

No. 2.

To the QUEEN'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 Stamford, in Council assembled, respectfully approach your Royal Presence, to express the deep sense we entertain of the severe loss which your Majesty and your loyal subjects have sustained, in the demise of our late excellent and beloved Sovereign. We humbly beg leave to offer our heartfelt congratulations on your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and our deep devotion to your Majesty's service. From the early age at which it has pleased Providence to call your Majesty to fulfil the arduous duties of your exalted station, from those virtues and rare attainments which so eminently distinguish the promise of your youth, we derive the best consolation for the past with the brightest hopes for the future, and also from your Majesty's gracious assurance of your firm determination to maintain the united Church of Great Britain and Ireland, as by law established, and those rights and institutions bequeathed to us by our ancestors, which have hitherto secured the stability of the Throne, and raised this kingdom to a height of prosperity and power unexampled among nations. We earnestly hope and devoutly pray, that the blessing of Providence may vouchsafe to your Majesty a long, peaceful, and prosperous reign, over a happy, loyal, and devoted people.

Given under our corporate common seal this 22d day of August 1837. *Henry Weldon*, Mayor.

[Transmitted by the Bishop of Exeter]

No. 3.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rickmansworth, in the County of Hertford, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, beg leave most humbly to approach your Majesty with the expression at once of *condolence and homage*; of *condolence*, on the decease of His Majesty King William the Fourth, our late most gracious and beloved Sovereign, your Majesty's Uncle and Predecessor; of *homage*, on the occasion of your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the blessing which we and our fathers have long enjoyed under the rule of your Majesty's Royal House, especially in the maintenance of our glorious constitution in Church and State, the source of past happiness to this nation, and of our hope for its continuance, under God's blessing, for many years to come.

Nurtured as your Majesty has been in strong attachment to our Protestant Established Church, and our excellent constitution, we look with confidence to your Majesty for the continuance of the same efficient support to our revered institutions; and we hope and trust in God that under your Majesty's reign, which we pray may be long and prosperous, we shall still have the Royal favour to en-

courage us in our humble endeavours for the preservation of our national privileges, religious and civil, and for the transmission of them unimpaired to our children and our children's children.

[Transmitted by Viscount Grimston.]

No. 4.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Warden and Society of the Royal Town, Manor and Lordship of Sutton Coldfield, beg leave to approach your Majesty with our heartfelt congratulations upon your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

Though so lately bereaved of the paternal government of a Sovereign whose anxious wish was the welfare of his subjects, we look forward with confidence to the prosperity of our country, under the fostering care of a ruler so nurtured and educated as it is your Majesty's high privilege to have been.

We earnestly pray, that the same Providence which has selected your Majesty, at an early age, to rule over the destinies of this great empire, may continue in all things to direct your counsels, and that your Majesty's reign may become an example of the stability of a Throne founded on the principles of religion and justice, and supported by the affections of a grateful people. *Charles Barker*, Warden.

[Transmitted by the Warden.]

No. 5.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Stockton, in the County of Durham, in Council assembled, desire to tender to your Majesty the homage of our true and loyal affection.

A short period only has elapsed since we were permitted to approach your Majesty with the language of congratulation upon the attainment of your Majesty, that brief interval has been full of anxiety and sorrow, for it has witnessed the decline and death of a Sovereign who lived in the very hearts of his people.

We have felt, in common with all classes of your Majesty's faithful subjects, the bitterness of this great national bereavement; yet we are deeply and most gratefully sensible of the consolation which is afforded to us, by the early and auspicious accession of your Majesty to the ancient and glorious Throne of your forefathers.

We are firmly and entirely persuaded that the interests of freedom, and the cause of just and upright government, will expand and flourish beneath the nurture of your Majesty's protection and care. We have the most undoubting and eager confidence, that the real welfare of your people will ever be the earnest wish of your Majesty's heart, and it is in the full assurance of such hopes as these that we look forward to a reign which shall be distinguished in our country's annals, and confer additional lustre