

brought up under the indulgent and fostering care of a Mother so highly respected, and educated with a view to fill the exalted station which your Majesty was destined to occupy, we felt assured that your Majesty would still support those great principles of civil and religious freedom to which the House of Brunswick had been uniformly attached; and we rejoice now to add our conviction that the circumstances of your reign have hitherto justified our expectation.

When your Majesty ascended the Throne of your Ancestors, we anticipated with joy a long and happy reign over a virtuous and enlightened nation: these emotions we still entertain, and it is with high satisfaction and delight that we now present them to your Majesty, mingled with our congratulations and assurances of devoted loyalty.

That your Majesty may long live to enjoy the affectionate regard of a truly faithful people, is the earnest prayer of your most dutiful subjects the undersigned.

[Here follow the signatures.]

[Transmitted by Henry H. Tracy, Esq. M. P.]

No. 3.

To Her Most Excellent Majesty VICTORIA  
QUEEN of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Ireland.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Penzance, in the county of Cornwall, beg leave to condole with your Majesty on the loss of our late Most Gracious Sovereign, whose memory will ever be revered and cherished by a grateful and affectionate people.

We beg leave to express our high satisfaction at the auspicious Accession of your Majesty to the Throne of these realms,—our feelings of loyal attachment to your Majesty's Person, and our most fervent wishes that a reign commenced at so early an age, and under circumstances so interesting to all classes of your Majesty's subjects, may long continue; and we trust that, being born and educated amongst a free people, under the tender care of a wise and religious Mother, your Majesty may, under Divine Providence, be the appointed means of promoting and securing the peace, liberty, happiness, and prosperity of the millions over whom your Majesty is called to reign.

Dated, at Public Meeting held at Penzance,  
1st September 1837.

[Transmitted by J. Batton, Esq. Mayor.]

No. 4.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and devoted subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the

Borough of Godalming, with the fervent feelings of loyalty with which we desire to be ever animated, respectfully but zealously congratulate your Majesty on your Majesty's Ascension to the Throne of these realms.

Born and educated in England, surrounded by able and patriotic minds, your Majesty has had the rare opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with and of appreciating liberal and free institutions.

Imbued, yourself, with pure principles of constitutional liberty, your Majesty will well understand how to govern an enlightened and high minded people, always open to the influence of reason and justice.

May your Majesty live long to reign over a united and powerful empire; and may it ever be rendered manifest to your Majesty, that the real power and splendour of the Crown have their best support in the prosperity, affection, and good will of the subject.

W. Keen, Mayor.

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]

No. 5.

To her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leicester, beg to offer to your Majesty our sincere congratulations on your Accession to the British Throne.

Little did we anticipate, when we lately addressed your Majesty, that you would be so soon called to undertake that high office for which the course of time had so recently qualified you; but whilst we condole with your Majesty on the solemn event which has deprived you of a venerated and illustrious Relative, and the British people of a kind and gracious Sovereign, we doubt not, but that with us, you will find consolation in reflecting on the many wise and beneficent acts by which his reign has been distinguished.

The early period of life at which the reign of your Majesty has commenced, justifies us in anticipating, that it will be a long, and we pray, that it may be a happy and glorious one. We hail with the most lively satisfaction, your Majesty's gracious assurance, that it will be your study to pursue and complete those ameliorations in the institutions of our country, which are so anxiously desired by the British people; and we again fervently rejoice, that in the prosecution of these patriotic objects, your Majesty will be left to the generous impulses of your own mind, and the disinterested counsels of parental affection, unobstructed by any controul hostile to the interests of your Majesty's Throne, and to the rights and liberties of your subjects.

May that Almighty power, by whom Kings and Queens reign, and Princes decree justice, preserve you in safety from all your enemies, assist you worthily to fulfil the high destiny to which He has called you; and when, after a long career of true glory and usefulness, He calls you to join those who have preceded you, may your name be cherished by a grateful and admiring posterity, and the brightest page of British history be that which records the reign of Queen Victoria.

T. Paget, Mayor.

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]