

To which his Royal Highness return'd for himself and the Princess his Consort a most obliging Answer. And they all had the Honour to kiss their Royal Highnesses Hands.

From thence they were conducted to their Royal Highnesses the Duke, the Princess Amelia, and the rest of the Princesses, and the Vice-Chancellor presented them with Books, having first made a short Speech, to which he had very obliging Answers; and they were all admitted to kiss the Duke's, and the Princesses Hands.

Whitehall, May 19.

This Day the Right Hon. the Earl of Arran, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, with Dr. Niblett the Vice-Chancellor, attended by a great Number of Bishops, Noblemen, Heads of Colleges and Halls, Doctors in the several Faculties, Masters of Art, and other Members of that learned Body, were at St. James's in their Formalities, to congratulate his Majesty upon the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with the Princess of Saxe-Gotha; and the Vice-Chancellor presented to his Majesty an Address and a Book of Verses from the University on that Occasion.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, humbly beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty upon the Marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

'Tis to your Majesty, and your illustrious House, that this Nation is indebted for the present Possession and Security of their Religion and Liberties; and it was impossible for your Majesty to have given a more sensible Proof of your great Care to perpetuate these Blessings to your People, than by this Instance of your Wisdom, in marrying the Heir of your Crown and Virtues, to a Princess descended from a Family, so eminently distinguish'd for its steady Adherence to the Protestant Interest.

The great Happiness your People enjoy under your Majesty's mild and auspicious Government, call for the warmest returns of Duty and Gratitude from all your Subjects; and we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our constant Endeavours to render ourselves worthy of your Royal Countenance and Protection, by practising the Duties of Affection and Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Family, and by instilling the same good Principles into the Minds of the Youth committed to our Care.

May that Almighty Power, by whom Kings Reign, long preserve your Sacred Life, a Blessing to this Church and Nation, and may those Virtues, which now add a Lustre to the Crown in your Majesty's Person, be transmitted down

to your Royal Progeny through all succeeding Generations.

To which his Majesty was pleased to return this most gracious Answer.

I Thank you for your loyal Address, and for this Instance of your Zeal and Affection for my Person and Family. The Assurances you give me of instilling the same Principles of Duty and Loyalty into the Minds of the Youth committed to your Care, are very acceptable to me; and you may be assured, in Return, of my constant Support, Favour, and Protection.

They were introduc'd by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, and all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

Then they were introduced to the Queen, afterwards to the Prince and Princesses of Wales; and then to their Royal Highnesses the Duke, the Princess Amelia, and the rest of the Princesses: The Vice-Chancellor made short Speeches at presenting the Book of Verses, and received from each of them very gracious and obliging Answers; and they all had the Honour to kiss her Majesty's and their Royal Highnesses Hands.

The following Address of the Lord High Steward, Deputy Steward, High Bailiff, Chief Burgesses, Burgesses, High Constable, and Burgesses Assistants of the City and Liberty of Westminster, has been presented to his Majesty by the Right Honourable the Lord Sundon and Sir Charles Wager, their Representatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Hon. the Lord William Manners: Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously; and they all had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord High Steward, Deputy Steward, High Bailiff, Chief Burgesses, Burgesses, High Constable, and Burgesses Assistants of the City and Liberty of Westminster.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord High Steward, Deputy Steward, High Bailiff, Chief Burgesses, Burgesses, High Constable, and Burgesses Assistants of your ancient City and Liberty of Westminster, humbly beg Leave to present to your Majesty our most sincere and hearty Congratulations on the Marriage of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales with her illustrious Highness the Princess of Saxe-Gotha.

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