

since: And as this will give them Occasion, with Pleasure, to remember the auspicious Entrance of your most illustrious House upon the rightful and lawful Government of these Kingdoms, so we persuade ourselves, it will induce them to pay the most chearful Obedience to it thro' the whole Course of your Reign.

We humbly intreat, that we may assure your Majesty of our Fidelity and Care in the Discharge of the Trust reposed in us for their Advantage, and we doubt not of your Majesty's Favour and Encouragement in the Prosecution of so pious and useful a Work; of which we have received a happy Earnest, by the Declaration your Majesty, in your great Goodness, hath been pleased to make from the Throne, that it shall be your constant Care to preserve the established Religion and Church of this Nation.

May your Majesty live to see the good Effects of this Bounty, especially in the Increase of true Religion amongst your People, thro' the better Support of those whose particular Duty it is to promote it in their several Places and Stations.

And as your Majesty hath given us the most unquestionable Assurance of your Love and Affection to your Subjects, so may all Orders and Degrees of Men, in these Realms, with Hearts full of affectionate Zeal and suitable Actions of Duty, gratefully contribute to the Support and Security of your Crown in a long and happy Reign over us.

Given under our Common Seal, the 3d Day of July, in the Year of Lord 1727.

They afterwards waited on the Queen, and his Grace the Lord Archbishop made their Compliments to Her Majesty in a Speech, to which her Majesty was pleased to return a most gracious Answer, and they all had the Honour to kiss her Majesty's Hand.

The following humble Address has been presented to His Majesty by the most Reverend Father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by the Honourable John Verney, Esq; the Treasurers, Court of Assistants, and a great Number of other Gentlemen Members of the Corporation, 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 his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury President, the Honourable John Verney, Esq; Vice-President, the Treasurers, Court of Assistants, and Governours of the Charity for Relief of the poor Widows and Children of Clergymen.

May it please your Majesty,

IT is not only our common Duty as Subjects, but it is our particular Obligation as Governours of this Charitable Corporation,

which our late most gracious Sovereign was pleased to distinguish with singular Instances of his Favour, to approach your Throne upon this Occasion; and to assure your Majesty, that we share very sensibly with you in your Grief and Affliction for the Death of your Royal Father, and we most sincerely congratulate your Majesty upon your happy Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

Tho' the early Declaration which your Majesty was pleased to make to your Council, and to confirm in the strongest Manner to your Parliament, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, as it is now happily established, should be your first, and always your chief Care, was no more than what all your Subjects promised to themselves from your known Goodness and Virtue, from the constant Regard which you have shewn to the Church of England, and from the Love and Affection which they were sensible your Majesty bore to this Country: Yet it could not but fill the Hearts of your People with the utmost Joy and Satisfaction, to observe, that your most gracious Declarations of your Endeavours to make your People happy, were equal to the Hopes which had been long raised in them: And from the Experience which they have already had of your Majesty's Wisdom and Resolution, and all your other truly great Qualities, they are firmly assured, that your Majesty's Actions will even exceed your most gracious Declarations.

We here appear before your Majesty as a Corporation, which from the first Foundation of it, has been protected by the Favour, and assisted by the Munificence of your Royal Predecessors: The distressed Circumstances of so many Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Church of England, have always recommended this Society to their particular Care. And we now with Pleasure behold a King upon the Throne, happy in a Royal Consort our gracious Queen, from both whose eminent Goodness and Piety, this Corporation may promise itself a Continuance of the Royal Favour and Protection.

In a just Sense therefore of these Blessings, we do humbly adore the Goodness of God, for placing your Majesty upon the Throne of your Ancestors; and as your Majesty is graciously pleased to look upon the Love and Affection of your People as the best Support and Security of your Crown, so that your People may be always sensible of their Happiness, in having their Religious and Civil Rights secured to them by your Majesty's sitting upon the Throne of these Kingdoms, and by the Continuance of the Succession in your Royal House, shall be the constant Prayer of this Corporation.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our Common Seal, the 1st Day of July, Anno Domini 1727, and in the First Year of your Majesty's Reign.

They afterwards waited on the Queen, and His Grace the Lord Archbishop made their Com-