

the Christian world is deeply indebted, under Divine Providence, to the zealous piety, and persevering fortitude of your Majesty's Maternal Ancestors, the Princes of the House of Saxony; and this nation in particular, may justly attribute the maintenance of its Ecclesiastical Institutions, and the civil and religious liberty which it enjoys, to the sound principles and steady protection of the House of Brunswick.

It is our earnest prayer, that your Majesty may be enabled, by Divine Grace so to direct and govern the councils of these realms, that the true interests of both Church and State may continue to prosper; and that the devotion of your Majesty's grateful and loyal subjects may call down upon the head of your Majesty those blessings which we are taught to believe will reward the exertions of religious and patriotic Princes.

No. 9

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee of the Royal Maternity Charity, most dutifully beg to offer our sincere condolence on the loss we, in common with the nation at large, have experienced on the death of His most sacred Majesty, King William the Fourth; but derive consolation from the brilliant prospect opened to our view, by the auspicious Accession of your most gracious Majesty to the Throne of these realms, and tender our congratulations and assurances of devotion to your Majesty's Royal Person, expressing our sincere hope, as it is our earnest prayer, that your Majesty may enjoy many years of uninterrupted health and happiness to reign over an attached, loyal, and grateful people.

In thus venturing to intrude upon your Majesty's attention, we take the liberty of bringing within your knowledge the Charitable Institution over whose welfare we are appointed to watch, and whose claims we very respectfully submit to your Majesty's most gracious consideration. Having been founded in the year 1757, under the title of the Lying-in Charity for delivering poor married Women at their own habitations, in London, Westminster, and their environs, it was the first Institution of the kind established in the metropolis, and to the present period has conferred its benefits upon 315,193 poor women, entitled to its protection.

This Charity has been honoured with the patronage and support of many Members of your Majesty's illustrious House. In the eleventh year from its foundation, Her late Majesty, Queen Charlotte, was pleased to allow His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, then only five years of age, to be nominated its President, and that illustrious Prince, in the year 1785, condescended to express his approbation of the object which the Governors had in view, by permitting himself to be styled Patron; and the Charity continued to enjoy his royal patronage, and to partake of his bountiful munificence, until the close of his paternal reign.

In the year 1815, your Majesty's revered and honoured Father condescended to preside at the anniversary festival, and testified his approval of the

Charity's design by a liberal donation; His Royal Highness was also graciously pleased to accept the office of Vice-Patron; and the like honour was conferred upon the Society by your august Mother, His Majesty the King of the Belgians, their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Sussex, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

We, the representatives of the Royal Maternity Charity, feel deeply grateful for the countenance and assistance vouchsafed to it by your Majesty's royal relatives; and relying on your Majesty's gracious condescension, well-known benevolence, and sympathy for the distress of all classes of your Majesty's subjects, most dutifully and humbly submit this concise statement of it to your royal consideration, earnestly praying that your Majesty will deign to afford your royal patronage to this extensively useful Institution.

Wellington.

[Transmitted by W. Gilman, Esq.]

No. 10.

Unto the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Burgh of Dunbar, do most humbly crave permission to congratulate your Majesty on your attaining to the Throne of these realms.

Whilst, in common with the whole British empire, we sympathized with your Majesty, and deeply lamented the bereavement sustained by the nation, in the demise of our late most gracious and beloved Sovereign, it afforded us the greatest consolation, that the first public acts of your Majesty's reign gave the most satisfactory evidence of the warmth and benevolence of your Majesty's disposition, and that you had resolved to govern your people with the strictest equity and cordial affection, thus further assuring us, that your Majesty will reign in the hearts of your people, and thereby enjoy the delightful reflection, that your Majesty has strictly and faithfully executed the high and important functions, with which the Almighty has been pleased to intrust you.

That God in His infinite goodness may ever protect your Majesty, and long spare you in peace and prosperity, to reign over a free, intelligent, and contented people, is the earnest prayer of your Majesty's most loyal and devoted subjects.

Signed by me, Provost of the Burgh of Dunbar, in name, and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council, this 28th day of August 1837.

Wm. Kirkwood, Provost.

[Transmitted by the Provost.]

No. 11.

Unto the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Wemyss, Fifeshire, humbly approach your Majesty with sentiments of sincere veneration and loyalty, and congratulate your Majesty upon your Accession to the Throne of these realms.