

our humble congratulations on your Accession to the Throne.

We have lost, in your late august Uncle, a King whose paternal reign was marked by an endeavour, continued to its close, to improve and support our institutions at home, to maintain peace abroad, to promote justice and charity in their most comprehensive forms, and especially to uphold the interests of our national faith.

His memory lies in the gratitude of his subjects, but they turn with equal confidence from the recollection of the past to the hope of the future.

Your Majesty has been educated in the bosom of your own people, under the care of a wise and affectionate Mother, and with an express view to your high destiny; the Protestant Church, emphatically under the protection of the Sovereigns of this empire, has already been announced a chief object of your care; your Majesty has also been pleased to declare, that the "thrice blessed" quality of mercy shall be a distinguishing attribute of your reign.

We feel assured that your Royal care will be to watch over all the great interests of this empire, to foster the arts, promote commerce, extend the blessings of education, and carry equal justice and equal laws to all the limits of the kingdom.

In return, we fervently trust that your people may respond to your gracious intentions by united efforts to cement the stability of our institutions, and to render them objects of affection to all classes of your Majesty's subjects: that so both your own reign may flourish in peace and quietness, and the resources of an undivided empire may be developed in their full strength.

It will be our constant prayer that the Supreme Disposer of events may shed His influence over you, and be the guide and support of your reign.

[Transmitted by the Bishop of Durham.]

No. 2.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Madam,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop, Archdeacons, and Clergy of the Diocese of Winchester, now first in visitation assembled under your Majesty's rule, humbly ask permission to present the mingled tribute of our condolence on the demise of our late Gracious Sovereign, and of congratulation on your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of this realm.

We joyfully avail ourselves of this opportunity, to renew the assurance of our reverence for that kingly authority which your Majesty has been called to exercise, and to express that respectful and affectionate attachment, which, as stewards of the mysteries of God, and ministers of the Church, we humbly tender to your Majesty as our Royal Mistress, and supreme Governor under Christ.

We entertain a thankful recollection of the indulgence and favour with which our Monarchs in times past, have deigned to regard our humble endeavours to instruct the people committed to our charge, in the principles of our holy religion, and mindful of the obligations which our church has received from a former Female Sovereign, one of

your Majesty's most Illustrious Predecessors, we venture to solicit a continuance of your Royal protection for our sacred office and functions.

And we beg permission to assure your Majesty in all humility, that our fervent prayers will ever be addressed to Him who has placed your Majesty over this church and nation; that He may be pleased to establish your Throne in righteousness; that He may give you a faithful senate, wise, and upright councillors and magistrates, a loyal nobility, and a dutiful gentry; a pious, learned, and useful clergy; an honest, industrious, and obedient commonalty; that he may enrich your Royal heart with his heavenly grace, and crown you with all princely virtues, and after a long course of ruling this temporal kingdom wisely, justly, and religiously, you may at last, through the merits of Christ, be made partaker of an eternal kingdom.

Signed, at the request and on the behalf of the clergy,
C. Winton.

[Transmitted by the Bishop of Winchester.]

No. 3.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA,
QUEEN of Great Britain, &c. &c.

The humble Address of the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Tuam.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the undersigned Roman Catholic Archbishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Tuam, beg leave to approach your Majesty, with the sincere assurance of our congratulation on your Majesty's auspicious Accession to the Throne of these realms, as well as of our dutiful devotion to your Majesty's august Person. Among the millions who own the sway of your Majesty's sceptre, allow us to assure you, there are none who hailed with sincerer joy than we have, your peaceful possession of your hereditary Throne, or who shall be ever more ready than we, in the manifestation of that conscientious allegiance, which is due to your supreme authority.

Fidelity to the reigning powers, is an obligation to which our minds have been formed by the religious instructions which were conveyed to us in our younger years, and which, in after life, it has been our study more fully to develop in the discharge of our pastoral duties towards the faithful, admonishing them in the language of the Apostle, "to be subject to princes and powers, to be ready to every good, showing all mildness to all men."

The exhibition of this homage, always a duty, must now be doubly grateful, from the consciousness of its being directed towards a Queen, who appears to have gathered in youth the lessons of years and wisdom; who feels that justice is praised in the inspired records as the most precious gem in the diadem of Royalty, and who has given a cheering anticipation of the impartial justice of her future reign, by the declaration of her desire to see her Irish subjects, in common with the rest of the subjects of the empire, in the full enjoyment of that civil and political equality to which they are fully entitled.