

TO HIS
ROYAL HIGHNESS
GEORGE-AUGUST,
Prince of WALES, &c.

KNIGHT and *COMPANION* of the
MOST NOBLE ORDER of the
GARTER.

PARDON me, Mighty
Prince, that in the
Crowd of Your Joy-
ful and Devoted *Britons*,
one of an obscure Fame
presumes to lay his *Humble*
Offering at Your Feet.

IT is the *History* of the
MOST NOBLE ORDER of the
GARTER; which, from its
first Institution, has been
constantly worn by Persons
of the highest Birth, and
most illustrious Merit.

The DEDICATION.

IF the *Stile* and *Manner*, in which it is treated, were proportionable to the Dignity of the Subject, there would need no Apology for this Dedication. For to whom, next to the *Great Sovereign* of the *Garter*, whose true *Heir* You are, in all manner of *Virtue* and *Honour*, could this Treatise have recourse for Protection, but to Your Royal Highness, who are the *Premier Knight* of this *Most Noble Order*, and the standing *Grace* and *Ornament* of it.

BUT far above all particular *Views*, are the unspeakable Blessings derived to these Kingdoms, by the SUCCESSION of Your *Illustrious Royal House* :
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Every *Briton* seems new Born,
and to have borrow'd fresh
Influence from its Glorious
Presence.

THE Godlike Virtues of
Your Royal Father, are not
to be excelled; and should
we venture to express an
Equality, it can only be the
Appearance of Your Royal
Highness's imitating so
Great a Pattern.

AS He is Wise and Good
beyond Praise, so has He a
Title to the Hearts of His
People beyond Question;
which stands Confirmed by
the highest Instances of Di-
vine Providence, as well as
the incontestible Authori-
ties of Temporal Laws: On
these Foundations, what glo-
rious Prospects may we not
Build

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Build of future Happiness?

IT were easy to dwell on this Subject, were it not wasting Moments of much more concern to Your Royal Highness, than what I am able to Express.

MAY Your Royal Highness long Live to Adorn this MOST NOBLE ORDER, and to support the Crown, by a bountiful and flourishing Issue, that there may never want one of Your Royal Line to sit on the Throne of Great-Britain,

Is the Ardent Prayer of,
ILLUSTRIOUS SIR!

Your Royal Highness's

Most Faithful,

Most Obedient,

and Humbly Devoted Servant.