

(An alphabetical and numbered List of the Addresses presented to Her Majesty, is printed at the end of the Addresses.)

St. James's-Palace, July 22, 1837.

THE following Addresses were this day presented to Her Majesty, which Her Majesty was most graciously pleased to receive upon the Throne:

No. 1.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, seize the earliest opportunity of expressing our sincere condolence on account of the loss which your Majesty and the nation have suffered, by the death of our late lamented Sovereign, and our cordial congratulations on your Majesty's accession to the British Throne, which has been occupied by a long and illustrious line of your Royal Progenitors.

We cannot look back to the brief reign of your Majesty's immediate predecessor, without calling to mind the many eminent and honourable qualities which endeared him to his subjects, who, in the experience of his mild and equitable administration, looked up to him with confident attachment. We have a melancholy gratification in reflecting on the strong and just testimonies which men, of every shade of opinion in matters of public policy, have borne to the candour, patience and vigilance with which he turned his attention to the multiplied and arduous duties which devolve on the Head of the Government of this great empire.

It is with deep interest that we recognize in your Majesty the only daughter of an illustrious Prince, who for many years occupied a high place in the hearts and hopes of the nation, and whose premature death, immediately before that of his venerable Father, George the Third, added to the gloom with which that mournful event affected the whole body of the people.

Rejoicing to observe in your Majesty the unequivocal traces of the magnanimous spirit which, both in peace and war, distinguished so many of your Royal Ancestors, we cherish the pleasing anticipation that, under the guidance of Heaven, it will be your Majesty's invariable aim to consult the happiness and improvement of the people, by upholding the cause of true religion in every part of the empire, and by exemplifying those Christian virtues which impart the brightest lustre to a Crown. It is highly gratifying to us to learn with what alacrity your Majesty in your first General Council engaged, under the solemn sanction of an oath, to maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the true Protestant religion, with the government, worship, discipline, rights, and privileges of the Church of Scotland, as established by law. Firmly relying, as we do, on the fulfilment of this constitutional pledge, and remembering, with gratitude to God, how long the protection of our liberties, both religious and civil, has been identified with the honour and interest of the family from which your Majesty is descended, we feel ourselves bound to inculcate on the people,

of whom we have the oversight, their sacred obligation to yield unshaken loyalty to the youthful Princess now advanced to the Sovereignty, as the Minister of God to them for good, and above all, to cultivate that fear of the Lord, and that love of righteousness, which are the best safeguards of the stability of the Throne, and the prosperity and peace of the kingdom.

That the Almighty God, who is the Governor among the nations, and in whose hand it is to make great, may abundantly bless your Majesty with the treasures of His wisdom and grace; that He may establish your Throne in righteousness; that He may ever place the faithful of the land in your councils; that the power of the Most High may strengthen and encourage your heart amidst all the solitudes of your lofty station, and that after a long and glorious reign on earth you may be exalted, through the merits of the Redeemer, to a blessed immortality, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment.

*Matthew Gardiner, Moderator.*

Edinburgh, July 12, 1837.

[Presented by the Moderator, and a Deputation.]

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

"I receive with the most lively satisfaction this Address from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

"You may securely rely upon my observance of the oath by which I bound myself, upon my accession, to maintain inviolate your rights and privileges. I rely entirely upon your zeal and energy in the discharge of your sacred duties; and I entertain a confident hope that, under your paternal care, religion and morality which are the best safeguards of the stability of the Throne, and of the prosperity and peace of the kingdom, will be strengthened and increased in Scotland."

No. 2.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination, in and about the cities of London and Westminster, humbly approach your Royal presence, to express our sincere condolence with your Majesty upon the demise of your Royal Uncle, our late revered and beloved Sovereign, together with our heartfelt congratulations upon the happy accession of your Majesty to the Throne of these realms.

We have ever felt devoutly thankful to the Divine Providence that, during several successive generations, these kingdoms have been placed by the Omnipotent Ruler, under the mild and beneficent sway of Princes of your Majesty's august family, by whom the liberties of the people have been enlarged and confirmed, the moral character of the nation has been