

and attachment to your Throne, and the constitution of our country, in Church and State.

While we deplore the loss which the nation has sustained in the death of our lamented Sovereign, your Majesty's uncle, King William the 4th, we hail in your sacred Person all that can inspire us with the conviction that your Majesty will use every exertion to preserve our laws and our religion in their ancient purity.

Gratefully do we acknowledge to the illustrious Princess, your mother, our deep sense of the obligation which the country must ever feel towards her, for the completion of that interesting task which she had to fulfil in the formation of your Majesty's education; and fervently do we pray, that Her Royal Highness may now reap the most gratifying of earthly rewards, in beholding the child, over whom she fondly bent in infancy, become the beloved Queen of a people whom it is her destiny to govern, at once the glory and the admiration of the British nation.

May the prayers of this county, second to none in loyalty, be heard by the Almighty; since they call down upon your Majesty every blessing, spiritual and temporal; that, under your guidance, our religion, our laws, and all we hold sacred as a people, may flourish; and that your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous.

We are, your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects.
N. A. Roberts, High Sheriff,

On behalf of the Meeting.

[Presented by the Earl of Coventry.]

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the County of Essex, humbly request permission to approach your Majesty with the expression of heartfelt condolence upon the death of our late beloved and revered Sovereign.

Whilst we deplore the loss of a Monarch who throughout his reign evinced a paternal solicitude for the happiness of his people, we turn with consolation and joy to the prospect which presents itself under the sway of your most gracious Majesty: born and educated in this country, under the tender and enlightend care of your most affectionate mother, we are assured of your having imbibed, from your earliest infancy, a respect and love for the constitution which will govern all your actions; that the honour and glory of the country will be your pride; that the welfare of your faithful people will ever be the first object of your consideration, will sink deeply into your heart, and that on their happiness you will build your own. We most earnestly pray, that the great and over ruling power which govern the world, may direct your steps, and crown with success all your gracious intentions; that your reign may be long and prosperous, that you may be blessed by the love of your loyal subjects, who may have no contention but of rivalry of attachment to your Person and Government, and that hereafter, future historians may celebrate the period of your sway as one of the brightest in the history of this great and free country.

Signed at the request and in the name of the

Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the county of Essex, assembled at a meeting convened by the Sheriff, at the Shire Hall, on Wednesday the 4th day of October, 1837.

Jonathan Bullock.

[Presented by J. Bullock, Esq.]

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Council of the Borough of Evesham desire to approach your Majesty, with sincere condolence, on the severe and affecting loss which has deprived your Majesty of a beloved relative, and the nation of a revered Monarch, but humbly submitting to the inscrutable decrees of an all wise Providence, we beg your Majesty to accept a tender of our warmest congratulations on your Accession to the rightful Throne of these realms.

Brought up as your Majesty has been under the guidance of an illustrious and enlightened parent, and educated with a view to the exalted station which Divine Providence has called upon you to occupy, we have perfect confidence in the sentiments expressed in your Majesty's declaration on your Accession, and are satisfied that your Majesty, respecting and loving the constitution of your native country, will add lustre and dignity to the Crown, and will not only maintain the Reformed Religion, but secure to all the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, and thus protecting the rights and promoting the happiness and welfare of all classes of your Majesty's subjects, you may safely rely on the affection of a free, loyal, and grateful people.

Given under the common seal of the Borough of Evesham, this 9th day of August 1837.

Thomas Beale Cooper, Mayor.

[Presented by the Earl of Coventry.]

Westminster, February 26, 1838.

THIS day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An Act for raising the sum of eleven millions four hundred and thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, by Exchequer Bills, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

An Act to apply the sum of two millions to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.