

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgeſſes of the Borough of Preſton, in the County of Lancaſter, in Common-Council aſſembled, beg Leave to approach the Throne with our ſincere Congratulations on your Majesty's Entrance into the Fiftieth Year of your illuſtrious Reign, a Reign which has been eminently diſtinguiſhed by that unceaſing Anxiety, which your Majesty has uniformly evinced, for the Happineſs and Welfare of every Deſcription of your faithful and loyal Subjects, amidſt thoſe trying Dangers and Difficulties which have ſhook all Europe to its Centre, and repeatedly threatened your Majesty's Realms, but which the Wiſdom and Juſtice, Firmneſs and Clemency of your Majesty, under the Aid of Divine Providence, have hitherto moſt happily averted, and ſecured a ſafe Protection, to the Privileges, Liberty, and Property of your Subjects

We pray that the Almighty may continue to watch over your Majesty's moſt ſacred Perſon, and that your Life may be prolonged yet many Years, for the Happineſs and Proſperity of your People.

Given under the Common Seal of the ſaid Borough the 7th Day of November 1809.

*Daniel Lyon, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by the Recorder of Preſton.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Middleſex, in General Quarter Seſſion aſſembled, beg Leave humbly to approach your Throne with our heartfelt Congratulations on your Majesty's Attainment to the Fiftieth Year of your Reign. Amidſt thoſe Acclamations of Joy which, on this auſpicious Occaſion, have reſounded from one Extremity of your Majesty's Dominions to the other, none, Sir, have felt deeper Gratitude to the Almighty than ourſelves, for having extended, to ſo long a Period, a Life which is ſo juſtly dear to your People, becauſe its whole Courſe has been eminently diſtinguiſhed by every public, and by every private Virtue.

Though your Majesty's Reign has been chequered by the Viciffitudes of good and bad Fortune, which are incidental to every Thing human, your Majesty's perſonal Conduct has uniformly diſplayed a fixed and anxious Regard for the Safety of the Conſtitution, for the Proſperity of the Nation, and for the Happineſs of the People. Calm and collected, amidſt the Threats of Foreign Enmity, and the Machinations of Domeſtic Treason, you have purſued an even and a ſteady Courſe. Juſtice has guided your Arm, and Duty has animated your Heart. Surrounded by the Wrecks of fallen Empires, we feel that the wonderful Preſervation of our own Land may be principally aſcribed, under Providence, to your Majesty's perſonal Virtues, which have riveted the Affection, and confirmed the Loyalty of your faithful Subjects.

Knowing that the Miniſters of Juſtice ſhould ever be the Heralds of Truth, we beg Leave to declare, that it is to the Patriot King, to the juſt Man, to the conſiſtent Chriſtian that we offer our humble but hearty Expreſſions of Joy at the Prolongation of

a Life devoted to the Diffuſion of Religion, Piety, and Virtue; and to the Support of a Conſtitution affording a greater Portion of genuine Liberty, and a better Security for the Rights and Happineſs of the Subject, than any System of Government deviſed by the Wiſdom of Man ſince the firſt Eſta bliſhment of Civil Society.

Ambition, Sir, the Curſe of Nations, and the Luſt of Conqueſt, the moſt deſtructive of all human Paſſions, have never tortured your Boſom, nor diſgraced your Conduct: you have been ambitious only to become the Father of your People: you have loved to conquer only their Affections: you have enlightened them by your Precepts: you have inſtructed them by your Example. In diſcharging all the relative Duties of Huſband, of Father, and of Friend, with the moſt religious Attention, you have taught them, at once, the Value of ſocial Happineſs, and the Means of attaining it. You have taught them, Sir, to love the Sovereign whom their Religion commands them to honour.

Deeply impreſſed with theſe Facts, with theſe Feelings, and with theſe Sentiments, we, your faithful Subjects, the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Middleſex, offer up our fervent Prayers to him by whom Kings reign, for the further Prolongation of your invaluable Life, and for the Continuance of that heavenly Protection which he has hitherto vouchſafed to afford to your Majesty in ſo ſignal a Manner.

Signed, by the Direction of the Court, 4th November, 1809.

*Wm. Mainwaring, Chairman.*

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Inhabitants of Aſhton-under-Lyne, beg leave, in a Spirit of Loyalty, the moſt ſincere and affectionate, humbly to lay at your Majesty's Feet our warmeſt Congratulations, on the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniverſary of your Majesty's Acceſſion to the Throne of theſe Realms.

We join in Praise to the Almighty Diſpoſer of every Bleſſing, that he has graciously vouchſafed to hear the fervent Prayers that have been offered to prolong the Life and Reign of a Monarch, whom we have always revered, and under whoſe mild and paternal Care, we, with the reſt of the Subjects of the Britiſh Empire, have for Fifty Years enjoyed the greateſt Security at Home, and the moſt powerful Defence and Protection Abroad, by means of our Fleets and Armies.

We cannot Review the various Events which have diſtinguiſhed your Majesty's Reign, without the deepeſt heartfelt Gratitude to God, for the innumerable Proofs of his gracious Providence, ever watching over your Majesty, and your extenſive Dominions, ſo as to cauſe the Machinations of your Majesty's Enemies, both external and internal, to contribute towards placing the Safety of your Majesty's Throne upon a Baſis more firm than ever, by the conſequent Union and Co-operation of all your faithful Subjects. But eſpecially, we thank God, that, by your Majesty's great and powerful Example, the Cauſe of true Religion and Virtue has ever been maintained, and every Inſtitution for advancing the temporal and ſpiritual Welfare of mankind promoted and encouraged.