

Bishop of London (Thomas Sherlock) to H. H.,

6 Fulham House 1st Nov: 1760.

Sir,

Amidst the Congratulations that surround the Throne, permit me to lay before your Majesty the sentiments of a Heart, which, tho' oppress'd with Age and Infirmity, is no Stranger to the Joys of my Country.

When the melancholly news of the Late Kings Demise reach'd us, it naturally led us to consider the loss we had; and upon what our hopes of Futurity depended: The first part excited Grief, and put all the tender Passions into Motion; But the second brought Life and Spirit with it, and wiped away the Tear from every Face.

O how graciously did the Providence of God provide a Successor; Able to bear the weight of Government, in that unexpected Event.

You, Sir, are the Person whom the People ardently desire, which Affection of theirs is happily return'd by your Majesty's declared concern for their Prosperity; and let nothing

disturb

disturbe this mutual Consent: Let there never be but one Contest
between them, whether the King loves the People best or the People
Him; And may it be along, a very long contest between them
and may it never be decided, but let it remain doubtfull; and
may the Paternal Affection on one side, and the filial Obedience
on the other, be had in perpetual Remembrance.

As this will probably be the last time I shall ever
trouble Your Majesty, I beg leave to express my warmest wishes
and Prayers on your behalfs. May the God of Heaven and
Earth have you always under His Protection, and direct you
to seek His Honour and glory in all you do, and may you
reap the benefit of it, by an increase of Happiness in this World
and in the next.

Your Majesty's
most Dutifull
and Obedient

Subject and Servant
Thos. London