

ledged to be a Tribute equally due to your Majesty.

The Purity of the Christian Religion, which is professed, and by the Laws established in the Church of England, as it is your Majesty's first and principal Concern, as you are Defender of the Faith, so it is Matter of the greatest Joy to your People, to consider how effectual that Defence, and how extensive that Encouragement of Virtue, and the true Religion must prove, which are begun in your own and your most Excellent Queen's great and good Examples, and in the pious Education of your Royal Issue, in whom we beseech God to give Establishment and Perpetuity to the Blessings we have already promised ourselves from the Goodness and Justice of your Majesty's Reign.

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

*THIS publick and solemn Testimony of Loyalty from my University of Oxford, is more particularly pleasing to Me, as it is a Pledge of your instilling into the Youth committed to your Care, Principles of Duty and Affection to Me and my Government, which I earnestly recommend to you. And, as I persuade My self, that your Endeavours will never be wanting in so important a Service, you may be assured of My Protection, Favour and Encouragement.*

His Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously, and they had all the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

They afterwards waited on the Queen, and the Vice-Chancellor made their Compliments in a Speech to her Majesty, to which Her Majesty was pleased to return a very gracious Answer, and they had all the Honour to kiss her Majesty's Hand.

*St. James's, July 4.*

The following humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, has been presented to His Majesty by Mr. John Evans, accompanied by his Brethren in a Body, introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Vice-Chamberlain Stanhope, in the Absence of his Grace the Duke of Grafton Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations in and about the Cities of London and Westminster.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**HILST your Majesty's Royal Declaration so tenderly mentions the sudden and unexpected Death of your dearest Father; all loyal Subjects, as becomes their different Stations, are mourning the Loss of one common Father to his People. The Protestant Dissenting Ministers can never forget his paternal Favours and Condescensions. And we beg your Majesty will give us Leave on this

great Occasion, to speak our affecting Sense of that awful Providence which hath finished a Reign so important and gracious as that of King George the First. By this mighty Stroke the World is bereaved of one of the wisest and best of Princes, and the Reform'd Religion of its chief Glory and Defence.

But the immediate and peaceful Succession of George the Second dries up our Tears. A Protestant Heir thus coming to the Throne of his Father, is a new Blessing to Britain: A Prince who gave the World so early Proof of his Spirit and Courage in the Field, who hath shewn so much Goodness since his Abode in this Kingdom, and given us such agreeable Presages of Happiness upon his wearing the Imperial Crown of these Realms: This Consideration, together with that of a Queen Consort intirely Protestant, and universally beloved, fills our Hearts with Joy that greatly and justly exceeds all our Sorrow. By this Means the Reformed Religion gains fresh Support and Glory; and all Tranquillities for the Peace and Settlement of Europe proceed with renewed Life and Vigour. Thus when it pleased Almighty God (by whom Kings reign) to inspire your glorious Predecessor King William, to lay the Foundation of the Protestant Succession in the illustrious and numerous Family of Brunswick, he provided both an effectual Relief of our present Sorrows, and a lasting Guard against future Dangers.

We rejoyce in that wise Conduct, and those kind Disposals of Providence which have tied up the Hands of all declared Enemies to your August House, so that they have it not in their Power at present by any Means to disturb either your Majesty's Proceedings, or our Joys. This is such a Confirmation of the Kingdom in your Majesty's illustrious Family, as we trust will for ever extinguish their Hopes who have hitherto vainly struggled for a Popish Pretender.

On our Parts, we can assure your Majesty of Hearts full of Loyalty and Affection to your Person and Government. And so far as belongs to our Stations and Characters, we shall not fail both to teach the Duties owing to crowned Heads, and to practice them ourselves upon every Occasion. It is with Pleasure we can farther assure your Majesty, That the Protestant Dissenters, we believe to a Man, are in the same Loyal Sentiments. And we doubt not our continued Share in those Liberties which your Majesty hath graciously declared are most dear to you. We rely upon your princely Wisdom and Care to do every Thing that may strengthen and unite sincere Christians and Protestants: And heartily wish our suffering Brethren Abroad the same Blessings with ourselves.

We shall not cease to offer up unfeigned and ardent Prayers to Almighty God, that your Majesty may long live the Defender of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and the Succourer of the Distress'd; that you may prospered in perfecting the great Work now depending beyond the Seas; that decaying Piety may revive throughout your own Dominions, and an universal Probity of Manners may be promoted; that, with your Royal  
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