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THE following Addresses, having been transmitted to Viscount Sidmouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, were presented by His Lordship to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble, dutiful, and loyal Address of the Vice-Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, Council, and Members of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall.

WE, the Vice-Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, Council, and Members of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall, at this our first General Meeting since the accession of your Majesty to the Throne, beg leave to offer our most sincere congratulations on an event so auspicious to the country, and to express our fervent prayers, that your Majesty may long and happily reign over a faithful and grateful people.

In deploring, in common with your Majesty and all their fellow-subjects, the loss of their late ever-revered Sovereign, no less illustrious for his paternal regard for his people, than for his munificent patronage of the scientific and useful institutions of the country, the lovers of science derived consolation from their conviction, founded on experience, that the same benevolent, liberal, and patriotic principles distinguished his august successor.

The Members of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall, more especially, had reason to indulge these consolatory reflections, as they had already, in a more particular manner, experienced the happy influence of your Majesty's love of learning and desire to promote the interests of science, when your Majesty, then Regent of the kingdom, condescended to take under your immediate protection an infant establishment, which could then only boast of its good intentions, but which has since grown into comparative maturity under the fostering care of its Royal Benefactor,

In planning an institution which should be exclusively devoted to the improvement of mining, by connecting the practical details of this art with the principles of mineralogical and geological science, the Founders of the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall were incited by the conviction that they were consulting some of the best interests of their native county and of the kingdom; and, in continuing to maintain it against the difficulties which it had to encounter in its early progress, they were further cheered by the hope, that, if their attempt should prove to be really beneficial to the country, it could not fail of receiving, eventually, that encouragement and protection which would ensure its stability, and extend its sphere of usefulness: this hope was fulfilled when your Majesty, as Duke of Cornwall, complied with the prayer of the Society to become its Patron; and its Members now humbly, yet confidently, rely on those liberal and patriotic principles which your Majesty is known to possess, for a continuance of that patronage which it has hitherto experienced, and with which it cannot fail, eventually, to attain the important object of all its labours, namely, the improvement of the art of mining in this the richest district of your Majesty's dominions.

Other nations, possessed of mineral treasures, can boast of public academies, founded for the express purpose of watching over the interests of the important and difficult art of mining, and maintained at the public expence; Great Britain, richer in valuable metals than any European country, possesses no such establishment: yet, when we look back to the progress which this Society has made since it came under the Royal protection, we cannot refrain from indulging the hope, that it may be the peculiar glory of your Majesty to have effected that, by your Majesty's gracious and condescending patronage, which, in other countries, has been the result of national munificence and official guardianship.

Apartment of the Society, Penzance,
October 3, 1820.

[Transmitted by Lord De Dunstanville, Vice-Patron.]