

Benefices as are within your Royal Patronage, the Members of the two Universities; we scarce had Time to congratulate one another on Occasion of the two last mentioned Favours, when they were followed by that new and accumulated Instance of your Goodness, the Erection of a new Professorship.

In Return for such repeated Obligations, we shall not fail to put up our incessant Prayers to God for the Preservation of your Majesty and your Royal Family; and shall always endeavour to contribute, in the best Manner we are able, to the Tranquillity, Peace and good Order of your Government. May the 19th, 1724.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to give the following most gracious Answer.

I think you for this dutiful and loyal Address, and am glad to find that what I proposed to you in my Letter meets with your entire Approbation; and doubt not but with your Assistance, my Intentions upon this Occasion will prove an Honour to the University in general, as well as an Advantage to the particular Members of that Learned Body.

The following Address having been transmitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of your University of Oxford, do humbly beg Leave to return our most hearty Thanks for your Majesty's most Gracious Letter to our Vice-Chancellor by him this Day communicated to us in full Convocation; wherein your Majesty has been pleased to declare it to be your Royal Intention to establish in this your University of Oxford, a Professor of Modern History, and also under the Direction of the said Professor, two other Persons to teach and instruct in Writing and Speaking the Modern Languages, to the Intent that the Youth committed to our Care from all Parts of your Majesty's Dominions, may be the more compleatly qualified for such Employments in your Majesty's Service either at Home or Abroad, as your Majesty shall be pleased to confer upon them. As we cannot but be deeply affected with this Instance of your Princely Favour in making this new Provision for the Honour and Advantage of this Place; so we must at the same Time most gratefully acknowledge your Majesty's Gracious Tenderness towards our ancient Constitution, in directing that the Hours for Teaching your Majesty's Scholars the Modern Languages be so ordered, as not to interfere with those already appointed for their Academical Studies: And the World must observe that such is the Nature of this Bounty, that it could not come but from a Prince who is not unwilling that his Actions should be faithfully transmitted to Posterity.

We beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will carefully improve to the Honour and Service of your Majesty's Person and Government, all the Advantages arising from this and all other your Royal Favours, and cheerfully embrace every Opportunity given us of deserving the Continuance of them.

Sealed in the Convocation-House

with the common Seal of the University, this 19th Day of

May, 1724.

Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously,

St. James's, May 22. On the 14th Instant the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and chose for their Moderator Mr. William Wishart, Principal of the University of Edinburgh. His Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Findlater and Seafield was read, as was likewise His Majesty's most gracious Letter to the Assembly. His Majesty's High Commissioner made a Speech to the Assembly, which was answered on their Part by the Moderator, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Answer to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, which being reported on the 16th, was unanimously approved.

His Majesty's High Commissioner the Earl of Findlater and Seafield's Speech to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, May 14, 1724.

Right Reverend and Right Honourable,

I AM convinced that you have with great Pleasure and Gratitude heard His Majesty's most gracious Letter.

He expresses His Satisfaction in the prudent and moderate Proceedings of former Assemblies, he reposes intire Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty and Fidelity to His Royal Person and Government, and has commanded me at the Opening of this Assembly, again to renew the Assurances He has so frequently given of His firm and steady Resolution to protect and maintain the Presbyterian Government of the Church of Scotland as established by Law.

His Majesty recommends that you will take Care to promote Religion and Piety; and that you will use your Endeavours to prevent the Growth of Popery and Immorality; and that you will in all things that come before you, act with that Calmness and Moderation which is so necessary to preserve the Tranquillity and Peace of the Church, and most proper and becoming a Christian Assembly: And I have no Doubt of your ready Compliance with what His Majesty has recommended in so pious and religious a Manner.

We all ought to be most thankful to God who has placed His Majesty on the Throne, and by special and remarkable Acts of Providence has preserved and protected His sacred Person and Government against all the Attempts that have been made by a Popish Pretender and his Adherents; and has effectually defeated all their wicked Designs; and it is by His Majesty's Government and the Establishment of the Succession in His Royal Family, that all our Religious and Civil Concerns can be continued and preserved against Popery and Arbitrary Power.

I am most sensible of the great Honour His Majesty has conferred on me, in appointing me to represent His Royal Person in this Assembly.

I am fully instructed to give you all Encouragement in the Prosecution of what His Majesty has so graciously recommended, and in all other things that may tend to the Prosperity of the Church.

I shall endeavour, by the Assistance of God, to discharge this Trust with Fidelity to His Majesty, and all due Regard to this venerable Assembly; and shall now, and on all other Occasions, do what is in my Power to give you convincing Proofs of my sincere Attachment and good Inclinations to the Government of this Church.

It is my earnest Desire that all you do in this Assembly may tend to the promoting of Religion, the Glory of God, the Peace and Prosperity of this Church, the intire Satisfaction of the King, and Good of His People.

The Answer of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to His Majesty's most gracious Letter, having been transmitted by the High Commissioner to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty, and is as follows.

May it please your Majesty,

WE justly esteem it one of the many valuable Blessings which our most merciful God plentifully bestows upon this National Church,