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THE following Address having been transmitted to Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the Reverend Jabez Bunting, President of the Wesleyan Methodists, has been presented by His Lordship to the King, and most graciously received:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers representing the people called the Methodists, belonging to the Religious Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, first established by the Reverend John Wesley, A.M. late Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, deceased, beg leave most humbly to offer to your Majesty, on the first day of our annual conference, the cordial assurances of our undeviating attachment to your illustrious House, to your sacred Person, and to the unrivalled Constitution of our country.

In making these sincere declarations, we cannot but be solemnly impressed by the recollection of that lamented event which has now placed your Majesty on the Throne of your Ancestors; an event which forcibly reminds us both of the instability of all human greatness, and of the vital importance of genuine religion to society at large, and to individuals of every rank and station.

Duly and deeply affected as we are with the death of our late most excellent and venerable Sovereign, though in the course of nature it must have been painfully anticipated by all his subjects, still we cannot but greatly rejoice at your Majesty's accession to that Throne, to which your Majesty has, by birth, an inalienable and incontestible right; a right joyfully recognized by the universal approbation of your people. And as we hail the commencement of your Majesty's reign, so, with joyful anticipation and affectionate interest we look forward to its long continuance.

From the example of our Founder, from early instruction, from principle, and from choice, we are inviolably attached to the Constitution of our country, and to the illustrious House of Hanover; and by the strictest ties of affection and duty we

feel ourselves bound to your Majesty's most sacred Person. Under your Majesty's Government we confidentially expect all the blessings of a good, wise, and beneficent reign; and we feel ourselves authorised to indulge this hope, from the still warm recollection of the constitutional manner in which, for so long a time, your Majesty fulfilled the high, difficult, and important duties of the Regency, and from the assuance given to your people in your Majesty's first speech from the Throne, that in your future administration your Majesty would still pursue the same line of conduct, which was so beneficially marked out, and so studiously followed, by your late Royal Parent; an assurance worthy of the Son of so great and so good a Sire.

Nor can we here refrain from expressing our gratitude to Divine Providence, that your Majesty's accession to the Throne was preceded by a general peace, in effecting which your Majesty's councils and power had so large a share, and which, we ardently hope, will be preserved and maintained among the nations of the earth, by the blessing of God, through your continual influence and illustrious example.

Instructed by the Holy Scriptures, which, as an undoubted revelation from God, we receive as the only rule of our faith and practice, to honour the King, as well as to fear God, we abhor and detest all principles of disloyalty; and as far as our influence may extend among those of your Majesty's subjects who are the objects of our pastoral instruction, we shall continue, by our constant teaching, advice, and example, to discountenance sedition and disorder in all their forms, and strongly to enforce subjection to the laws, and to all civil authorities constituted by the State; and no longer than we thus prove ourselves worthy, shall we expect the protecting shade of the laws to be extended over us. Hitherto, however, we have had the unspeakable satisfaction to witness a strict adherence to these duties among our Societies, notwithstanding the unexampled pressure of distress in the nation, and in the manufacturing districts in particular, in which they have largely shared, but which they have endured with exemplary patience and submission.