

their Country; who, from the same Conduct, and by pursuing the same Measures, may promise themselves all future Prosperity.

*The Expiration of this Parliament now drawing near, I will give Orders for issuing the Writs for calling and electing a new Parliament, as soon as it can conveniently be done; and I am persuaded, that the general Contest and Emulation in Expressions of Duty and Affection to me, which to my great Satisfaction I have universally met with, will be further demonstrated by the Choice of a Parliament zealously affected to our present happy Establishment in the Protestant Succession; and in Return, nothing shall be wanting on my Part, that can contribute towards improving a good Correspondence and Harmony between me and my People, and that can tend to perfect and perpetuate the Happiness of Great Britain.*

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majesty's Command, said,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

*It is His Majesty's Royal Will and Pleasure, That this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty Ninth Day of August next; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the 29th Day of August next.*

**A**T the Court at St. James's, the 17th Day of July 1727.

#### P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council,

His Majesty having been graciously pleased to give the Custody of the Seals of the Dutchy and County Palatine of Lancaster to his Grace John Duke of Rutland, his Grace was by His Majesty's Command this Day sworn one of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and also took the Oath of Chancellor of the said Dutchy.

*St. James's, July 18.*

The following humble Address of the Lord High Steward, the two chief Burgesses, and the Burgesses and Assistants of the City and Liberty of Westminster, in Behalf of themselves, and the rest of the Inhabitants of that City and Liberty, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Charles Cavendish, and William Clayton Esq; introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Paget Lord of the Bed-Chamber to His Majesty in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord High Steward, Deputy-Steward, the two chief Burgesses, and the Burgesses and Assistants of the City and Liberty of Westminster, in behalf of our-

selves, and the rest of the Inhabitants of this City and Liberty, do with the utmost Duty and Loyalty presume to congratulate your Majesty upon your happy Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors, and to condole upon the Death of your Royal Father, whose Loss can be made supportable only by the Prospect of that great Happiness which we are assured of from the Regard and Concern your Majesty has been pleased immediately to shew for the preserving our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and for the Encouragement of Trade; which gracious Assurances from your Majesty, give the highest Pleasure and Satisfaction to all your Subjects, and more particularly to us, the Inhabitants of this your Majesty's ancient City and Liberty, which has for many Ages been not only honoured, but also in a particular Manner supported by the Residence of your Royal Ancestors.

We do in the most humble Manner presume to assure your Majesty, that we will take all Opportunities of shewing our cheerful Obedience and Duty, with the utmost Zeal, Constancy and Fidelity; nor is there any thing further to which our utmost Wishes can aspire, than that God would be pleased long to continue to us these Blessings; to continue your Majesty happy in the Love and Dutifulness of all your Subjects at home, and in the Esteem of all Nations abroad; happy in a Royal Consort, whose Virtues reflect Honour upon the Crown she wears, and doubles the Felicity of your Majesty's Throne; happy in a numerous and virtuous Issue, through whom we trust Divine Providence intends to convey Blessings to this Nation in all succeeding Ages.

*Given under our common Seal the 10th Day of July, 1727.*

The following humble Address of the Bishop of Rochester, the Dean and Chapter of that Cathedral Church, and the Clergy of that Diocese, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Rochester Dean of the most Honourable Order of the Bath, accompanied by the Reverend Dr. Clagett Dean, Dr. Grant, and Mr. Barrell, Prebendaries, and others of the Clergy of that Diocese, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Paget Lord of the Bed-Chamber to His Majesty in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously, and they all had the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bishop of Rochester, the Dean and Chapter of that Cathedral Church, and the Clergy of that Diocese.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly beg Leave to condole with you, in the most sincere Manner, on the