

vel exigunt; cum plenâ potestate omnia alia & singula faciendi, exercendi, & expediendi, quæ ad confirmanda, vel stabilienda dicta Sponsalia necessaria fuerint, sive opportuna; promittentes nos ratum & firmum habituros quicquid dictus serenissimus Princeps Dux Cumbriæ, &c. fecerit in præmissis. Et in Testimonium prædictorum, & ad maiorem hujus rei confirmationem, tam prædictus Princeps Guilielmus, Pater noster, quam Nos, præsentibus his literis, manibus propriis subscriptis, sigilla nostra fecimus apponi. Datum Cassellis Die Vigesimo tertio Mensis Aprilis, Anno Milleesimo septingentesimo quadragesimo.

Guilielmus.

Friedericus P. H.

Then the Duke of Newcastle publicly asked his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland whether he accepted that Procuration; to which his Royal Highness answered, that he did accept it.

Then his Royal Highness the Duke took her Royal Highness the Princess Mary by the Right Hand; and the Duke of Newcastle read to his Royal Highness the following Words; his Royal Highness repeating the same after him audibly and distinctly.

THE most Serene Prince Frederick of Hesse Cassell doth by me William Duke of Cumberland, duly authorized and appointed for this Purpose, by Letters of Procuration now read and published, take thee Princess Mary to be his wedded Wife, To have and to hold, from this Day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in Sickness and in Health, to love and to cherish, till Death does him and you part, according to God's Holy Ordinance, and thereto he plights thee his Troth by me, by Virtue of the said Letters of Procuration.

Then their Hands being withdrawn from each other, her Royal Highness the Princess Mary did immediately with her Right Hand take the Duke of Cumberland as Procurator to Prince Frederick of Hesse by his Right Hand, and in the same Manner as abovesaid, repeated the Words following,

I Mary, do by you William Duke of Cumberland, duly authorized and appointed for this Purpose, by Virtue of the Letters of Procuration now read and published, take the most Serene Prince Frederick of Hesse Cassell, to be my wedded Husband, To have and to hold, from this Day forward, for better, for worse, for richer for poorer, in Sickness and in Health, to love, cherish, and obey, till Death me and him do part, according to God's Holy Ordinance, and thereto I give him my Troth, by you his Procurator.

Then the Duke of Cumberland, as Procurator to Prince Frederick of Hesse, signed the Instrument of Contract, the Words of which he had said and repeated. And the Princess Mary sign'd the Instrument of Contract, the Words of which she had said and repeated; and they mutually exchange'd the said Instruments, the same having been first attested by Dr. Paul, his Majesty's Ad-

vocate General, and Edward Greenly, Esq; his Majesty's Procurator General, Notaries Publick.

After which his Royal Highness the Duke did in the Name of the most serene Prince Frederick of Hesse put a Ring on the fourth Finger of the Princess Mary's Left Hand; and in the same manner, as abovesaid, repeated the Words following.

THE most Serene Prince Frederick of Hesse Cassell, by me William Duke of Cumberland, duly authorized for this Purpose, by Letters of Procuration now read and published, doth present and deliver this Ring to thee Princess Mary.

Then her Royal Highness the Princess Mary accepting the Ring, repeated in the same manner the following Words. **I**

Mary do accept from the most Serene Prince Frederick of Hesse Cassell, this Ring, delivered to me by you William Duke of Cumberland, his Procurator.

Then his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury audibly pronounced the following Speech and Benediction.

*I*S, quibus privatorum hominum Nuptiis, vel Sponsalibus, datur interesse, haud quidem quam fere prius est, vel silentius, quam ut sponsi Sponsæque Indole, Moribus, tota denique antea Vitæ Decursu, perpensis, eorum future Felicitatis Omnia capient. Hæc Parentibus, hæc Amicis gratulantur; hæc aliis passim prædicant.

Quem morem, si aliis unquam, hoc certe tempore, atque hoc loco, sequendum monent, suadentque, cum egregie magnanimi Juvenis, quas fando accepimus, virtutes, tam Spectata Regiæ Virginis Modestia, insignis morum Probitas, ac mihi illud Ingenium, quod respicimus, quod miramur, quod ei cum aliis admittam paucis commune est.

Quæ vero, quantaque felicitas est, quam ex his animi Virtutibus sperare non liceat? De Corporis enim Dotibus tacemus, quanquam hæc quæque eximie sunt, et omnium oculos in se trahant. Majora nos vocant; quæ ad veræ Religionis tutam, publicæ Libertatis defensionem, nec hujusce tantum Regni aut Hæresis conditionis, sed universæ etiam Europe utilitatem atque salutem spectant; quibus omnibus, per hæc sponsalia, quoad humanum ingenium assequi potuit, sapienter admittam, ac perinde felicitèr (sic enim augurari liceat) provisum est.

Vobis igitur, qui lævi his adestis, omnibus, reliquisque concivibus nostris, quibus nolentibus atque invitis à solenni hoc Convocatu abesse contigit, de prosperis tantarum rerum principiis, verè atque ex animo, gratulamur, quibus præteritæ etiam exitum, favente Deo, non desaturum confidimus.

Tibi vero, Regum optime ac maxime, Patriæ nostræ Pater, Decus atque Columna, gratias, quas possumus, maximas habemus, æquimusque, quod nihil humile sentiens, nihil a tanto illo sagittia alienum, ad quod Te re-