

with our heartfelt and affectionate congratulations on your Majesty's accession to the Throne and arrival in this county; and we beg to assure your Majesty, that although we have not been honoured with your Majesty's august presence, yet our dutiful and affectionate attachment to your Majesty is not exceeded by any class of His Majesty's subjects.

Deign then, illustrious Queen, to accept our earnest wishes for your welfare and happiness; and believe that none more highly appreciate those domestic virtues which are so eminently displayed by your Majesty, and which command the admiration and respect of the nation.

Given under the common seal of the said Borough, and signed by the Chief Officers, on behalf of themselves and the other Inhabitants,

*B. Ridge, Geo. Bailey, Chief Officers.*

[*Transmitted by B. Ridge and G. Bailey, Esqrs. the Chief Officers.*]

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the antient Town and Borough of Ipswich, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Majesty with an assurance of the unfeigned joy with which we hail the accession of a Sovereign to these realms who is blessed with a Queen, possessing such pre-eminent graces and virtues as those which distinguish your Majesty's illustrious character.

Before your Majesty occupied the exalted station which you now fill, the amiable qualities of your mind, and the benevolence of your heart had endeared you to the affections of this great nation; and we joyfully avail ourselves of the opportunity now afforded us, respectfully to make known the sentiments which we have ever entertained towards your Majesty since your alliance with your illustrious Consort.

That it may please the Almighty Disposer of events long to preserve your Majesty in health and happiness, a comfort to our august Sovereign, and a blessing to the Nation, is the fervent prayer of His Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, the Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the said Town and Borough, in Great Court assembled.

[*Transmitted by Charles Mackinnon, Esq. M. P.*]

To Her Most Gracious Majesty ADELAIDE, QUEEN CONSORT of His Majesty WILLIAM the FOURTH, KING of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.

*Madam,*

WE, the Members of the "Ladies Society for Manchester and its Neighbourhood, in aid of the cause of Negro Emancipation," respectfully approach your Majesty with sincere congratulations on your accession to the Throne of these realms as Queen Consort.

Ardently attached to your Majesty and to our beloved Monarch, we are truly thankful to Almighty God for having raised up a King whose delight is in his people; and for having endowed your Majesty with those excellencies which so pre-eminently qualify your Majesty to promote the happiness of our Sovereign and his people.

Participating by birthright in all the privileges of our excellent Constitution, protected equally from insult and injury by wise and salutary laws, the character of British Women is conspicuously raised. As wives and daughters, being the companions and not the slaves of men, with affections reciprocal and free, and possessing an influence in society unseen yet acknowledged, we feel ourselves involved in a more than common share of moral responsibility.

We would not unnecessarily excite painful feelings in your Majesty's benevolent mind, but we deem it our duty to implore the attention of your Majesty to the sufferings of the injured Africans and their degraded offspring. As British subjects, and as the professed disciples of Him who said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy;" and taught by our religion, that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people;" we cannot but regard the state of our slave colonies, and the condition of their population, with shame, horror, and dismay. Nearly one million of our fellow creatures, possessing immortal souls, enslaved for no crime, are oppressed with worse than Egyptian bondage, rated as chattels, driven as beasts, branded as criminals. Females, wives, and mothers, writhe beneath the lash of their cruel task-masters; children are torn from their parents, wives from their husbands, while the tie of conjugal affection, and the piteous cries of the children avail not with their oppressors. Thus, beings formed of the same blood as ourselves, exposed to the same infirmities of human nature, affected by the same fears, susceptible of the same hopes, redeemed by the same Saviour, and destined to the same eternity of blessedness or woe, are denied by men, bearing the Christian name, the common sympathies of life and the consolations of religion.

We will not disguise from your Majesty, that slavery is an accursed thing, which, so long as it continues, must render this country highly criminal in the sight of a righteous God, and is a stain on the national character of the deepest dye.

Our earnest prayer is, that God will influence the heart of His Majesty to take into his consideration the immediate abolition of slavery throughout his ample dominions.

Presuming on your Majesty's known condescension, we have ventured to solicit your Majesty's attention to the cause of suffering humanity; humbly beseeching your Majesty to present the prayer of this our address to our Gracious Sovereign, that it may obtain his favourable regard.

Commending your Majesty and our beloved Sovereign to the protection and love of Almighty God, in the name, and in accordance with the feelings of our whole Society, with profound humility and respect, we are, Madam, your Majesty's affectionate and devoted servants,

*Mary Shepherd, Mary Crewdson, Frances Langston, Secretaries.*

*St. James's-Palace, October 27, 1830.*

This day the Baron Bulow, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Prussia; and the Chevalier de Zea Bermudez, Envoy