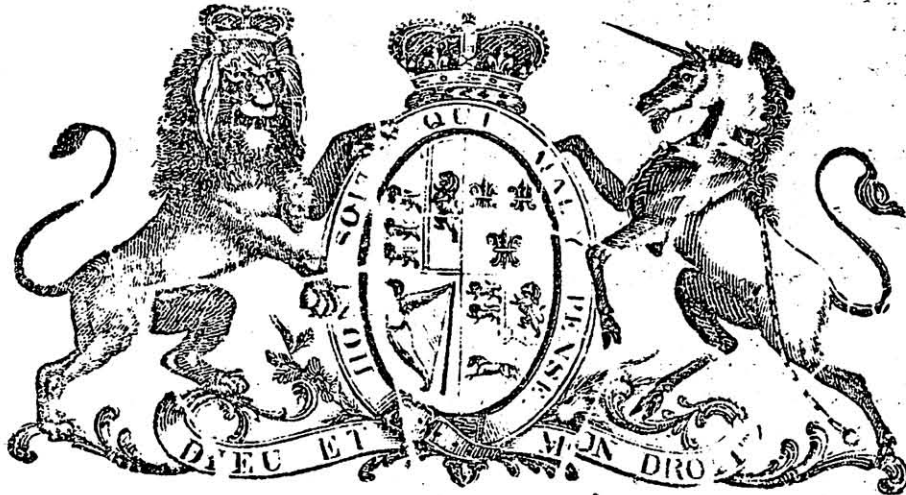


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ST JAMES'S, JULY 20. 1803.

The following Address having been presented to the King, his Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously:

To the KING.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the General Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland, assembled in their annual Meeting according to the ancient statutes of this realm, humbly approach the throne, to renew, in the name of our Constituents, the most solemn assurances of their firm allegiance to your Majesty's Person and Government, and of their inviolable attachment to the liberties and constitution of their country.

The spirit of encroachment and insolence manifested by the Governors of France during the short interval of peace, their undisguised violation of the rights of independent States, their daring attempts to dishonour this nation, by limiting the exercise of its freedom and hospitality; their contemptuous neglect of the remonstrances made against the injustice practised on your Majesty's subjects; their avowed hostility to the general commerce and prosperity of your Kingdom, and their intolent boast, that, in a contest with France, Britons are unequal to their own defence; these repeated acts of provocation and aggression have demonstrated that, on their part, the peace was only a deceitful truce, and have roused through every corner of this land the most determined resolution to decline no sacrifices which your Majesty may deem necessary for maintaining the dignity and independence of your Crown. In this patriotic resolution the Convention of the Royal Burghs of your ancient Kingdom of Scotland most cordially participate.

As guardians, in this part of the Empire, of that great system of commerce and manufactures, which has raised Britain to her present envied pre-eminence, and contributed so essentially to the convenience and improvement of the civilized world, we must be peculiarly sensible to the evils of a war directed immediately against the source of the public prosperity. But we have learned that partial and temporary evils must be borne for the sake of universal and permanent good. We have calculated the dangers of the awful struggle in which your Majesty has been compelled to engage; and we foresee the loss and embarrassment which it

may occasion to ourselves, as well as the great expence of treasure and blood, which it may cost the nation. But we feel that the glory, the happiness, and even the existence of our country are now at stake; we see around us the wrecks of nations whom a short-sighted selfishness withheld from making the requisite exertions in due time; and we are deeply convinced that no danger can be equal to that of subjection to a foreign power, and no loss so irreparable as the loss of national honour and independence.

Animated by these sentiments, the Convention of the Royal Burghs feel themselves called on to ratify, in its full extent, the pledge of support given to your Majesty by our Representatives in Parliament; and we are ready to stand forth with our lives and fortunes in the public cause. The power and resources of this country, under your Majesty's auspicious Government, have reached a height unknown in the annals of our history. We are confident that, in the present eventful crisis, your Majesty will employ them with energy and vigour; and we trust that, through the blessing of Heaven on the wisdom of your Councils, and the justice of your cause, they will enable your Majesty to repel the attacks of the enemy, to preserve the invaluable blessings of our free Constitution, to protect and extend the means of commercial enterprise to your subjects, and to furnish to many other nations of Europe, our ancient friends and allies, an opportunity of recovering their former dignity.

Signed, in our name, by our appointment, and in our presence.

NEIL MACVICAR, Prefes.
Edinburgh, July 15. 1803.

[Presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord Pelham]
(The Gazette also contains the addresses of the County of Berwick, the Burgh of Stirling, the Town of Paisley, and many others.)

ADMIRALTY OFFICE, JULY 24, 1803.

Copy of a letter from Captain Parke, of Majesty's ship Amazon, to Sir Evan Neave Bart. dated at sea, the 6th instant.

Sir—I beg you will make known to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that his Majesty's ship Amazon, under my command, captured this morning at eight o'clock, after a chase of four

hours, Le Felix, a very fine copper-bottomed French schooner privateer, armed with 16 4 pounders (14 of which were thrown overboard during the chase), and a complement of 96 men. She belonged to La Rochelle, from which port she had been out 24 days, and had made but one capture, the Esther, a British ship, from Honduras bound to London, the master of which, with part of the crew, were found on board.

I am, &c. W. PARKER.

CROWN-OFFICE, JULY 26. 1803.

Member returned to serve in this present Parliament.

Borough of Great Grimsby.—The Hon. Charles Anderson Pelham, in the room of Ayscoghe Boucherett, Esq. who hath accepted the office of Steward of his Majesty's Manor of East Hendred, in the county of Berks.

WAR OFFICE, JULY 26. 1803.

2d Dragoon Guards—Lieut. George Grossler, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant.

4th—Lieut. Anthony A. O'Reilly, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant.

5th—Lieut. R. D. Cane, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant.

7th—Lieut. John Darke, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant.

3d Dragoons—Fagel, to be Cornet, without purchase.

6th—Cornet Henry Madox to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Glover, who retires; John Fyche, to be Cornet, vice Madox.

7th Light dragoons—Cornet and Adjutant John Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice Barbor, promoted.

9th—Lieut. William John Sampson, from the 13th light dragoons, to be Captain of a company, by purchase, vice Johnstone, who retires.

12th—Lieut. Francis Raynes, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant; Ralph Westropp, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Cole, who retires.

14th—Robert Knipe, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Reddington, promoted; F. Henry Skinner, to be Cornet, by purchase, vice Ferwick.

15th—Lieut. — Heyliger, from half pay of the regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice Western, promoted.

[Price Sixpence.]

