

made the private Loss of the Royal Family a public Misfortune.

May the Divine Providence long preserve your Majesty, and may there never be wanting one of your Majesty's Royal Descendants to be the Guardian of our most happy Constitution.

*His Majesty's Answer, delivered the Eleventh Day of November, 1767.*

I thank you for this loyal Address, and for the Satisfaction you express in the Increase of my Family. Those Expressions of your zealous Attachment cannot but be agreeable to me. The Religion and Liberties of my People always have been, and ever shall be, the constant Objects of my Care and Attention; and I shall esteem it one of my first Duties to instil the same Principles into those who may succeed me.

I regard your Condolence on the melancholy Event of the Duke of York's Death, as an additional Proof of your Attachment to me and my Family, and I take this first Opportunity of expressing my Thanks for it.