

reign who, during twenty years as our distinguished patron and liberal benefactor, deigned to honour us with his particular regard and favour.

Duly sensible of the high distinction and the important benefits which resulted to us, from the support and kindness of our late Sovereign, we beg to approach your Majesty with the warm expression of our grateful recollections and our unfeigned regrets.

Permit us at the same time to congratulate your Majesty on your happy accession to the Imperial Throne of these Kingdoms, and to the Government of a free, united, and loyal people. We, who have been honoured with your Royal presence, cannot but entertain a peculiar and affectionate veneration for your Majesty. We pay our respects not merely to your supreme rank in the community, but likewise to those virtues and endowments from which even that rank will derive ornament and lustre.

The duties which your Majesty has personally and meritoriously performed in the naval service of your country, render your Majesty's name dear to the hearts of your faithful British subjects.

Your tender concern for the unavoidable burdens of your people, and your truly Royal purpose to maintain inviolable their civil and religious liberties, are omens of our national happiness, and will secure to your Majesty the continued and cordial affections of the inhabitants of these kingdoms.

For ourselves we rest with pride and confidence under the protection of a Sovereign who, for thirteen years, has been at the head of the noble Vice-Patrons of our Society, and who, in noticing the labours of one of our late Vice-Presidents, has condescended to express himself in these memorable terms: "I know and therefore esteem him, and accept with pleasure the cloth he is kind enough to send; I shall have it made into the naval uniform, as being the gift of an English farmer, following the example of the King of Great Britain, who first introduced the Merino breed of sheep into these kingdoms."

It is our fervent prayer that your Majesty's life may be long and prosperous, and that the choicest blessings of Providence may distinguish the reign of our Sovereign King William the Fourth, and his Royal Consort, our accomplished and amiable Queen Adelaide.

Signed on behalf of the Bath and West of England Society, Lansdowne, President.

[Presented by the Duke of Wellington, Vice-Patron.]

No. 2.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Merchants, Bankers, and Traders of London, assembled at a General Meeting on the 23d of July, 1830.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Merchants, Bankers and Traders of London, humbly approach your Majesty with the expression of our sincere condolence on the death of your Majesty's illustrious Brother, our late most gracious Sovereign.

But while we deplore the loss of a Monarch under whose reign this happy country has continued to

enjoy an uninterrupted and prosperous peace, we console ourselves by reflecting, that your Majesty's accession to the Throne of these Realms, offers an assurance that the commercial and general interests of the Empire will continue to receive the paternal regard and protection of a Sovereign of the same illustrious House, and eminently qualified to ensure and perpetuate the national prosperity.

We acknowledge with gratitude the blessings we enjoy as a free people, under the mild and constitutional Government which has been gradually confirmed on a secure basis in every succeeding reign of the Princes of your Majesty's illustrious House.

We cannot but reflect with feelings of pride and congratulation, that your Majesty has for a long period of years dignified that noble profession which has from time immemorial upheld the honour and the glory of the nation: and we anticipate with confidence that the naval power and the shipping interests of Great Britain, so intimately connected with each other, will not only continue unimpaired under the benign influence of your Majesty, but receive additional impulse and energy, thereby contributing to the security and welfare of your Majesty's subjects, and to the power and dignity of the British Throne.

We beg permission also to express to your Majesty our feelings of joy that your Majesty is blessed with a Royal Consort of distinguished and exalted virtues, forming an additional bond of union between your Majesty and your Majesty's loyal subjects.

That your Majesty may long continue to reign over a grateful and affectionate people, at once enjoying and contributing to their happiness, is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's devoted subjects.

[Here follow the signatures.]

[Presented by Mr. Ward, accompanied by Mr. Manning, Sir Charles Price, and Mr. Thompson.]

No. 3.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of the ancient Borough of Boston, in the County of Lincoln, presume to offer our unfeigned condolence on the melancholy event which has deprived your Majesty of a beloved Brother, and the Nation of a revered Monarch.

We beg also to offer to your Majesty our humble and heartfelt congratulations on your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and to assure your Majesty of our loyal devotion and attachment to your Majesty's sacred person, and to express our perfect confidence that your Majesty will, under the favour of Divine Providence, direct all your efforts to the maintenance of the Protestant Religion, to the protection of the rights and liberties, and to the advancement of the happiness and prosperity of all classes of your Majesty's faithful subjects.

We pray that your Majesty's reign may be long, prosperous, and happy, and that your people, fully impressed with the invaluable benefits resulting from our free and excellent Constitution, may be firmly