Inheritors of those Royal Virtues, which have so deservedly rendered your Majesty the Delight of all your Subjects.

In Testimony whereof we have caused our Common Seal to be hereto affixed, the Twenty-sixth Day of September, in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of your Majesty's Royal Consort.

Her Majesty was pleased to receive this Address with great Affability and Condescension, and they had the Honour of kissing Her Majesty's Hand.

The Dean and Prebends of Winchester also waited upon His Majesty, with the Warden and Fellows of the College, and the Two Masters of the School.

The Inhabitants of the Town testified their Loyalty, Affection and Attachment to Their Majesties, by very general Illuminations, and every publick Demonstration of Joy.

On Tuesday Morning, at Nine o'Clock, the King and Queen went from Mr. Penton's House; His Majesty on Horseback, attended by His Suite, and also by General Lord Amherst; and the Queen in Her Chaise, with Lady Egremont, and attended by the Marquis of Carmarthen Her Majesty's Chamberlain; to review the Troops; and on His Majesty's Appearance at the Front of the Line, a Royal Salute was fired from the Artillery.

The King proceeded to the Right of the Line, where He was received and saluted by the General Officers; as was also the Queen. Their Majesties proceeded along the Front of the whole Line, receiving the Salutes of the several Officers, and returned by the Rear of the Line, when His Majesty, having placed himself on a commanding Spot, saw the

