

Sovereign. But if a due submission to authority is the wisest preparation for the exercise of authority over others, then indeed we may look with confidence to the excellence of your Majesty's rule, since in the Person of your Majesty will be realized the saying of antiquity "that he is best qualified to govern, who has best known how to obey."

In conclusion, then, we venture once more, in all humility, to solicit your Majesty's gracious assent to the petitioning prayer of our fraternity, and nothing now remains for us, but to implore the Great Architect of the Universe, the Author and Giver of all Good, that He may be pleased to bestow His choicest blessings on your Majesty's head, and to establish in strength and righteousness the Throne of your Kingdoms.

Given in Grand Lodge, at Free Masons' Hall, London, this 17th day of July 1830.

*Augustus Frederick, G.M.; Dundas, D.G.M.; William H. White, and Edward Harper, G.S.*

[Presented by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.]

To the KING.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the President and Members of the Royal Academy of Arts, most humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty with every dutiful and respectful expression of our condolence on the mournful occasion of the demise of our late beloved Sovereign, George the Fourth.

Personally honoured by his Royal favour, we have to deplore his loss, not only as subjects in common with the nation at large, but as the members of an institution which has been thus bereft of its immediate Protector and Patron.

To the patriotic and enlightened views of your Majesty's august and revered Father, the arts of this country owe the foundation of the Royal Academy, and highly as his name must ever be held in veneration by its members, we feel our gratitude to be no less due to the munificent and uniform kindness of his lamented Successor.

While profoundly and respectfully sympathizing in your Majesty's severe affliction, the President and Members of the Royal Academy most humbly beg permission to join in the general tribute of homage and congratulation on your Majesty's accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

Among the many important cares which have thus devolved upon your Majesty, we have ample assurance in the liberal and enlightened character of your Majesty, that the arts will receive their just share of your Majesty's paternal consideration. It was the pleasure of our revered Founder to constitute himself the head of the Royal Academy, and as such to give validity by his sign manual to all its elections and laws. His lamented Successor was pleased to adopt, and continue this course. The Royal Academy thus distinguished amongst the institutions of this great Empire, as the peculiar creation of the Sovereign, its members have always placed their pride in the honourable dependence upon their King, which results from the nature of our establishment; and we are emboldened by your Majesty's known benignity, most humbly to solicit that your Majesty will graciously condescend to take the Academy

under your especial protection, and extend to us that countenance and favour which are so essential to the interests of our institution, which are so well calculated to elevate the arts to their just rank in society, and to stimulate to its noblest exertions the genius of our country.

Participating most fully in the ardent hope and confidence entertained by every class of your Majesty's subjects, that, under the auspices of your Majesty, the British Empire will nobly sustain her pre-eminence of power and glory amongst the nations of the civilized world, we most humbly and sincerely pray that your Majesty's reign may be long, peaceful, and prosperous, and that, crowned with all the blessings which Divine favour can bestow, your Majesty, with your illustrious Consort, our gracious Queen, may long experience the heartfelt regard and gratitude of a dutiful, loyal, and affectionate people.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

[Presented by Martin Archer Shee, Esq. the President.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council, of the Borough of Liverpool, in Common Council assembled, humbly beg to offer the expressions of our sincere condolence on the recent loss which your Majesty and the Nation at large have sustained, by the demise of our late beloved Sovereign, your Majesty's illustrious and lamented Brother.

During the period in which it was His late Majesty's lot to preside over the British Empire, it was the glory of his reign that, by the wisdom of his councils and the valour of his fleets and armies, a long and sanguinary war was brought to a successful termination, and the blessings of peace and tranquillity were restored to the civilized world. In His late Majesty we also beheld the munificent patron of the arts and sciences, and the encourager of that public enterprize and spirit which have given rise to so many important works, and which reflect so much credit on the nation; and we must ever recollect with grateful feelings that the welfare and happiness of his people were the objects of his constant and peculiar care.

While thus dwelling on the striking features which distinguished the character and reign of our late illustrious Sovereign, we humbly beg at the same time that your Majesty will graciously receive the assurances of our unfeigned satisfaction at the accession of your Majesty to the Throne of your Ancestors, and of our sincere attachment to your Royal Person, feeling confident that, under your Majesty's benignant and gracious sway, the religion, liberties, and laws, of this kingdom will ever find a powerful and zealous defender.

Suffer us likewise to express the high gratification we feel at the elevation to the Throne of these Realms of your Majesty's illustrious Consort, our gracious Queen Adelaide, a Princess whose presence will add dignity and splendour to her Court, and whose virtues and high endowments confer lustre on her exalted station, and will insure the esteem and admiration of every class of society.

That your Majesty and your Royal Consort may