

beg to approach your Royal Presence to express our heartfelt congratulations to your Majesty on the birth of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Heir Apparent to the Throne of these realms.

It is our earnest prayer, offered to the Great Disposer of all things through the merit of the Divine Redeemer, that your Majesty may long continue to sway the sceptre of our beloved country; that the reign of your Majesty may be memorable to the latest time from its connection with the progress of knowledge, virtue, and true religion among all the subjects of the British Crown, and throughout the world. That the Divine protection and favour may be especially vouchsafed to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and that his name may be distinguished among the Sovereigns of your Majesty's illustrious House by the wise and beneficent exercise of his power, and by the enlightened and grateful regard of the generations to come.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:

"I thank you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful congratulations on the birth of the Prince, my Son.

"It is my anxious and constant endeavour to promote the advancement of religious knowledge and of pure morality among all classes of my subjects; and you may rely on my support in your efforts directed to objects which I consider so praiseworthy and important."

Buckingham-Palace, April 9, 1842.

This day the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination of the cities of London and Westminster waited upon Her Majesty to present to Her Majesty the following Address; which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the **QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.**

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination residing in and about the cities of London and Westminster, rejoice in the privilege of approaching your Majesty's Person with our heartfelt congratulations on the happy event, so welcome to the nation, of the birth of the Prince, your Son, Heir Apparent to the Throne of these realms.

We offer our fervent thanksgivings to the Supreme Ruler in Heaven and Earth whose merciful providence hath hitherto carried your Majesty safely through all perils; and we devoutly pray, that every temporal and spiritual blessing may be vouchsafed to your Majesty's Person and Family; and that your royal maternal affection may be abundantly gratified and rewarded in the welfare and the filial and other virtues of your Royal Offspring, especially in beholding his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales grow up in health and happiness, ever guided by the wise, patriotic, and Christian councils and example of your Majesty and your Royal Consort, Prince Albert; so that when your Majesty shall have finished your predestined course of earthly felicity and

honour, a period, we hope and trust, far distant, the Prince, now given to the hopes and prayers of your people, may be qualified to sway the British sceptre with true kingly glory, surpassing in virtuous renown the most illustrious of his august Forefathers.

And we shall never cease to supplicate Him, by whom kings reign and kingdoms are upheld and exalted, that, under your Majesty's beneficent rule, whatever cloud shall gather round the nation may quickly pass away, and the sun of England's greatness continue to shine forth in noontday splendour; and that the wishes, known to be nearest to your Majesty's heart, may be amply fulfilled in the peace and comfort, the freedom and prosperity of all your people throughout your vast and growing empire.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:

"This dutiful Address and your warm congratulations, on an event which so nearly concerns my private happiness and the welfare of my kingdom, are very gratifying to me.

"You may rely on the continuance of my favour and protection, and on my sincere desire to promote the prosperity of all classes of my people."

Buckingham-Palace, April 11, 1842.

This day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, Sheriffs, Common Council, and Officers of the city of London waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address; which was read by the Honourable Charles Ewan Law, the Recorder, and which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne:

To the **QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.**

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Person and Family.

Deeply sympathising in the expressions of regret which your Majesty has addressed to your Parliament, at the continued distress of your Majesty's subjects, we beg leave most humbly to state, that we have observed with unfeigned concern, that, notwithstanding the benevolent anxiety expressed by your Majesty for the relief of that distress, the Commons' House of Parliament has refused to sanction the free importation of corn; and that your Majesty's Government, instead of introducing a law to remove, has proposed a law for re-adjusting, the injurious and oppressive restrictions upon the importation of food.

We beg leave most dutifully and humbly to state to your Majesty, that it is our conviction that a permanent and sufficient remedy for the extensive and deep-rooted distress of the manufacturing and