

before Him in the enjoyment of health, and peace, and honour, and finally exchange an earthly for an immortal crown, is the heartfelt wish, and will be the earnest prayer of your Majesty's most faithful and devoted subjects.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

THE inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Southwark, in Town Hall assembled, beg respectfully to approach the Throne, to express their deep sympathy with your Majesty for the loss which your Majesty has, in common with the nation, sustained by the decease of your late Uncle, our good King William the Fourth, a Monarch pre-eminently distinguished by his ardent desire to promote the welfare and happiness of his subjects, and whose name will descend to posterity, in conjunction with those great measures for the amelioration of the laws, and the improvement of the institutions of the country, which were effected during his auspicious reign, and whereby those laws and institutions have been rendered more suitable to the spirit and intelligence of the age.

Appreciating the invaluable benefits of good government, the Inhabitants of this borough desire to offer their sincere congratulations to your Majesty on your accession to the Throne of these realms; and acknowledge with gratitude your Majesty's gracious assurance of securing to all the full enjoyment of religious liberty, and of protection to the rights of all classes of your subjects.

For this declaration they respectfully thank your Majesty; for while it has given confidence to your people, they humbly hope that, with the Divine blessing, it will prove the presage of a long, happy, and glorious reign.

*John Holmes, High Bailiff of Southwark.*

*[Presented by the High Bailiff and a Deputation.]*

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Derby, in Council assembled, beg leave to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence on the recent loss which your Majesty and the country have sustained, in the decease of our revered Sovereign William IV.

Though the reign of His late Majesty was but brief, still when we reflect on the various great and important ameliorations in our domestic institutions, and on the peace and amity with foreign nations, by which it has been distinguished; together with the parental kindness, straight-forward integrity of purpose, and devotion to the public welfare by which the personal character of the King was so conspicuously marked, we firmly believe that on no period of our annals will the pen of the historian dwell with more unmixed satisfaction and delight.

From the contemplation of our heavy loss we turn, however, with hope and confidence to that bright

prospect which your Majesty's Accession to the Throne presents to the view of a free, an industrious, an enlightened, and a loyal people. We consider the gracious declaration with which your Majesty's reign has so auspiciously commenced, as a proof of the admirable education which your Majesty has received under the tender care of your illustrious and excellent parent; and as manifestation of a high and noble nature which, under Divine Providence, cannot fail to promote and secure the prosperity of the great nation committed to your charge.

We presume, therefore, to present to your Majesty our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations on your Majesty's ascending the Throne of this united empire; and we humbly implore the Giver of all Good that your Majesty's reign may be long, and happy, and prosperous.

*Wm. Leaper Newton, Mayor.*

*[Presented by the Mayor and a Deputation.]*

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the borough of Maldon, in Council assembled, approach your Majesty, on the present occasion, expressing our sincere condolence on the demise of our revered Monarch, King William the Fourth.

We gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of offering our most cordial congratulations on the Accession of your Majesty to the Throne of these realms.

When we bear in mind that your Majesty is descended from one of the most patriotic of British Princes, that your Majesty's education has been conducted under the maternal care of an illustrious parent, as much exalted by her virtues as by her rank; and as your Majesty has been graciously pleased to honour with your confidence an Administration actuated by liberal sentiments, we confidently cherish the expectation that your Majesty's reign will be distinguished by the advancement and establishment of those principles which while they tend to promote the happiness of the people, are the sure guarantees of the honour and stability of the Throne.

We earnestly hope that Divine Providence will grant to your Majesty a long and prosperous reign, and that while swaying the Sceptre over the British Empire your Majesty may continue to reign in the hearts of a loyal and affectionate people.

*John Payne, Mayor.*

*[Presented by the Recorder of Maldon.]*

*St. James's-Palace, February 21, 1838.*

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Major-General William Blackburne.