

His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

We regard this happy event with patriotic joy as amongst those special occurrences of a wise and gracious Providence, by which the Divine favour is evinced both towards our revered Sovereign and our beloved country.

In our public and domestic devotions we shall not cease to invoke the All-merciful God, through the Divine Redeemer, to confer upon your Majesty, and your Majesty's Royal Consort, the richest gifts of Heaven, that the conjugal relation, with its holy charities, may be a solace to your Majesty amidst the duties and high responsibilities inseparable from a Throne, and that to your Majesty's faithful people this auspicious union may be the source of numerous blessings, and the security of national greatness.

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

"I am much gratified that you should see in the event which is the subject of your congratulations, not only the prospect of domestic comfort to myself, but an additional mark of the Divine favour towards this country; and I earnestly assure you that, fully impressed with the responsibility of my station, I feel that my own happiness must always be inseparably connected with the welfare of my people."

*Buckingham-Palace, March 3, 1840.*

THIS day the following Address to the Queen from the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination, was presented to Her Majesty; which Address Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the QUEEN'S Most Gracious Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination, in and about the cities of London and Westminster, rejoice in the high privilege of being permitted humbly to approach your Majesty's Royal Person, upon this auspicious occasion, to express our cordial congratulations upon the alliance which your Majesty has formed in marriage with His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Coburg and Gotha.

We hailed, with heartfelt delight, your Majesty's accession to the Throne of these kingdoms, the rightful and undisputed heir of our illustrious line of ancestors, by whom the liberties of the people, and especially the liberties of Protestant Dissenters, were greatly extended and secured by law.

Our experience of your Majesty's reign makes it our bounden duty to offer to your Majesty our warmest gratitude for the wise, beneficent, and healing measures of your Majesty's government.

And we recognize a new and signal proof of your Majesty's regard for your people, in your uniting yourself in the sacred band of marriage with a Prince illustrious by his descent from a race of ancestors

identified with the glorious event of the Reformation, and eminently qualified, as we hope and believe, by his personal character, to adorn his exalted station, to promote your Majesty's domestic happiness, and thereby to endear himself to your Majesty's dutiful and affectionate people.

As Ministers of the gospel of truth, and peace, and love, our supplications shall continually ascend to the King of kings, that He would vouchsafe to your Majesty his Almighty protection and favour, and, in the course of his providence, cause this most happy union to be a growing blessing to your country throughout many generations; and that your Majesty, and your Royal Consort, may be prepared, by earthly felicity, for the blissful communion of the world to come.

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

"I thank you for this dutiful and affectionate Address.

"It is gratifying to me that the course of my reign should enable you, on this occasion, to state that experience has justified the loyal anticipations with which you hailed my accession.

"I have heard, with sincere pleasure, the terms in which you have conveyed your approbation of my choice, and I feel that, with the blessing of Providence, which you so earnestly invoke, this event will continue to be a subject of satisfaction to my people."

*Whitehall, March 6, 1840.*

THE following Addresses having been transmitted to the Marquess of Normanby, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, were by his Lordship presented to Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Basingstoke.—Transmitted by the Right Honourable the Speaker.

From the Lord Lieutenant, Vice Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Commissioners of Supply, &c. of the county of Ross.—Transmitted by Sir J. W. Mackenzie, Baronet, Lord Lieutenant.

From the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, &c. of the county of Forfar.—Transmitted by Charles Lyell, Esq. Vice Lieutenant.

From the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, &c. of the county of Sterling.—Transmitted by Lord Abercomby, Lieutenant.

From the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster.

From the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin.—Transmitted by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

From the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city of Coventry.—Transmitted by C. Radliff, Esq. Mayor.