

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, Freemen and Inhabitants of the ancient Town of Rye.

**WE** your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Jurats, Freemen and Inhabitants of your ancient Town of Rye, humbly beg Leave to condole with your Majesty on the Death of your Royal Father. As that great and good Prince had, by his mild and just Government, his constant Regard to our Religion, Laws and Liberties, made himself the Darling of this Nation, and did truly reign in the Hearts of his Subjects, his sudden Death could not but most sensibly afflict every grateful Briton; and as we of this Town had the Honour of his illustrious Presence among us for some Days on his last Return from his German Dominions, and had thereby an Opportunity of beholding with Admiration his many Royal and endearing Qualities, we were in a particular Manner overwhelmed with Grief for the Loss of him.

Permit us at the same Time, Great Sir, with unfeigned Joy, to congratulate your Majesty on your happy and peaceable Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors: Your Majesty's known Zeal for the Welfare of this Nation, your Royal Promise to secure to all your Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights, leave us no Room to doubt but we shall have continued to us under your auspicious Reign, the Blessings we enjoyed under that of our late Sovereign.

May you long in Peace and Happiness adorn the British Throne; may your pious Endeavours for the Good of your Subjects and the Protestant Religion be always crowned with Success; may Heaven preserve your Royal Consort and Issue, so that your Scepter may for ever be in the Hands of one of your illustrious Family, inheriting therewith your Royal Virtues.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats and Common-Council of the Corporation of Gravesend and Milton, in the County of Kent, has been presented to His Majesty by William Lance, Esq; Mayor, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Dorset Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and the Mayor and Jurats had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

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The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Jurats, and Common-Council of the Corporation of Gravesend and Milton, in the County of Kent.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**T**O give us Leave in a dutiful Manner to approach your Royal Presence with that Condoleance which becomes faithful Subjects on this melancholly Occasion of the Death of his late most gracious Majesty. But as the Kingly Authority never dies, We, now your

Majesty's most loyal Subjects, with the greatest Joy and Satisfaction, acknowledge our Duty and Allegiance to be wholly due to your sacred Person, and with all Humility congratulate your Majesty upon your happy Succession to the Crown.

Your People, universally sensible of your Affection for them, by your having constantly resided with them ever since your first coming into these Dominions, and of the many Princely Virtues you have shewn, receiv'd the Information of your Majesty's Accession to the Throne with that Joy and Pleasure which presages their future dutiful Behaviour to your Royal Person and Government; and the gracious Declarations solemnly made by your Majesty in favour of our Religious and Civil Rights, have still added more Strength to their Joy and Duty.

That your Majesty's Reign over us may be long and prosperous, without intestine Divisions or foreign Disputes; That your Royal Consort may have her Part in these Blessings; and that these Nations may never want a Protestant Prince of your illustrious and Royal House to rule over a free and dutiful People, is the hearty Desire and Wish of us, and all your faithful Subjects.

The following humble Address of the Bailiff, Jurats, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Town of Seaford, a Member of the Cinque Ports, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir William Gage Knight of the Bath, and Sir Philip York, their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Herbert, Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Bailiffs, Jurats, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Town of Seaford, a Member of the Cinque Ports.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**WE** found our selves affected with the most sensible Surprize and Concern upon the sudden and melancholly News of the Death of your Majesty's Royal Father, our late most Gracious Sovereign, a Prince dear to us in his Person, in the Wisdom and B benignity of his Government, and more especially in that invaluable Blessing attending his Accession to the Crown, of a Royal Progeny to perpetuate the Felicity of his People. From this happy Circumstance, we soon received a Consolation not only adequate to our Grief, but sufficient to fill our Hearts with the utmost Joy and Satisfaction, when we beheld your Majesty peacefully and securely seated on the Throne of your Ancestors; on which Occasion we do with the profoundest Duty beg Leave to present your Majesty our sincere Congratulations.

The many illustrious and Princely Virtues which all the World admires in your Majesty, the peculiar Affection and Regard your Majesty has always express'd towards this Nation, of which we have received so many un-