

condole with your Majesty that common Loss, and at the same Time to assure your Majesty, that it is with the greatest Zeal, the sincerest Duty, and the utmost Joy, we congratulate your Majesty's happy and peaceable Accession to the Crown.

And as your Majesty has been graciously pleased to declare, that the Love and Affection of your People will always be esteemed your best Support, we do promise your Majesty the most chearful and affectionate Obedience.

We are fully perswaded, that the Church of England, as now established, (that Glory as well as Bulwark of the Reformation) and the Laws of this Kingdom, cannot be so well secured to us, as by the Wisdom of a Prince who has studied the Nature of our Constitution, and made himself a perfect Judge of the Happiness resulting from the Legal Government of a Protestant free People.

It is from your Majesty's many excellent Virtues (of which we have had long Experience) that we rest secure of continuing a happy and flourishing Nation; especially when we behold your Royal Consort our gracious Queen, whose Vertues give Lustre to, instead of receiving it from a Crown: And as we are truly sensible that our present inestimable Blessings cannot safely be continued down to our Posterity, but by the Succession established in your illustrious House, it is our hearty Prayer, that your Majesty may have a long and prosperous Reign over us, and that succeeding Ages may flourish under the Protection of your Royal Progeny.

Dated at the Guildhall of the said Borough, this 11th Day of July, in the First Year of your Majesty's Reign.

The following humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, Freemen, and principal Inhabitants of the Ancient Port and Corporation of Hasting, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir William Athburnham, Bart. and Archibald Hutchenison, Esq; their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Jurats, Freemen, and principal Inhabitants of the Ancient Port and Corporation of Hasting, beg Leave to condole with your Majesty on the Death of our late gracious Sovereign, your Royal Father; and heartily to join, with the unanimous Voice of your faithful People, in congratulating your Majesty's happy and peaceable Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms.

'Tis with the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction we have read your Majesty's most gracious Declaration, of making the Preservation of our Constitution in Church and State your first and chief Care; and from the Ex-

perience we had of your mild and prudent Government, when appointed Guardian of these Kingdoms, we are perfectly assured of being protected by your Majesty in the full Enjoyment of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, which so justly add a Glory to this Nation, and occasions the Envy of all its Neighbours.

That your Majesty may always be supported by a true British Parliament, and your Reign over us happy, long, and prosperous; and that the present Age may never see the End thereof, nor our Posterity ever want a Prince descending from your Majesty and your Royal Consort our most gracious Queen, to reign over us, is the sincere and hearty Prayer of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most dutiful,
loyal, and obedient Subjects.

Given at Hasting, under the Common Seal of the said Town and Port, the 4th Day of July, Ann. Dom. 1727.

The following humble Address has been presented to His Majesty by the most Reverend Father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by a great Number of the Right Reverend the Bishops, 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 had all the Honour to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Governours of the Bounty of Queen Anne, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, incorporated for the Augmentation of the smaller Livings of the Clergy of the Church of England, do beg Leave to express our Sorrow for the Death of our late most gracious Sovereign, and at the same Time to declare our great Joy in the happy Accession of your Majesty to the Imperial Crown of these Realms: We do most heartily bless Almighty God for giving us your Majesty to repair our Loss, and to take into your Care and Protection that Church which hath received so many Benefits from the Favour of your Royal Ancestors.

The Bounty with which we are intrusted had its Rise from the gracious Disposition of Her late Sacred Majesty Queen Anne, who laid the Foundation of this Charity; and the poorer Clergy were in her Reign eased of a Charge which till that Time lay upon them: But it was in the first Year of your late Royal Father, of glorious Memory, that they began to receive the farther intended Benefit of it, by an actual Augmentation of poor Livings, which hath been made annually ever

since;