

of the Clergy, waited upon Her Majesty, to present the following Address to Her Majesty, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, and the Clergy of London and Westminster, humbly request permission to approach your Majesty, with the expression of our heartfelt condolence upon the death of our late revered Sovereign, and with our sincere congratulations upon your Majesty's accession to the Throne of this realm.

While we deplore the loss of a Monarch, who on all occasions evinced a firm attachment to that Church, of which he was by the Constitution of this country the temporal head, it is impossible for us not to derive consolation and encouragement from reflecting, that he has been succeeded by a Princess, trained up under the watchful care of her Royal Mother in the principles of our Holy Religion, and accustomed to the observance of its duties.

We rely, under Divine Providence, upon your Majesty to support and protect the Church of this nation, as the appointed instrument of diffusing, amongst all classes of your Majesty's subjects, a knowledge of those truths and precepts, which are the only sure basis of individual happiness, and of national prosperity and peace; and we beg leave, with all humility, to assure your Majesty, that we are deeply sensible of the obligation which rests upon us, as Ministers of that Church, to promote, by all the means in our power, the great ends of its institution, and to use our privileges and immunities for the purpose of advancing the highest interests of mankind.

It is our heartfelt wish, and will be the subject of our earnest prayers, that your Majesty may be guided by Divine wisdom, to seek in all things the Glory of God, and the good of His people; and that being protected by His power, and blessed with His grace and favour, your Majesty may long continue before Him, in health, and peace, and honour, and finally exchange an earthly for an immortal crown.

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

"I am happy to receive this dutiful Address from so important and venerable a body of the Clergy of the Established Church.

"Trained up in the principles of our Religion, I consider the Established Church of these realms an efficient instrument appointed for the holy purposes which you describe.

"I entirely appreciate the high motives by which its members are actuated, and the great ends which they propose to themselves. In the discharge of their sacred duties, they may securely depend upon my protection and support."

*At the Court at St. James's, July 14, 1837.*

A CHAPTER of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned for this day, the fol-

lowing Knights Companions, in their mantles and collars, assembled in the Entrée-room, viz.:

His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge, His Serene Highness the reigning Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, the Marquess Camden, the Duke of Newcastle, the Duke of Wellington, the Duke of Northumberland, the Marquess of Hertford, the Duke of Dorset, the Duke of Leeds, the Duke of Devonshire, the Marquess of Exeter, the Duke of Richmond, Earl Grey, the Duke of Norfolk, the Duke of Grafton, the Duke of Buccleuch, the Marquess of Lansdowne, and the Duke of Somerset, attended by the under-named Officers of the Order, in their mantles, chains, and badges, viz. the Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the Order; the Lord Bishop of Oxford, Chancellor of the Order; the Honourable and Reverend the Dean of Windsor, Registrar of the Order; Sir William Woods, Knt. (Clarenceux King of Arms), Deputy to Garter Principal King of Arms; and Sir Augustus-William-James Clifford, Knt. Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

At three o'clock, the Knights Companions were called over by Deputy Garter, and, with the Officers of the Order, proceeded into the presence of the Sovereign, in the Throne-room.

The Sovereign, being seated in the chair of state, the Knights Companions, by Her Majesty's command, took their respective seats at the table, and the Officers of the Order stood in their accustomed places.

By command of the Sovereign, His Serene Highness Charles-William-Frederic-Emicon Prince of Leiningen (brother to Her Most Excellent Majesty the Queen), was then introduced into the Royal Presence, preceded by Deputy Garter and Black Rod, and was knighted by Her Majesty, with the sword of state, after which His Serene Highness had the honour to kiss the Sovereign's hand, and retired.

The Chancellor, then, by command of Her Majesty, read a new statute, dispensing with the existing statutes in as far as may be required for the especial purpose therein mentioned, and decreeing, ordaining, and enjoining that His Serene Highness Charles-William-Frederic-Emicon Prince of Leiningen, &c. &c. &c. be declared a Knight of this Most Noble Order, any statute, decree, rule, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

His Serene Highness was then, by command of the Sovereign, conducted into the Chapter-room between the Marquess of Lansdowne and the Duke of Somerset, the two junior Knights present, preceded by Deputy Garter (bearing the ensigns of the Order upon a crimson velvet cushion), and by Black Rod.

The Prince kneeling near the right hand of Her Majesty, and Deputy Garter, presenting on his knee the Garter, the Sovereign, assisted by their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Sussex and Prince George of Cambridge, the two senior Knights present, buckled it on His Serene Highness's left leg, the Chancellor pronouncing the usual admonition.

Deputy Garter next presented, in like manner, the ribband with the George, and Her Majesty, assisted as before, put the same over the Prince's