

every way calculated to impart. In your Majesty's expressed determination to support and maintain in their original purity and integrity, our Church and glorious Constitution, we recognize the fundamental principle, which will at all times constitute the basis of your Majesty's Government. This expressed determination, strengthened, we might almost say sanctified, as it has been by the true spirit of Christian piety and devotion, which characterises every word of your Majesty's gracious declaration, has inspired your faithful and devoted subjects with the most sanguine hopes, with the most confident expectations, that, under your Majesty's auspices, "all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us," and be the distinguishing features of your Majesty's glorious and happy reign

Given under our Common Seal the 9th day of August 1837. *H. Shute, Mayor.*

[Presented by the Duke of Beaufort.]

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the City and Borough of Hereford, in council assembled, deeply sympathizing in the sentiments so universally felt by your Majesty's subjects on the death of our late beloved Sovereign, most respectfully tender to your Majesty our condolence on that affecting event.

At the same time, we cordially assure your Majesty that we witnessed your Accession to the Throne of these Realms with feelings of unmixed satisfaction, and those feelings were heightened by your Majesty's most gracious declaration, that you esteemed it a most particular advantage that your Majesty succeeded a Sovereign whose constant regard for the rights and liberties of his subjects, and whose desire to promote the ameliorations of the laws and institutions of the country, have rendered his name the object of general attachment. In this declaration your Majesty has confirmed the high hopes which we had long cherished of your desire to fulfil the important duties of a constitutional Sovereign, with that union of patriotism and wisdom which never fails to secure true glory and increased stability to the Throne, by basing it firmly in the hearts of a free and an enlightened people; we, therefore, offer to your Majesty our most sincere congratulations, which we accompany on behalf of ourselves and fellow citizens generally, with the strongest feelings of loyalty and attachment to your most gracious Majesty's Royal Person.

That your reign may be long and happy; that it may be in after ages as renowned for the affection and loyal attachment of the people for the Sovereign, as for the endeavours of the Sovereign to govern, in accordance with those great principles of civil and religious liberty, which first placed your august Family on the Throne of these Realms. And that your reign may be long remembered in the hearts of a grateful and loyal people, is our sincere wish and most ardent prayer.

Given under our Common Seal the 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1837.

[Presented by E. B. Clive and R. Biddulph, Esqrs.]

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Dover, in Council assembled, beg most respectfully to approach your Majesty for the purpose of expressing our unfeigned condolence at the deep and afflicting bereavement which your Majesty and this nation have experienced, by the lamented death of our late Most Gracious Sovereign.

But while we thus deeply sympathise with your Majesty in the demise of a King, whose paternal sway sought to promote the happiness and prosperity of His people, we bend in gratitude to Almighty God for having vouchsafed in his good providence to place on the Throne of these Realms a Sovereign whose education and attachment to our glorious Constitution in Church and State inspire the nation with the brightest hopes. We rejoice that your Majesty, called thus early to wield the Sceptre of a mighty empire, is no stranger to your people nor to their institutions, and in tendering our heartfelt congratulations upon your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, we possess the well-founded assurance of the prosperity of the nation from the many virtues which adorn your Majesty's character.

We pray your Majesty to be assured that our most fervent prayers will be offered up to Almighty God that your Majesty's reign may be a conspicuous example of the stability of a Throne, founded on the eternal principles of rectitude, and supported by the affection of grateful subjects, that it may be long and prosperous, and that by the blessing of the same Almighty Being, your Majesty may reap the best earthly reward of your beneficent cares in the loyalty and devotion of a religious, united, and happy people.

Given under the Common Seal at Dover aforesaid, the 17th day of July 1837.

*Ledger, Town Clerk.*

[Presented by Edward Rice, Esq. M. P.]

Westminster, February 20, 1838.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to an Act agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Act, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act to make good certain contracts which have been, or may be, entered into by certain banking and other copartnerships.