

of happiness in private life; it exerted also the most salutary influence for the peace and stability of the empire.

No doubt the protracted sufferings which preceded Her Majesty's dissolution, and the fulness of years, which Providence in his goodness allowed her to attain, had in some measure prepared the minds even of her nearest relations for the event. But by the sacred laws of nature it is forbidden, that our kindred should ever be taken away without a pang to the survivors; nor can it be supposed, that the wounds thus inflicted on the feelings of your Royal Highness will be easily or soon healed. For the anguish of those wounds, however, there is provided a balm, in the recollection of a course of the tenderest and most affectionate assiduity, which filial piety could prompt in the last days of a parent languishing on the bed of mortal sickness.

Her Majesty had shared the Throne of this kingdom for more than half a century. It is not possible for us therefore to call to mind her exemplary conduct during the whole of that unusual period without the liveliest sentiments of gratitude and regret. In the sorrows of your Royal Highness and the other members of the Royal Family on the mournful occasion, we beg you to be assured that we most cordially participate. We beg you also to accept the declaration of our steadfast and unshaken loyalty, which in gratitude for the blessings enjoyed under the benign sway of the House of Hanover, we are anxious to renew. And we fervently pray that the life and health of your Royal Highness so valuable to our country may be long preserved, and also that there may never be wanting a descendant of your illustrious race, to reign in the hearts of Britons, to maintain their high preeminence in the scale of nations, advanced still higher under your auspices, and to transmit their numerous and unequalled advantages to their children's children.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the towns of Manchester and Salford; pursuant to the unanimous resolution of their meeting, held this 26th day of November 1818.

Edward Clayton, Boroughreeve; John Moor, jun. and Jonathan Andrew, Constables, Manchester; John Greenwood, Boroughreeve; James Cooke and Josiah Collier, Constables, Salford.

[Transmitted by Edward Clayton, Esq. Boroughreeve, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R. R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the administration of the Royal Authority, and for the care of His Majesty's Royal Person during the continuance of

His Majesty's illness, and for the resumption of the exercise of the Royal Authority by His Majesty;" it was amongst other things enacted, that if Her Majesty the Queen should depart this life during the time that the care of His Majesty's Royal Person should be committed to Her Majesty, according to the provisions of the said Act, the Regent should forthwith order and direct a Proclamation, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to be issued and published declaring the same: and whereas by another Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to alter and amend certain of the provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the administration of the Royal Authority, and for the care of His Majesty's Royal Person during the continuance of His Majesty's illness, and for the resumption of the exercise of the Royal Authority by His Majesty;" it was amongst other things enacted, that if the case should happen in which it was enacted by the said Act, passed in the fifty-first year of His Majesty, that the Regent should forthwith order and direct such Proclamation to be issued and published as aforesaid, and the same should happen upon or after the day appointed by any Writ of Summons then issued, for calling and assembling a new Parliament, and before such new Parliament should have met and sat as a Parliament, then, and in such case, the Regent should forthwith cause such a Proclamation as aforesaid to be issued and published, declaring that such case had happened, and requiring the new Parliament either to convene and sit at Westminster immediately after such Proclamation should have been published, or upon some day to be mentioned in such Proclamation, and being within sixty days to be computed from the date of the said Proclamation; and in such case the Parliament so convening and sitting should be, and be deemed a Parliament to all intents and purposes, under the provisions of the said last mentioned Acts: and whereas the Parliament which was summoned to meet at Westminster on the fourth day of August last, hath not yet met and sat as a Parliament, but stands prorogued to the twenty-ninth day of December now next ensuing: and whereas Her Majesty the Queen departed this life on the seventeenth day of November instant, during the time that the care of His Majesty's Royal Person was committed to Her Majesty: now we do hereby by this Proclamation (ordered and directed to be issued and published, and issued and published under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland), declare, that Her Majesty the Queen departed this life on the seventeenth day of November instant, and We do, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, publish, declare, and require, that the new Parliament shall be held, convene, and sit, at Westminster, on the fourteenth day of January now next ensuing, for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly on the said fourteenth day