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THE Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of Canterbury, having on Friday, February 9, confirmed the Choice made by the Clergy of the Lower House, of the Reverend Dr. Tanner Archdeacon of Norfolk for their Prolocutor; the following Address was the Tuesday following introduced by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury into the Upper House, and unanimously agreed to by the Lords the Bishops; and being communicated to the Clergy of the Lower House, was likewise unanimously agreed to by them. The next Day, February 14, the two Houses being introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, waited upon His Majesty, and presented it to His Majesty, and were received very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Archbishop, the Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury; in Convocation assembled.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy, of the Province of Canterbury, do with all Humility beg Leave to embrace this first Opportunity of our assembling together in Convocation under your auspicious Government, to express our unfeigned Joy for your happy and peaceable Accession to the Throne of Great Britain, with the general Applause and Satisfaction of all Orders and Degrees of Men amongst us.

The great Loss we sustained By the Death of our late Gracious Sovereign, your Majesty's Royal Father, is by this amply repaired to us, and the repeated Assurances your Majesty has been pleased to give us of your tender Regard to the Welfare and Happiness of your People, which shall always take Place with you of all other Considerations, as they call

for our most thankful and dutiful Acknowledgments; so will they oblige us never to be wanting in our Returns of all that Fidelity and Obedience, which so Gracious a Prince may justly expect, or a grateful People can possibly pay.

The Bishops and Clergy of the Church of England must, with the deepest Sense of your Majesty's Goodness, acknowledge your singular Favour to them, in the Declarations you have been pleased to make, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, as it is now happily established, shall be your first, and always your chief Care. Next to that Establishment which the Law have given them; we cannot have a better Security for both, than the Promise of a Prince, whose Stedfastness to his Word has always made a distinguishing Part of his Character.

Your Majesty's early Concern for the Glory of God, and the Encouragement of Religion and Morality, expressed in your publick Declarations of your Resolution to be careful; above all other Things, to preserve and advance the Honour and Service of Almighty God, and to discourage and suppress all Vice, Profaneness, Debauchery, and Immorality; and for that end to distinguish, upon all Occasions, Persons of Piety and Virtue, by Marks of your Royal Favour, calls for our most hearty Thanks to your Majesty: A Declaration so worthy of your Majesty's Piety and Goodness, if it has the Influence it ought to have on the Lives and Practice of your Subjects, will be the most effectual Means to draw down the Blessing of God upon your Royal Person and Government; and to make your Reign prosperous to your Majesty, and your People; and your solemn Command to all your Officers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, to be strict and vigilant in the Discovery and effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons, who shall be guilty of Blasphemy and Profaneness, or of other dissolute, immoral, or disorderly Practices, will, we trust, in Time, put a Stop to that Spirit of Irreligion, and open Contempt of all Things sacred, which notwithstanding the Care and Diligence of the Government for some Years past, in prosecuting

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