

be known to constitute the domestic Happiness of your Majesty, may, together with your Majesty, meet with every domestic Reward; and that your Subjects, now justly sensible of the Importance of your Life, from the Danger of being deprived of it, may express in their Conduct that dutiful Obedience to your Majesty, that Submission to lawful Authority, and that conscientious Regard to the Precepts of our Holy Religion, which becomes a free and wise and enlightened People.

[*Delivered by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop.*]

The humble Address of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean and Chapter of Wells, and the Clergy of the Diocese.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Dean and Chapter of Wells, and the Clergy of the Diocese, with the most dutiful Respect presume to approach your Majesty, and to offer our warmest Congratulations on your Majesty's happy Recovery from your late Indisposition.

When your Majesty was afflicted, your Kingdoms exhibited one uniform Scene of Sympathy and Sorrow; but the same Providence that rescued your Majesty from the Hand of the Assassin, has been pleased to raise you from the Bed of Sickness, and restore you to the Tears and anxious Wishes of your People. The mournful Scene passed away at a critical Moment, and was succeeded by the sincerest Transports of universal Exultation and Joy. Under the Administration of an all-wise Providence, Good is often derived out of Evil; and your Majesty, through your late severe Visitation, has learned one important Truth, that will ever be a Cordial to your Royal Mind, and give a Lustre to the future Annals of your Reign, that your Dominion is firmly established, where every good Prince is ambitious to establish it, in the Hearts and Affections of your Subjects.

And may your Majesty be crowned with Length of Days in the full Enjoyment of the perfect Health which Heaven has restored to you, and continue to your faithful Subjects the Blessings of a just, a mild and auspicious Reign! And may the Heirs to your Crown become Heirs to your Virtues; and be Instruments of conveying the like Blessings to our latest Posterity.

[*Transmitted by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and Clergy, of the Diocese of Ely.

WITH the most sincere Thankfulness to Heaven for your Majesty's Restoration to Health, and the active Exertion of your Regal Power, we presume to offer the Expressions of our Loyalty and Affection to your Royal Person and Family on so very interesting an Occasion.

Sensible as we have ever been of the many Blessings we have so long enjoyed under your Majesty's mild and auspicious Government, and happy in the full Possession of our Civil and Religious Liberties, it was impossible for us not to sympathize in that universal Affliction and Despondency which, during your Majesty's Illness, sat so heavy on our Spirits, we felt for the personal Safety and Welfare of our justly beloved a Sovereign; we shared in the domestic Distresses of your exemplary and most amiable Consort, our Gracious Queen, and your whole Royal House; nor could even the

wise and constitutional Measures that were proposed in Alleviation of the public and national Calamity afford an adequate Consolation.

Our only Refuge on this, as under every other disastrous Event, was to implore the Interposition of that Almighty Being, by whom alone Kings reign, and whose Providential Goodness to us we had so long experienced under the many and increasing Advantages of your Government. It hath pleased God to listen to our Supplications, and, in Mercy to His People, to restore your Majesty to yourself, to your Family, and your Kingdoms, in perfect Health, and in full Possession of those great Endowments which have hitherto and will ever render you our Boast and Praise.

To express our full Sentiments of Joy and Exultation on this happy Occasion is not within our Power: No Events have ever excited the Emotions of our Hearts between Fear and Hope, Dejection and Triumph, as the late Period of our Distress, and the present Moment of our Deliverance.

Accept, therefore, Gracious Sovereign, our unfeigned though imperfect Congratulations, and suffer us to add our Prayers for your long Continuance in uninterrupted Prosperity and Health; that under the Influence of your interesting Virtues all who reap the Benefits of them may be happy, and may know how to value their Felicity.

[*Delivered by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop.*]

May it please your Majesty,

AMIDST the general Joy diffused through the whole Nation on the great and happy Event of the Re-establishment of your Majesty's Health, may the President and Council, with the rest of the Academicians and Associates of the Royal Academy, be permitted humbly to offer their most sincere Congratulations on this joyful Occasion.

Impressed as we are with a due Sense of the Blessings we enjoy in common with all other Subjects, from the Protection which your Majesty has always been pleased to extend to the Arts in general, and the peculiar Patronage which has been graciously afforded to the Royal Academy in particular, we presume to hope for Pardon for this Intrusion.

The Members of this Academy are truly sensible how much the Prosperity and Advancement of the Arts which they profess are connected with and dependent on the Health and Welfare of their Royal Patron and Protector.

For the long Continuance of your Majesty's Health we offer up our most fervent Prayers, and indulge our Hope that those Arts, which have been so successfully planted under your Majesty's Royal Patronage, may grow and flourish to their full Maturity and Perfection, during a long, happy and glorious Reign.

Signed by the President and all the Academicians.

[*Delivered by Sir Joshua Reynolds, President.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Nobility, Clergy, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Worcester, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with our heartfelt Congratulations, and to express our sincere Joy on your Majesty's Recovery from your late Indisposition.

Were it possible for our Sentiments of Affection and Loyalty to receive any Addition, our Happiness must be heightened by having been Witnesses of that Royal Munificence and boundless Condescension which your Majesty