

May it please your Majesty to receive with favour the expression of our wishes for your welfare. It is our prayer that you may be endued with heavenly wisdom, and strength to wield the sceptre of this great empire for the good of your people, and of the world, that your reign may be long and happy, that truth may be the basis of your Throne, and that righteousness and peace may be the glory of your day.

Given at our House of Convocation, under our common seal, this 27th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1837.

## No. 24.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Durham, beg leave to approach your Majesty's Throne with mingled sentiments of sorrow and congratulation on the recent events which have so deeply interested the feelings of this country, and of its extensive dependencies.

In the concern which, together with the nation at large, we experience on the demise of our late Sovereign, we feel a consolation on the accession to the Throne of a Princess educated, under the most watchful and anxious care, in the bosom of the country over which she is to reign, and in a just attachment to its institutions, and its civil and religious liberties. And feeling, in the personal qualities of your Majesty, and in your Majesty's own gracious declarations, a firm ground of loyalty and attachment, we entreat the Almighty to distinguish a reign so auspiciously begun, by the advancement of pure religion, and of the best interests of the community over which He has appointed your Majesty to rule.

In witness whereof, we have caused our chapter seal to be hereunto affixed, this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1837.

[Transmitted by W. C. Clayton, Esq.]

## No. 25.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Baillies, Treasurer, and Councilors of the town of Paisley, in Common Council assembled, beg to assure your Majesty of our devoted attachment to your Majesty's Person, Crown, and Dignity.

We beg to offer to your Majesty our humble condolence for the loss which your Majesty and the nation have sustained, by the lamented death of your late Royal Uncle, King William the Fourth, of glorious memory, a Monarch who will long be remembered for his affectionate regard to his people, and as having sanctioned, during his reign, those great measures of reform which have tended to ameliorate the condition, and extend the liberties of the British people.

We heartily congratulate your Majesty on your accession to the Throne of these realms. Although the duties of the high station to which your Majesty has been called may be arduous, we doubt not these duties will be rendered comparatively light, supported as your Majesty is by an upright, liberal, and reforming Ministry, and by the unanimous voice of your Majesty's subjects.

We trust with confidence that, during your Majesty's reign, those great measures of reform in Church and State so auspiciously begun during the reign of the late King, and which are so essential to the welfare and prosperity of this great empire, will be matured and carried into effect, so that all your Majesty's subjects may enjoy the same privileges, all householders be invested with the elective franchise in the choice of their representatives in Parliament, all claims of religious professors be placed on an equal footing, and every mark of religious superiority abolished. And we fervently pray that your Majesty may be long spared to rule over this nation, and to reign in the affections of a free, a loyal, and an enlightened people.

Signed by me, Acting Chief Magistrate of the town of Paisley, in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council of the said town, in Common Council assembled, and the seal of the said town hereunto affixed, at Paisley, the 10th day of July 1837 years.

*Robert Bissett.*

## No. 26.

To Her Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor and Citizens of the city of Kilkenny, in Common Council assembled, most humbly tender the assurance of our unfeigned condolence with your Majesty on the demise of our late beloved and most lamented Sovereign, of blessed memory, and beg leave, with all humility, to add to this expression of our sympathy in your Majesty's feelings upon that deplored event, the tribute of our united homage and affection on your accession to the Throne of the United Kingdom. With a deep conviction of your Majesty's entire devotion to the interests of the great empire over which you are called to rule, and confiding implicitly in your Majesty's desire to govern only for the advancement of its glory, the security of its institutions, and the welfare of all classes of your faithful people, we hail your Majesty's accession to the Sovereignty of these realms as holding out the gladdening promise of a benignant, prosperous, and happy reign, humbly imploring the supreme giver of every good, by whom princes govern, to direct and bless your councils, to keep your Majesty in His constant and Almighty care, and beseeching Him, of His gracious favour, to bestow the richest bounties of His Providence on your Government.

Given under our common seal, this 25th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1837.

*Redmond Reade, Mayor.*

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]