

We are informed by Divine Wisdom, that as the judge of the people, so are also the ministers. Whatever then may be the line of demarcation drawn by the constitution, between the responsibilities of the Throne and its counsellors, we cannot but be convinced, and we rejoice in the conviction, that the influence of the virtue, and the wisdom with which it has pleased the Almighty to bless our Gracious Sovereign, will be felt in all the resolves and measures of your Majesty's Government.

We trust that your Majesty's dominions will ever form a happy contrast with those kingdoms which have been translated, because of injustices and wrongs, and injuries; that the sceptre of your kingdom will be a sceptre of uprightness, and that the blessings promised to the rulers who judge the poor in truth, shall be illustrated in the permanent stability of the Throne of your kingdom.

Amidst the prayers and intercessions which we are instructed to make for Kings, and for all who are in high stations, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life, your Majesty's happiness shall form one of the chief objects of our supplications. That your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous, and your power, and your glory like Him who sought the good of his nation, may be the theme of admiration among your contemporaries, and a subject of honourable ambition to Sovereigns of after times, is the prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects.

*John MacHale, R. C. Archbishop.*

[Here follow the signatures.]

[Transmitted by the Archbishop.]

No. 4.

Address of the Associations established in the Metropolis, for the Suppression of Vice and Immorality.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA.

*May it please your Majesty,*

YOUR Majesty having been pleased to issue a Royal Proclamation, bearing the date of the 21st day of June 1837, to the intent that the honour and service of Almighty God be preserved and advanced, and that all vice, profaneness, debauchery, and immorality be discouraged and suppressed.

Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the friends of morality, purity, piety, and virtue, who have organized themselves into associated bodies, for the express purpose of eradicating vice and licentiousness, do herewith, by signature of their respective secretaries, or other officers, make bold to attempt an expression of their most humble and hearty thanks to your Majesty, for so nobly and worthily asserting your visible displeasure, by Royal Proclamation, against the vices and practices therein enumerated and named; and do hereby signify their most hearty concurrence with your Majesty's authority in the punishment and reformation of evil-doers; and do also fervently offer their most zealous and strenuous services to prevent every exhibition of shameful, intemperate, and disorderly habits, within the limits of these realms. And your Majesty's

servants further express their deep sense of the benefits likely to result from the due reading of the said Proclamation (as therein commanded) four times in every year, by the minister of every church or chapel; and especially from such ministers' inciting and stirring up their respective auditories to the practice of piety and virtue, and the avoiding of immorality and profaneness.

And your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects present their earnest wish and prayer to Almighty God (by whom Kings and Queens reign), that He would so direct, guide, and govern the heart and mind of your Majesty, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

That God, in his infinite goodness and mercy, may so give your Majesty favour, through the merits of His Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as to bless the reign of your Majesty to the temporal and eternal happiness of yourself and of your people, eventually exchanging your temporal for a more glorious and eternal crown, is the humble, but heartfelt prayer of your Majesty's most devoted servants and subjects.

[Here follow the signatures of the different officers.]

[Transmitted by the Secretary.]

No. 5.

To the QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the President and Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, established under the Patronage of your Majesty's Royal Grandsire, for the promotion of Letters and Useful Science, most humbly approach your Majesty with the loyal tender of our duty and homage.

Whilst we join in the general condolence of our fellow subjects on the lamented demise of a Sovereign, endeared by many great and good qualities to the nation over which he had ruled with a truly paternal benignity and care, we hail with auspicious hopes, and most ardent prayers, the opening prospects of a reign which, even in the first acts of your Majesty's Sovereignty, has commanded the admiration, and secured the affection of all your Majesty's loyal subjects.

Among the great public virtues which have distinguished your Majesty's Royal Predecessors, and by which their reigns have been pre-eminently illustrated and adorned, it is more peculiarly our duty, in this society, to commemorate their truly noble and patriotic efforts for the promotion of literature, of science, and of the useful and the elegant arts; and, in the firm and loyal confidence that these peaceful glories of the past age will suffer no diminution under your Majesty's gracious influence, it shall be our province and duty to contribute our humble endeavours for the further advancement of the proper objects of our social institution, and to merit the continuance of that Royal Patronage and support by which our labours have been hitherto encouraged and upheld.

That your Majesty may long continue to sway the sceptre of your Ancestors over a loyal and happy