

Clergy, Gentry, and other Inhabitants of the borough of Kidderminster, in the county of Worcester, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty with sentiments of the most profound veneration and regard; and while we congratulate your Majesty on your accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, we beg to offer our most heartfelt condolence on the lamented demise of your Royal Uncle, His late most excellent Majesty King William the Fourth, whose memory will be long and affectionately cherished by every loyal Briton. And we heartily pray that it may please Almighty God to prolong your Majesty's reign over an united and loyal people.

*George Hooman, Mayor.*

[Presented by Lord Foley.]

No. 12.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Inhabitants of the town of Tunbridge Wells, solicit permission to approach your Majesty, with the expression of our sincere condolence with your Majesty on the loss which the British dominions have sustained, in the death of our late lamented Sovereign.

At the same time we acknowledge thankfully the mercy and bounty of Providence, which has consigned the Government of these realms to a Queen whose mind has been trained, in all its growth, in virtue and wisdom, by the affectionate care of your Royal Mother. We hail your Majesty's accession to the Throne of your Ancestors as an event which adds new strength and interest to the ties which bind our country to the House of Brunswick.

We would further venture to claim a more peculiar interest in our Sovereign, from the distinguished honour which this town has enjoyed frequently of your Royal presence, and the many associations of condescension and beneficence with which your Majesty's visits are connected.

We humbly desire, therefore, to assure your Majesty of our unalterable and affectionate attachment to your Majesty's Person, and of our earnest prayer that your Majesty may reign over us for many years, promoting the welfare of the millions who acknowledge your Majesty's dominion, and reaping that happiness which the consciousness of such an use of power cannot fail to confer.

Tunbridge Wells, July 15, 1837.

No. 13.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Inhabitants of the borough of Bideford, in the county of Devon, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Majesty with sincere expressions of our condolence upon the bereavement which you and nation have experienced, by the death of our late much revered Sovereign, King William the Fourth.

We very deeply feel the loss which we have sustained, in common with all others of your Majesty's subjects, but we likewise feel assured that your Majesty's accession to the Throne of these realms

will ensure them a continuance of those blessings of peace, liberty, and security which, under Divine Providence and the sway of your Royal House, we have hitherto enjoyed, and we hope and feel confident that the judicious measures which will be adopted under your enlightened auspices will defend and extend them.

We most humbly beg to offer your Majesty our respectful and warm congratulations on your accession to that Throne which your Ancestors have with so much lustre filled; and we humbly pray that, by the assistance of Divine Providence, your Majesty may for a long period be destined to reign over a free, happy, and grateful people.

Signed on behalf of a very numerous attended Meeting of the said Inhabitants, by

*Thomas B. Chanter, Chairman, Mayor of Bideford.*

[Presented by the Mayor.]

No. 14.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the ancient town and borough of Ipswich, now assembled in Council, crave leave to approach your Majesty, to offer our honest and affectionate congratulations on your Majesty's accession to the Throne of these realms.

The Almighty Disposer of all human events has caused us to mourn the loss of our late beloved and lamented Sovereign; but the same All-wise Providence has deigned to mitigate our affliction by the animating hopes and well-founded confidence inspired by his illustrious successor. In your Majesty we behold a Queen born and bred amongst us; a loyal and affectionate people have regarded, with grateful admiration, and with an intense interest, proportioned to the high duties which your Majesty was destined to fulfil, the devotion of your illustrious Parent to the promotion of those attainments, and to the culture and direction of those virtues which would shed a lustre around the Throne, and diffuse happiness amongst your faithful subjects.

The first gracious declaration from your Majesty's lips, "That it would be your Majesty's unceasing study to maintain the reformed religion as by law established, securing at the same time to all the full enjoyment of religious liberty," has been hailed in every part of this great empire with surpassing satisfaction. This prompt and magnanimous recognition of the great leading principle of our admirable constitution is enthusiastically accepted by a loyal and intelligent nation as the harbinger of a wise and beneficent Government, and as an indication of a reign that will fill some of the brightest pages of future history.

That your Majesty, under Divine Providence, may be long spared to us, and that the virtues and happiness of your private life, and the glory and prosperity of your benign rule over a free and grateful people may be the lasting theme of eulogy is the unfeigned prayer and the confident expectation pervading all classes in your Majesty's dominions; in that prayer and expectation no portion of your Majesty's people more ardently and affectionately join than your loyal