

men of the County of Oxford, assembled at the Assizes holden for the said County, the 19th Day of July, 1727, has been presented to His Majesty by Sir William Stapleton and Henry Perrot, Esq; 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 High Sheriff, Grand Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Oxon, humbly beg Leave to condole your Majesty on the Death of our late Sovereign, and to congratulate your Majesty on your Accession to the Throne of these Realms.

We cannot but observe how much your Majesty possesses the Affections of your People; a Security much greater than that of Force, and more to be depended on than a standing Army.

We assure ourselves from your Majesty's most gracious and solemn Declaration, that we shall enjoy all the Blessings of a free People; that we shall see Religion countenanced, Taxes lessened, Trade flourish, and the great National Debt discharged, to the Glory of your Majesty, and the Happiness and Ease of your Subjects.

The following Address having been transmitted to his Excellency the Lord Carteret Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has by him been presented to His Majesty. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High Sheriffs, Grand Jury, Justices of the Peace, Clergy, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the City and County of Londonderry, assembled at the Assizes held at Londonderry, August the 18th, 1727.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, could not but be deeply affected with the surprizing News of the sudden Death of your Royal Father, of glorious Memory, the common Father of all his People; and nothing could have asswaged our Grief, but the due Sense that a good Providence had reserv'd to us such a Son to succeed him on his Throne, the undoubted Heir of his Royal Virtues and of his Crown, which calls upon us to congratulate at the same time that we condole with you.

The Experience of your great Wisdom in the Government of these Realms, when you was intrusted with the same by your Royal Father, afforded lasting Satisfaction, and made

deep Impression upon your People, and prepared them to expect every thing that is wise and good from you when these Kingdoms should be your own: And the Courage you shewed even in Youth in the Cause of Liberty, long ago endeared you to a free and valiant People; and Wisdom and Valour in Conjunction are, and will be a solid Foundation of your Authority, both at Home and Abroad.

But your Princely Goodness has found out another Way to assert your Dominion over your faithful Subjects, by taking Possession of their Hearts and reigning there, binding them to you by the Law of Kindness, and the strong Bands of Affection and Love. What could be more engaging than your Majesty's and Royal Consort's great Affability and Condescension to all that had the Honour to come near your Persons? What more endearing than that tender Regard shewn on all Occasions for the People of these Realms, ever since they had the Happiness of your Presence and continual Residence amongst them?

What an universal Joy did your early Declaration to your Council, your gracious Speech to your Parliament, your most indulgent Answers to the Addressees, occasion throughout your Kingdoms? As giving the justest Grounds of Assurance that our happy Constitution in Church and State, and the Civil and Religious Rights of your People, are safe, whilst (under God) they have you for their Guardian and Defender.

How delightful also is it to all your loyal Subjects, to behold the Providential Pledge of the Continuance of these Blessings to our latest Posterity in your numerous Royal Issue? educated with a Care becoming the Importance of their high Station in the World, and conformably to the Example which the Virtue and Goodness of their Royal Parents daily set them.

This Variety of most agreeable Prospects affords us abundant Occasion greatly to rejoyce: And what more suitable Return can we make for those manifold Blessings, than to promise and endeavour, to the utmost of our Power, to behave ourselves worthy of them? With that Thankfulness to Almighty God, that Affection and Zeal towards your Majesty's sacred Person and Government, that dutiful Regard to the best of Queens and your whole Royal Family, as becomes our present Enjoyments and our future Hopes.

And as this City and County in particular did formerly exert themselves to the utmost in Defence of their Religion, Liberties and Laws, against the fiercest Efforts of Popery to bereave us of them; so your Majesty may be assured, that we shall with equal Cheerfulness do the same under a Prince, who has no Interest different from that of his People, and who placeth the Glory of his Reign in the Ease, Welfare and Prosperity of his Subjects.

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