

exalted, and the power and prosperity, the wealth and happiness of the kingdom have been promoted beyond all example. And we are impelled by gratitude to acknowledge, in particular, the blessings enjoyed by the country during the reign of His late lamented Majesty, in the preservation of peace, the wise and timely reform of some of our national institutions, and the extension of religious liberty, by which the condition of your Majesty's Protestant Dissenting subjects especially has been greatly improved.

When we call to remembrance your Majesty's Royal descent; when we reflect upon the character of the Prince, your Majesty's ever-to-be-lamented Father, whose virtues, public and private, endeared him to the British people, and to no portion of them more than the Protestant Dissenters; when we consider that your Majesty's early years were nurtured by the enlightened and patriotic counsels, and the moral and religious instructions of your Illustrious Mother, whom we have been accustomed to regard as a pattern of conjugal and maternal excellence; and when we bear in mind your Majesty's gracious language in your first speech before your Privy Council, which has diffused general satisfaction and joy amongst your subjects, we entertain the firm and cheering persuasion that your Majesty's reign will be just and beneficent, honourable to your Majesty, and glorious to your people.

We have seen, with deep affection and lively sympathy, your Majesty's pious declaration of reliance upon the Divine Providence for support and guidance, and we humbly join our supplications with those of your Majesty and of the whole kingdom, on your Majesty's behalf. May the Supreme Benefactor, the Father of Mercies, grant that on your head the Crown may flourish, and that during your auspicious reign, peace may be preserved with all nations, tranquillity may be enjoyed at home, and equal rights and liberties may knit the hearts of all your Majesty's subjects in love to your Majesty, and to one another. May the King of Kings take your Majesty under his Almighty protection, shield you from dangers, replenish you with all heavenly gifts and graces, and prolong your life and reign to a far distant period, and cause your happiness as a Queen to be constantly growing in the spontaneous loyalty, the cordial affection, and the generous confidence of all classes and denominations of your Majesty's subjects, until, in the course of the Divine Providence, and in fulfilment of the Divine Grace, your Majesty shall be translated from earthly to heavenly felicity and glory.

[Presented by a Deputation.]

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

"I thank you for your condolence upon the death of the late King, and for your congratulations upon my accession.

"I am much gratified by the feelings which you express towards former Sovereigns of my family, and more particularly towards His late Majesty.

"I am actuated by the same principles, and you may always rely upon receiving at my hands that protection which is so justly due to you."

No. 3.

To VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging.

*May it please the Queen,*

WE, thy dutiful and loyal subjects, Members of the religious Society of Friends commonly called Quakers, and representing that body in Great Britain and Ireland, are anxious to take the earliest opportunity of thus expressing our cordial and faithful attachment to our Queen.

We sensibly feel the loss of our late beloved Monarch King William the Fourth. We look back upon his reign as a period of no common importance in the history of our country, marked as it has been by the extension of civil and religious liberty, by mercy and compassion to the guilty, and by the recognition of the rights of our enslaved fellow subjects. We rejoice in these features of his Government as evidences of the increasing sway of Christian principle in the legislation of our country.

Under feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God, we offer to thee, our Queen, on thy accession to the Throne of these realms, our sincere congratulations on the prevalence of peace abroad and tranquillity at home. May nothing be permitted to interrupt these blessings; and may the conviction more and more prevail, that war is alike antichristian and impolitic. Convinced as we are that the religion of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, is the only foundation for the true happiness of man and the prosperity of a people, and that it is the surest bulwark to any government, our prayer to God is, that it may be the stability of thy Throne, and may influence all the deliberations of thy Council.

Be pleased, O Queen, to accept our earnest and heartfelt desire, that thou mayest seek for heavenly wisdom to enable thee to fulfil the arduous duties which, in the ordering of Divine Providence, thou art, thus early, called to perform. Mayest thou live in the fear of God, and may he incline thy heart to keep his law, and richly endow thee with the graces of his Holy Spirit; and at length, when the days of thy delegated trust on earth are ended, mayest thou, through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, enter upon an inheritance incorruptible and undetiled, and that fadeth not away.

Signed by the members of a meeting appointed to represent the said religious Society in Great Britain and Ireland. London, the 12th day of the seventh month, 1837.

[Presented by a Deputation.]

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

"I thank you for your condolence upon the death of His late Majesty, for the justice which you render to his character, and to the measures of his reign; and for your warm congratulations upon my accession to the Throne.

"I join in your prayers for the prosperity of my reign; the best security for which is to be found in reverence for our holy religion, and in the observance of its duties."