

not make them in a more becoming and acceptable Manner, than by offering up our devout Supplications to Almighty God, that He will be pleased to preserve to our Gracious Sovereign the Health which in His Mercy He hath restored; that your Majesty's Life may be long continued to share and to increase His Happiness, and in the Enjoyment of every temporal and spiritual Blessing; that your Majesty's Descendants may to all Generations sit on the Throne and inherit the Virtues of their Royal Parents.

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

*I Return you sincere Thanks for Expressions so full of Duty to the King, and Attention to Me.*

*The universal Joy that prevails among all Ranks of Men is the more pleasing to Me, as it so strongly denotes the Consciousness of the Blessings they enjoy under His Majesty's mild and judicious Government.*

They were all very graciously received, and had the Honour to kiss Her Majesty's Hand.

The following Addresses of the Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, and the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, have been presented to Their Majesties by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London, attended by the Reverend the Dean of St. Paul's, Mr. Eaton, Archdeacon of Middlesex, Doctor Hamilton, Archdeacon of Colchester, Doctor Jeffries, Canon Residentiary of St. Paul's, and Doctor Bell, Prebendary of Westminster, being introduced to the King by the Honourable Major-General Harcourt, one of the Grooms of His Majesty's Bedchamber, and to the Queen by the Honourable Stephen Digby, Vice-Chamberlain to Her Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE**, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, and the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, beg Leave to express to your Majesty the large Share we take in the general Voice of Joy and Congratulations through the Kingdom, on the late happy Event of your Majesty's Recovery from a severe and alarming Indisposition.

The first Intelligence of your Majesty's Illness struck your faithful People with Consternation and Dismay, and the Continuance of it overwhelmed them with the deepest Affliction: Yet amidst this general Gloom and Despondency, there were those who constantly cherished a reviving Hope, that, in a Case of such infinite Magnitude and Importance, the sincere, the fervent and united Prayers of a whole Kingdom would finally prevail. Their Expectations have not been disappointed; the Almighty heard our Petitions; and our Sovereign was restored.

This signal Interposition of Providence in your Majesty's Favour was too visible, too strongly marked by all the various Circumstances attending it, to be mistaken or denied. We acknowledge it with the deepest Humility, we feel its blessed Influence on our best and dearest Interests, and we trust it will never be erased from our Memories and our Hearts.

In your Majesty's Breast it has excited the warmest Sentiments of Devotion and Gratitude to Heaven: And there are two Circumstances attending it, which must give your Majesty singular Satisfaction. The one is, that it affords a most convincing Proof that just and righteous Princes are the peculiar Objects of the Divine Favour and Protection; the other is, that it has drawn from your People such cordial and unequivocal Marks of Attachment and Affection to your Person, as few Sovereigns, in any Age or Nation, have ever received from their Subjects.

These, Sir, are the genuine Effusions of our Hearts, impressed with a lively Sense of the many invaluable Blessings we have long experienced under your Majesty's mild and equal Government, and (what more particularly concerns ourselves) most truly thankful for the Countenance and Encouragement which Piety and good Morals receive both from your Authority and your Example.

It will, Sir, be our constant Prayer to Heaven; that the same good Providence, which has hitherto so remarkably watched over your Royal Person, may still continue to protect your Majesty, and preserve to us, for many Years, the Guardian of our Constitution, and the Support and Ornament of our most Holy Religion.

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

*I Thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address.*

*The Proofs which My faithful Subjects have given of their affectionate Attachment to My Person, and of the Satisfaction they receive at the signal Interposition of Divine Providence in raising Me from the severe Indisposition with which I have lately been afflicted, cannot fail to make a lasting Impression upon My Mind.*

*You may depend upon My constant Care and Protection of the Established Church, and of My anxious Concern for the Maintenance of true Religion and good Morals among My People.*

They were all received very graciously, and had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE**, the Bishop of London, the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, and the Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, beg Permission to approach your Majesty, with the most fervent Expressions of Thankfulness to God for the late providential Re-establishment of His Majesty's Health.

We were no Strangers, Madam, to your gentle Virtues, and condescending Goodness, which had for so many Years endeared your Majesty to all Ranks of People in this Country. But we had still to learn what consummate Prudence in the most difficult and distressing Circumstances; what Patience, Firmness, Fortitude and Resignation; under the severest Trials that human Nature could experience, your Majesty was capable of exerting, when the Occasion called for them.

In these great but painful Exertions we saw the full Force and Power of genuine Piety and religious Principle. We saw in your Majesty's Conduct, during the Whole of this afflicting Scene, what solid Consolation and Support under Calamity they are able to afford; what true Magnanimity they can produce even in the tenderest and most delicate Minds. But, Thanks be to God, this bitter Conflict is at an End. Nothing now remains for your Majesty but the easier and more delightful Part of reaping the full Reward of your past Sufferings in the restored Health and Happiness of our beloved Sovereign, and in the unbounded Joy it has diffused through every Part of His Dominions.

These are Blessings in your Majesty's Estimation; the greatest this World has to give. May it be long, very long, before you are called to a still higher Recompense in Heaven.

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

*I Cannot but receive your Expressions of Joy on the King's Recovery from His late severe Indisposition with great Satisfaction, as well as those that convey your Attention to Me. It must ever be My Aim to deserve the Approbation of this Nation, and more particularly of your Sacred Profession.*

They were all very graciously received, and had the Honour to kiss Her Majesty's Hand.