

*St. James's-Palace, May 1, 1834.*

This day the following Address to the King, from the Dissenting Ministers of the three denominations residing in and about the cities of London and Westminster, was presented to His Majesty by the following Deputation: F. A. Cox, LL.D.; Thomas Rees, LL.D. F. S. A.; William Newman, D.D.; J. B. Shenston; Jno. Morrison, D.D.; Archibald Barclay, LL.D.; Wm. Williams; Wm. Broadfoot; John Blackburne; Arthur Tidman; W. H. Murch; Benjamin Marden, M. A.; Samuel Wood, A.M.; John Young, M. A.; George Kenrick; Charles Stovel; and Thomas Morell; which Address His Majesty was graciously pleased to receive in His Closet:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations residing in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, in approaching your royal presence beg to express our unfeigned gratitude for the important benefits conferred on our country during your Majesty's gracious reign, and for the general prospect of national improvement and prosperity afforded by the anticipated measures of your Majesty's Government.

We would humbly represent to your Majesty, that we consider the attainment of academical degrees, as being the generally recognised means of attaching due honour to proficiency in learning and science, to be a laudable object of pursuit, and that we regard an exclusion from such honours as a serious grievance, operating invidiously in respect to those who are subject to such a privation.

We cannot therefore, but deeply regret that the only bodies in England, legally empowered to confer such tokens of academical acquirement, should have determined to withhold them from all persons not professing their approval of the doctrines and usages of the Established Church, thus depriving all classes of Dissenters of academical distinction, unless sought at great expence and disadvantage in distant parts.

It is to us also a matter of deep concern that whilst in the University of London this large class of your Majesty's subjects have ample means of prosecuting the liberal sciences that institution is unable to confer those degrees on the students which would be alike incentives to exertion and the evidence of success in their literary and scientific pursuits; this inability on the part of that establishment we the more regret as the advantages of its instructions are tendered without any interference with the theological principles of its students.

We, therefore, humbly pray your Majesty to be graciously pleased to grant to the University of London your royal charter empowering that institution to confer the customary academical degrees in arts, medicine, and law.

Signed on behalf of the general body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers, by the above Deputation.

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

*Gentlemen,*

"THE whole course of My reign must have proved to you that I am a sincere friend to religious liberty. It is, however, My duty, as the Head of the Established Church of this country, to protect its rights and interests. At present I can say no more, than that I shall be always ready to receive and consider such proper and respectful representations as that which you have now presented to Me."

*St. James's-Palace, April 30, 1834.*

THE following Addresses to the King were this day presented to His Majesty at the Levee, and graciously received:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Landowners, Occupiers, Clergy, and other Inhabitants of the Parishes of Weathersfield, Stambourn, Ridge-well, Great and Little Yeldham, Belchamp St. Paul, Otton and Walter, Tilbury and Ovington, Pentlow, Foxearth, Liston, Borley, &c. in the County of Essex,

*Most humbly sheweth,*

THAT your petitioners approach your Majesty with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty to your Majesty's Royal Person, and of attachment to the Protestant Constitution of this realm; that your petitioners are sincerely and devoutly attached to the Established Church of England and Ireland, as an instrument, under God, of diffusing true religion through the land, that they love its doctrines and its formularies, as being eminently scriptural and devout; that they are warm friends to any measures which may improve its discipline and thereby augment its efficiency.

That they implore your Majesty as, under Christ, the supreme governor of that Church, and accountable to God for the exercise of your power, to sanction no scheme for the alienation of its property, and to permit no interference, on the part of its enemies, in its government or constitution; and your petitioners will ever pray that, after a prosperous reign on earth, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords may grant to your Majesty a crown of glory incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

[Here follow the signatures.]

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

The humble Address of the Incumbent, Curate, and Congregation of Saint James's Chapel, within the Liberties of the Castle, in the County of Nottingham.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the undersigned, members of the Established Church of this Kingdom, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the expression of our dutiful and