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**T**HE following humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of Devon, assembled at the Assizes held at the Castle of Exon, August 2, 1727. has been presented to His Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord King Lord High Chancellour of Great Britain. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

*May it please your Majesty,*

**T**Hough the sudden and surprizing Loss of your Royal Father could not but be Matter of great Sorrow and Concern to us and all his loyal Subjects, yet when we turn our Eyes, and look up to your Majesty, by Divine Providence immediately advanced to the Throne, without the least Disturbance, amidst the general Acclamations of your People; we cannot but joyn our Hearts and Voices in the publick Congratulations, and at the same Time wish your Majesty, and promise ourselves, all Joy and Satisfaction from your auspicious Reign.

For what may we not promise ourselves from a King, who has given the World so early Proof of his personal Courage in the Defence of the Protestant Religion, and our own Nation so many Marks of his Wisdom and good Conduct in his more private Capacity; and who, since his Accession to the Throne, has added to all the rest his Royal Word and Assurance of his fixed Resolution, by all possible Means, to merit the Love and Affection of his People; and that it shall be his constant Care to preserve the Constitution in Church and State inviolable in all its Parts; and to secure to all his Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights.

Upon these good Foundations we may justly assure ourselves, that the Protestant Religion shall gain Ground; that the Church shall be protected and encouraged; our Trade, which has met with some Obstruction from the Prospect of an approaching War, shall flourish and encrease: That Gibraltar, which has derived such Glory upon a former Reign, when it was taken; and upon that of your Royal Father, when it was defended with so

great Bravery; shall not be very readily surrendered in this of your Majesty: But both that and Port Mahon, in which two Places of Importance our large and trading County is particularly concerned, shall be effectually secured to us and our Posterity; and that your Majesty shall be a Terror to your Enemies, and a Support to your Friends.

These our Hopes from your Majesty receive no small Addition from your being blessed in such a Royal Consort, who has given ample Testimony of her sincere Affection for the Protestant Religion, in preferring it to the immediate Prospect of a Crown; whose Prudence and Goodness, whose Courtesy and Condescension, and all other princely Vertues, cannot fail of great Influence in promoting such Ends as are truly Glorious and Great, Honourable and Advantageous, in filling the Hearts of all your Subjects with generous Resentments of Gratitude and Loyalty, and obliging them with the strongest and most engaging Ties of Duty and Interest.

Happy in such a Royal Consort, in such a numerous Issue, and in the Affections of your People, joined with your own personal Merit; what is there that the most loyal Heart can wish your Majesty in this World? but a long Continuance of these Blessings, towards which we shall not fail to contribute our hearty Prayers and best Endeavours.

The following humble Address of the High Sheriff, Grand Jury, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the County of Kent, assembled at the Assizes held at Maidstone, August 1, 1727, has been presented to His Majesty by Samuel Pugh, Esq; High Sheriff of the said County, the Honourable John Fane, Esq; Foreman, and other Gentlemen of the Grand Jury, introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Deloraine, 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,

**W**E your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to express our Sorrow for the Death of our late most gracious Sovereign, your Royal Father; and, at the same time to assure your Majesty, that our Hearts are filled with the greatest Joy on your peaceable Accession, to the Throne of your Ancestors.

[ Price Three Pence. ]

