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St. James's, September 16.

THE following humble Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Ministers, and others of the Communion of the Church of England, Members of the New-Chapel in Edinburgh, erected by the Right Honourable John Smith, late Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Scotland, has been presented to His Majesty by the most Reverend Father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury, 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,

WITH all Duty and Affection to your Majesty's most sacred Person, permit us, great Sir, among the rest of your faithful Subjects, who have expressed their deep Concern for the sudden Death of your Royal Father our late dread Sovereign, to pay our Tribute of Condolance; and at the same time, sincerely to congratulate your peaceable Succession to the Imperial Crown of Great Britain.

'Tis no wonder that there is, in every Corner of your Majesty's Dominions, an unsommon Aspect of Joy and Alacrity; that every Day becomes more Signal than other, for the Expressions of your Peoples Loyalty and Affection, when they behold upon the Throne a Monarch, in whom every thing promises and secures to them the most valuable Blessings they can desire or even hope for. The great Lenity and Prudence, wherewith your Majesty, while Regent, conducted the Reins of Government; and the strict Regard you have had to the Laws, since your happy Accession to the Throne; your diffusive and royal Beneficence, and your other noble and princely Virtues, plainly shew, Sir, that you have rivetted this Maxim in your Mind, viz. That

there is nothing Good in Power, but the Power to do Good.

Your Majesty's gracious Declaration must unquestionably be received by all with infinite Pleasure and Satisfaction; and as your Knowledge and Experience of our excellent Constitution have rendered every Part of it most dear to you; we of that Branch of the Church of England, planted in North-Britain, are most sensible of our Felicity, being very confident that we are secure under your Royal Care and Protection.

May the great God of Heaven and Earth, by whom Kings Reign and Princes decree Justice, shew down the choicest of his Blessings upon the Head and Heart of your most sacred Majesty and your Royal Consort our gracious and excellent Queen, who so visibly adorns the eminent Prerogatives of her high Birth with Sentiments of Piety, which always sanctify Grandeur, and must contribute to the Glory, as well as Establishment, of true Religion; her Majesty's bright Example is a clear Proof, that the highest Pitch of human Greatness (which renders the Practice of Holiness more difficult) is however by no Means incompatible with it: The Justice and Goodness of Divine Providence are most conspicuous in giving her Majesty to a great Protestant Church and Nation; the former appears in crowning her rare Endowments, the latter in providing for our Happiness.

From these auspicious Beginnings of your glorious Reign, the Church of England may justly expect and look for the fullest Accomplishment of this Prophecy in your Days, viz. Kings shall be thy nursing Fathers and their Queens thy nursing Mothers.

We humbly crave Leave to add our Prayers, that your Royal Offspring may inherit the sublime Virtues of their illustrious Parents; and ever continue to be the Favourites of Heaven, by whom alone, we are persuaded, the Prosperity of Great Britain can be preserved and transmitted to after Ages.

Edinburgh, Aug. 3, 1727.

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