

St. James's, September 24.

The following Address was Presented to His Majesty by the Reverend Dr. Gardiner, Vice-Chancellor, with several of the Heads of Houses and the Proctors, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Urmonde, Chancellor of the University of Oxford; accompanied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Rochester their Steward, the Right Hon. William Bromley, Esq; One of their Representatives in Parliament; together with several Bishops, Peers, and Gentlemen who had formerly been Members of the said University.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

**T**HE inexpressible Loss we have sustained by the Death of our late Sovereign of Blessed Memory, would have been insupportable, had not GOD, in His great Goodness to this Nation, supplied it to us by Your Majesty's happy and quiet Accession to the Throne.

With the Prospect of this Blessing we comforted our selves, as often as we apprehended that Precious Life to be in Danger; for knowing the Sincerity of our own Hearts, we never suspected that any Persons would be so regardless of their Duty and of their Interest, as not to support with the utmost Zeal that Succession to which they were bound by the most solemn Oaths, and on which the Preservation of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, did next under GOD so manifestly depend. Our Expectations, our Wishes, and our Prayers, have been answer'd by that Unanimity with which Your Subjects have Recognized Your Majesty's undoubted Right, that Impatience they have expressed to see Your Royal Person in the actual Possession of Your Throne, and themselves Happy under the Influence of Your Government.

We of this Place should entertain a less dutiful Sense than we ought to have of Your Majesty's Grace and Goodness, if we did not with all humble Assurance promise our selves as large a Share of Your Royal Favour under Your auspicious Reign, as our Famous Universities, the Seats of Learning and Schools of Loyalty, have ever enjoy'd in the Times of any of Your Glorious Predecessors, their greatest Patrons and Protectors.

That dutiful and constant Affection to the Monarchy for which Your Loyal University of Oxford hath always been Eminent, hath procur'd to us many valuable Privileges from Your Royal Ancestors; which we shall think our selves Unworthy any longer to enjoy, than while we imitate the Example of our Predecessors in being Faithful, and bearing true Allegiance to Your Sacred Majesty and instilling the Christian Principles of Obedience into the Minds of those with whose Education we are entrusted.

We have always thought it the Indispensable Duty of Subjects to Reverence the Higher Powers, out of a conscientious Regard to the Authority wherewith they are Invested; but since Providence has again set over us a Wise and Religious Prince, adorn'd with Gifts and Graces which add Lustre to the Royal Dignity, we think our selves oblig'd to pay a very particular Respect and Duty on account of Your Majesty's Personal Worth, besides the Reverence due to Your Sacred Character.

We shall always therefore pray with the greatest Fervency, that on Your Royal Head the Crown may

long Flourish, that Your Majesty may long live to encourage Learning, to promote Piety, to protect the Church, and to preserve the State; and that after the present Age has been bless'd with the Felicities of Your Reign. Your Majesty may transmit the Government of a Willing and Obedient People, to Your Royal Progeny through all succeeding Generations.

To which Address his Majesty was pleas'd to return the following most gracious Answer.

**I** Am highly pleas'd with the Assurances of Duty so affectionately express'd in your Address. You could not have given Me a more satisfactory Instance of it, than in the Promises you have made to Instill good Principles into the Minds of the Youth committed to Your Charge; upon which the Prosperity of the Church and State will in this and in all succeeding Ages so much depend.

Your Concern for the Enjoyment of your Rights and Privileges cannot be greater than My Care shall be to preserve them to you. So eminent a Nursery of Learning, and so useful to the Church of England, which I Religiously resolve to Support, shall never want My Favour and Protection.

The following Address was presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Somerset, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

May it please Your most Sacred Majesty,

**W**E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of Your University of Cambridge, do most humbly beg Leave to approach Your Sacred Person, to Condole with Your Majesty for the Death of our late most Gracious Sovereign Queen Anne, of Blessed Memory; whose Zeal for our Common Faith, Her Protection of our particular Privileges, Her Bounty to the Poorer Clergy, and more especially Her Pious Care for the Peace and Welfare of all Her People, to the latest Posterity, by following the Steps of Her Glorious Predecessor, in securing the Succession to these Realms in Your Majesty's most Illustrious House, will ever render Her Name Dear and Precious to all true Lovers of their Country, and of our most Holy Church and Religion.

At the same time, we cannot but adore the Divine Goodness, which has allay'd our Griefs, and dispell'd our Fears by Your Majesty's peaceable Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Kingdoms, and Your safe Arrival to Your People; for which we humbly beg Leave, with the most Loyal and Dutiful Affection, to Congratulate Your Sacred Majesty, and with the most sincere and ardent Devotion to Bless Almighty GOD, who hath adorn'd You with such Royal Vertues, as give us a sure Prospect of enjoying the greatest Blessings under Your Majesty's most auspicious Reign.

As His Royal Highness the Prince, by the Style and Title of Duke of Cambridge, hath done us a singular Honour, which gives him a peculiar Claim to our Duty, and lays upon us the strongest Obligations of a most profound Respect to His Person; so we shall ever endeavour to render our selves Worthy of His Favour and Protection, by distinguishing our selves in all proper Instances of an extraordinary Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, and the Honour of all Your Royal House.