

*Windsor-Castle, December 10, 1850.*

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and a Deputation of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the city of London, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was read by the Lord Mayor, and which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of your Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the city of London.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of your Majesty's Commissioners of Lieutenancy for the city of London, humbly desire to renew the assurance of our devoted loyalty and affection to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We have witnessed with the greatest surprise and indignation the late unwarrantable aggression of the Bishop of Rome against the undoubted prerogative of your Majesty's Crown, and the liberties of the people, by the promulgation of a Bull or Instrument in which a foreign potentate arrogantly assumes to himself the power to introduce into this kingdom a Romish hierarchy, and to confer upon them territorial rank and jurisdiction.

We therefore humbly but earnestly pray, that your Majesty will be pleased to adopt such measures as in your Majesty's wisdom may appear to be best calculated to vindicate your Majesty's supremacy as by law established, and to prevent all further encroachments and attempts at usurpation by the See of Rome upon the liberties and consciences of the people of this Protestant kingdom, and if the law be insufficient, that your Majesty will be pleased, with the aid of your Parliament, to make such further enactments as may be found adequate to the present emergency.

*Henley Smith, Clerk and Treasurer.*

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

"Your renewed assurance on the present occasion of devoted loyalty and affection to my Person and Government is highly gratifying to me.

"It will continue to be, as it ever has been, my earnest endeavour, in the exercise of the power and authority entrusted to me as the supreme Governor of this realm, to maintain the independence and uphold the constitutional liberties of my people against all aggression and encroachment."

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THIS day his Grace the Duke of Wellington, and a Deputation from the University of Oxford, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address to Her Majesty, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the renewed assurance of our attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, our loyalty to your

Crown, and our steadfast adherence to the principles which called the House of Brunswick to the British Throne.

Recognizing your Majesty as (under God) "the only supreme Governor of this Realm, and of all other your Majesty's Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or causes as temporal," we have witnessed with indignation the recent publication within this Realm of a Papal instrument, purporting to constitute in your Majesty's Dominions a new territorial hierarchy, subject to the Bishop of Rome.

We humbly desire to lay before your Majesty our earnest remonstrance against this assumption of authority by the Bishop of Rome, in open invasion of your Majesty's Royal prerogative, and in derogation of the honour and sovereignty of the British Crown.

We also beg leave solemnly to protest against the intrusion, by the same foreign and pretended authority, of Bishops claiming ordinary spiritual jurisdiction over (or within) the dioceses of England, not only in manifest violation of the rights and independence of the Church of England, but in virtual denial of her existence as a true and living branch of the Catholic Church of Christ.

We further humbly crave permission to profess before your Majesty our faithful adherence to the principles, doctrine, and discipline of our reformed Church—our cordial assent to her declaration, that "no foreign Prince or prelate hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction or authority ecclesiastical or spiritual within your Majesty's Dominions;" and our firm resolution to resist the corrupt doctrines and superstitious practices of the Church of Rome, or any attempt to revive the Papal usurpations over the Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Church of England.

While, therefore, we disclaim the wish to deprive your Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects, or any others, from the free exercise of their religion, we, nevertheless, venture with all humility to pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take such measures as to your Majesty may seem meet, to repress all aggressions and encroachments of any foreign Ecclesiastical Power upon the rights of your Crown, or the independence of your people.

Finally, we beg leave humbly to assure your Majesty that it will ever be our earnest endeavour, as it is our bounden duty, to train up the youth entrusted to our care in the principles of loyalty and affection towards your Majesty; and in faithful attachment to the truths of Holy Scripture as set forth in the Articles and Formularies of our reformed Church; and it is our fervent prayer, that it may please Almighty God to pour down upon your Majesty the riches of His grace, and to bless your people with the long continuance of your Majesty's happy reign.

Given at our House of Convocation, under our common seal, this twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord 1850.

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

"I accept, with much satisfaction, the renewed proof afforded by your address of your attachment and loyalty to my Person and Government, and of your steadfast adherence to the principles of the Constitution.

"It has ever been, and will continue to be, my endeavour to promote the efficiency and maintain the purity of our reformed Church, the supreme government of which, under God is, by law, con-