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**T**HIS Day the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London waited upon his Majesty with their Compliments upon the Espousals of her Royal Highness the Princess Mary with his most Serene Highness Prince Frederick of Hesse; when, being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Chamberlain, John Strange, Esq; their Recorder, made the following Speech to his Majesty.

*May it please your most Excellent Majesty,*

**T**O permit the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of your Great City to approach your Majesty, with their humble and sincere Congratulations upon the Espousals of her Royal Highness the Princess Mary with his most Serene Highness Prince Frederick of Hesse. This happy Event your Loyal Subjects consider as a farther Instance of your Majesty's steady Attention to the Honour and Interest of your Crown and Kingdoms, and of your Care and Regard for the Protestant Cause.

The Subjects of Great Britain can never sufficiently adore the Divine Providence, for those numerous Pledges of their future Security, which your Majesty and these Nations are so happily blessed with, and which, to all human Appearances, promise a lasting Continuance of your Royal House: But such, Sir, is to them the Importance of still adding Strength to this Security, that they would ill deserve the Blessings they enjoy, if they did not upon this and every such Occasion testify, with the utmost Gratitude, their unfeigned and most dutiful Rejoycings. And what, Sir, is it that Great Britain may not promise herself from the Glorious Prospect that is now before her? Your Majesty's Arms, so remarkably successful in vindicating the Rights of Great Britain; and your Royal Progeny going forth, the brightest Examples of a Mind formed by Religion and Virtue, and of an Education received upon the true Principles of Liberty.

This, Great Sir, is undoubtedly owing to the Illustrious Pattern your Majesty and your late Royal Consort set before them; and may God grant, that your Royal House may

for ever supply the Great Protestant Families of Europe with such invaluable Blessings, as are now secured to his most Serene Highness the Prince of Hesse.

To which his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

*I Return you my Thanks for your Dutiful Congratulations upon the Espousals of my Daughter with the Prince of Hesse. You may always depend upon my Favour and Protection.*

They all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

They afterwards waited upon her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, being introduced by Robert Dingley and William Granger, Esqrs. Gentlemen Ushers; when the Recorder made the following Speech to her Royal Highness.

*May it please your Royal Highness.*

**T**HE Lord Mayor and Aldermen of his Majesty's Great City beg Leave to express the Joy they feel upon your Royal Highness's Espousals with his most Serene Highness Prince Frederick of Hesse: This Alliance so wisely calculated for the further Security of the Protestant Interest, cannot fail to excite in his Majesty's faithful Subjects the humblest Acknowledgments to the Divine Providence, and the most grateful Sense of his Majesty's Goodness.

Your Royal Highness is now going to meet a Prince of a most Illustrious House, whose Ancestors have worn both the Imperial and Royal Diadem, and who, to all this can add the Lustre of the highest personal Accomplishments; a Prince, who must and will own, that it is to Great Britain he is indebted for his future Felicity, and who is now impatiently waiting to receive that greatest of earthly Blessings, a Consort emulating the Virtues of her Royal Parents.

Permit these, Madam, to express their firm Assurance, that in the Midst of all your Greatness your Royal Highness will never forget this the Land of your Nativity: And though Great Britain is thus by Degrees deprived of her