

the Lord Bishop of that Diocese, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord William Manners Lord of the Bedchamber to His Majesty in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

Permit us, most gracious Sovereign, to approach your sacred Person, and to express our just Sentiments, both of the Death of your Royal Father, whose Memory will be ever precious to us, and also of your own happy Accession to your British Dominions.

An Event thus mercifully severe, requires suitable Affections; a Mixture of Concern and Pleasure. As his unexpected Death occasioned our utmost Grief, so would it have remained without Remedy, had we not in our immediate View a Succellour just and good, and who had adorned and dignified our Country with his Title.

While Prince you gave us Claim to a particular Honour; and it is with particular Pleasure we now behold your Majesty moving over us in the highest Sphere; whose Goodness will be found as extensive as your Power. This is already confirmed to us by your Majesty's most gracious Declarations, for which we humbly profess our utmost Gratitude and Fidelity. And we assure ourselves, that Religion will flourish under your Majesty and your Royal Consort, so eminently distinguished by a glorious Zeal for the Protestant Faith.

We now look down upon Posterity with Comfort, from the certain Hopes of the same Blessings being perpetuated to them by your Royal Issue, educated under such bright Examples of every Princely Virtue.

The following humble Address of the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and Clergy of the Diocese of Bristol, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of that Diocese, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Albemarle, Lord of the Bedchamber to His Majesty in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and Clergy of the Diocese of Bristol, beg Leave to partake with your Majesty in your Grief for the Death of our late most gracious Sovereign your Royal Father; a Death, which at this Time must have been attended with the utmost ill Consequence to the Welfare of this Nation, and the Tranquility of Europe, if the Loss had not been fully repaired by your Majesty's happy and peaceable Accession to the Throne of your Ancestors.

The great and universal Rejoycings which appeared in all Parts of your Majesty's Domi-

nions upon this solemn Occasion, are open Demonstrations that your Majesty reigns in the united Hearts and Affections of your People; and it shall be our constant Care, both by our Doctrine and our Example, to cherish this loyal Affection, and to instill such Principles of Duty and Obedience into the Minds of all committed to our Trust, as may contribute (as far as in us lies) to make your Majesty's Reign peaceful, happy and glorious.

What greater Blessing can we the Clergy of the Church of England desire, than to have a Protestant King upon the Throne who is of our Communion, who by his Princely Virtue is an Ornament to it, and who by his sacred Word has given the strongest Assurances that he will make the Interest of this Church his first and principal Care. This certainly must make the deepest Impression of Fidelity and Gratitude on the Hearts of all her Sons, who have a true and just Regard to our Civil and Religious Rights.

When we further consider that this great Blessing is still enhanc'd by the exemplary Piety of a good and gracious Queen, so well affected to our excellent Constitution in Church and State, and that it is like to be continued to us and our Posterity by a numerous flourishing Royal Issue, piously educated in the same Principles; what remains for us to wish and pray, but that God (by whom Kings and Queens reign) would be pleased long to preserve your Majesty's sacred Person, your Royal Consort, and all your Royal Family; and earnestly to implore, that there may never be wanting one of your Majesty's illustrious Protestant Line to fill the British Throne, and to transmit to our latest Posterity our Religion, Laws and Liberties, those inestimable Blessings which we now so happily enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious Government.

The following humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, and of the Deputy Lieutenants, High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County Palatine of Durham, has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of Durham, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord William Manners Lord of the Bedchamber to His Majesty in waiting. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

May it please your Majesty,

YOUR peaceable Accession to your Throne does justly relieve us from the Sorrow we were under for the Loss of your Royal Father, whose prudent and steady Resolutions to protect us from the combined Attempts of powerful Enemies to deprive us of the Advantages stipulated by solemn Treaties, and his successful Endeavours to preserve to us, by his wise Conduct and powerful Alliances, whatever was necessary to make us a happy People, must ever claim our grateful Acknowledgments and Remembrance.

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