

of cherishing in the hearts of an enlightened and religious people, a spirit of respect and loyalty towards your Majesty, and of grateful attachment to your Royal House.

That the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may long preserve and abundantly bless your Majesty's life and reign, and that the divine grace and blessing may rest on the head of your Royal Consort, the Queen, whom Providence hath given to afford a pattern of every conjugal and princely virtue; also, that the blessings of heaven may descend on all the Members of the Royal Family, is the united, most fervent, and affectionate prayer of your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in name and presence, and by appointment of the Commission of the Church, by
William Singer, Moderator.

Edinburgh, August 11, 1830.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

"I thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address, condoling with me on the demise of my lamented Brother, and congratulating me on my accession to the Throne of my Ancestors.

"Be assured of my determination to maintain your National Church in the possession of all its rights and privileges.

"I regard that Church as one of the great defences of religion and of religious liberty, and I well know the zeal by which its Ministers are actuated in the discharge of their spiritual duties, and in inculcating on the minds of those committed to their charge the principles of obedience to the laws and loyalty to the Throne.

"I shall perform a duty most gratifying to my feelings by scrupulously observing the solemn engagement into which I have entered, to protect and support the Church of Scotland."

Whitehall, October 29, 1830.

THE following Addresses, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Robert Peel, Bart. one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, were by him presented to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To His Most Excellent Majesty KING WILLIAM the FOURTH.

WE, the High Sheriff and Inhabitants of the County of Cardigan, most respectfully approach your Majesty with our sincere condolence on the loss your Majesty and the Nation have lately sustained, in the demise of our late revered Sovereign George the Fourth, a Monarch who so long and wisely governed these realms. Our regrets on the death of our much lamented Sovereign have been ameliorated by the accession to the Throne of your Ancestors of a Prince so firmly attached to this his

native country as your Majesty, brought up in those principles which have so firmly seated your Family on the Throne, and endeared them to the people they reigned over.

We beg to offer your Majesty on this event our most dutiful congratulations, with an assurance that amongst your Majesty's subjects, none will be found to yield more explicit and cheerful obedience, none to uphold your just prerogatives with more zeal, none to evince a more anxious desire that your Majesty's reign may be happy and glorious, than the inhabitants of this county; at the same time we assure your Majesty, that our joy is brightened with a belief that your Royal Consort, Queen Adelaide, is endowed with those virtues, and possessed of those accomplishments, truly calculated to increase the prosperity of the country; and that she will exercise her benevolence and philanthropy, in conjunction with your Majesty's truly English feelings and habits, so as to increase the blessings of contentment and prosperity to an industrious and free people.

We, your Majesty's faithful and loyal people, earnestly pray that your reign may, with the blessings of God, be one continued scene of peace and happiness; and that your Majesty, in union with your Royal Consort, may ever receive the spontaneous homage and love in the hearts of a prosperous and contented people.

Benjamin Edward Hall, High Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by B. E. Hall, Esq. High Sheriff.*]

To His Most Gracious Majesty WILLIAM the FOURTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Western Division of the County of Lancaster, in Annual Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the 14th day of September A. D. 1830, A. L. 5834.

May it please your Majesty,

WE respectfully beg leave to assure you, Sire, of our sincere condolence at the afflicting dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe, by which, in his inscrutable wisdom, he has seen fit to bereave your Majesty and your illustrious House, of a beloved Brother, the Nation at large of a gracious and paternal Monarch, and our Order of a kind and beneficent Patron, by the decease of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, whose memory cannot fail to be fondly cherished and revered by all classes of your Majesty's subjects, but by none more unfeignedly than by our Order, over which he so graciously presided, and which he patronised for so many years. Having expressed these sentiments, we crave permission to offer to your Majesty our cordial congratulations on your accession to the Throne of these Realms, fully persuaded from our knowledge of your Majesty's character, that you will sway the Sceptre with dignity and honour, blended with the just and merciful administration of the laws, and with a paternal solicitude for the promotion of the welfare and happiness of all classes of your