

tants, so we cannot but with the greatest Satisfaction look upon the Marriage of a Lady descended from him with the Heir Apparent of the Crown of Great Britain, as an Earnest of Divine Providence to reward his worthy Family for what they have suffered by the glorious Adherence of their Ancestor to the Cause of Religion and Liberty.

From this Union of the Saxon with your Majesty's August House, we most justly Hope for a Succession of Princes, who, following the Examples of their Royal Progenitors, will defend and maintain the religious and civil Rights of their People, and cherish and encourage your University, which has had the Honour to receive from your Majesty, and your Royal Father, distinguishing Marks of Favour and Bounty.

May your Majesty, the best of Fathers, for many Years see the Happiness of the Royal Pair, and thereby receive Addition to your own: May you, through the whole Course of a long Reign, Enjoy the greatest Felicity which the most dutiful Subjects ever pray'd and wished might attend the most esteemed and beloved Princes.

May 10, 1736.

To which His Majesty was pleas'd to return this most gracious Answer.

*I Thank you for your affectionate Congratulations on the Marriage of my Son. The Expressions of your Zeal, and Regard for me, and my Family, and your Concern for the Protestant Religion are very agreeable to me. The repeated Marks of your Duty and Loyalty, cannot fail of securing to you the Continuance of my Favour, Encouragement and Protection.*

They were introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of the Household, and all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

They were then introduced to the Queen by the Earl of Grantham, Lord Chamberlain to her Majesty; to whom the Vice-Chancellor presented the Book of Verses, and made the following Speech.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**T**HE University of Cambridge begs leave to present to your Majesty this Testimony of their Joy for the Nuptials of his Royal Highness the Prince with the Princess of Saxe Gotha.

The Title of Princess of Wales having been, after a very long Intermission, auspiciously reviv'd in your Royal Person, and by your wearing and giving Lustre to it render'd most grateful to us, earnest have been our Wishes, since your Majesty became possess'd of a higher, to see it again renew'd in the Consort of his Royal Highness the Prince.

These our Wishes having now received their Completion, and being sensible how much we owe to your Majesty, by whom this and other great Blessings have been conveyed to us, we must think ourselves in Duty bound to pray, that your Majesty may long, very long be a Sharer in them; and see the Happiness of their Highnesses, and of every other Branch of the Royal Family.

To which her Majesty was pleas'd to give a most gracious Answer, and they all had the Honour to kiss her Majesty's Hand.

Then they waited upon their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, to whom the Vice-Chancellor presented the Book of Verses, and made the following Speech.

To the Prince.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

**T**O receive with your usual Favour and Goodness this Present, which waits upon you from the University of Cambridge, to congratulate your most happy Nuptials.

It is a Blessing peculiar to his Majesty's Reign, that instead of anxious Thoughts and Fears which the Marriages of our Princes gave formerly to the People, unfeigned Joy doth now fill their Hearts.

How transport'd would this Nation in the last Age have been, to see their Princes joined in Marriage to Protestant Princesses: This Blessing which was denied to them, being by the Favour of Heaven granted to us, we are under the greatest Obligations to be thankful for it, and to wish all imaginable Happiness to your Highness: And we hope that from this auspicious Marriage will spring a Race of Princes in Virtue and Goodness equal to the best, in Glory not inferior to the greatest of their Predecessors:

To the Princess.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

**T**O accept this Tribute of the Cambridge Muses, proud to congratulate your happy Nuptials, and celebrate those Accomplishments with which your Highness is adorn'd, worthy of the Consort of the Prince of Great Britain.

Your Royal Highness having left your own People and your Father's House to compleat the Happiness of the Prince, and perpetuate that of Great Britain; it is a Pleasure to us to think that you will meet with such Returns of tender Affection from their Majesties, Love from your Royal Consort, and Esteem from the British Nation, as will make this Country most agreeable and pleasant to you.

Long may your Royal Highness Live the Joy and Delight of the Prince, and in so constant and uninterrupted a Fashion of the greatest Blessings Heaven can bestow upon you, as to be number'd amongst the most Happy, as well as the most amiable Princesses.