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I may venture to say Sir that there
are not two more joyful hearts in this Kingdom than
those of the Cottagers this morning; permit me to add
Sir, nor two more grateful. They feel in the highest degree
their infinite debt of dutiful attachment, & yet infinite
as this debt is their hearts do not reproach them with the
want of a proper sense of it - Few moments have passed in
which their thoughts were not engaged by their anxiety for
the happy event which hath now come to pass and it hath
been the constant companion of their most awful address -
Dare I presume to say, Sir, that not only duty, gratitude, patriotism,
and the most loyal interest in the happiness of the whole Royal
Family produced the anxiety, but the most respectful personal
attachment & veneration, & pardon us Sir if we add that it is
our most ardent wish & prayer that the Two Best as well as the
Two Greatest Persons in the Kingdom may be the healthiest
& live to be the Oldest It hath ever been blessed with in that
Station

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Hatfield.

May we presume Sir to offer our most humble duty
and congratulations —

You are graciously pleased Sir to have
it in your thoughts to give us an opportunity of paying
our personal Duty — We are but too sensible already how
much we must fail in that moment of expressing our most
interesting sensations — Your goodness Sir Your goodness
Heaven must supply our weakness in one of the most
trying moments of our lives —

Langton.

6th Nov. 1777.

Mr. Tall

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