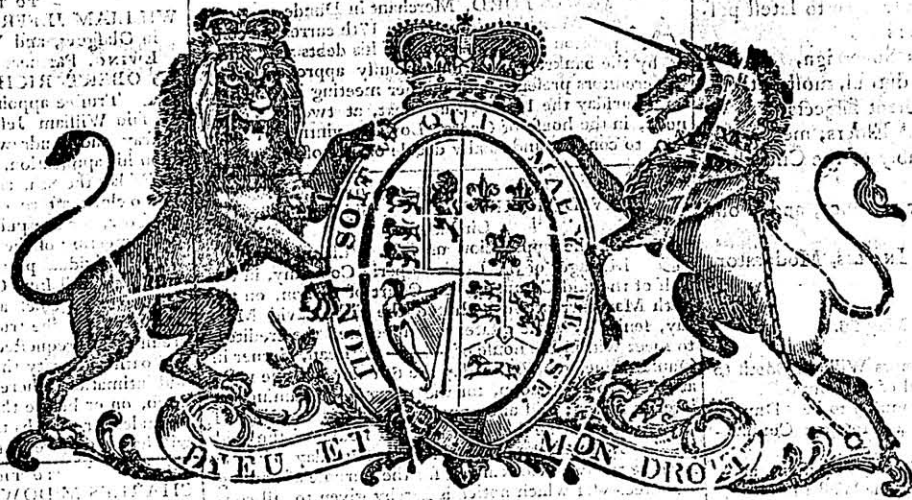


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WHITEHALL—MAY 26.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Hon. Robert Stewart, commonly called Viscount Castlereagh; his Grace William Henry Cavendish Duke of Portland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, President of his Majesty's Council; the Right Hon. Robert Banks Baron Hawkesbury; the Right Hon. John Jeffries Earl Camden, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter; the Right Hon. Dudley Baron Harrowby, his Majesty's three Principal Secretaries of State; the Right Hon. William Pitt, Chancellor of his Majesty's Exchequer; the Right Hon. Sylvester Baron Glenbervie, (of that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland,) the Right Hon. Thomas Wallace, and Richard Trench, Esq. commonly called Viscount Dunlop, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for the management of the affairs of India.

The King has also been pleased to grant to the Right Hon. George Canning, the office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy.

The King has been pleased to nominate and appoint the Right Hon. Arthur Paget, his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Vienna, to be one of the Knights Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

WHITEHALL—MAY 26.

The following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Francis Lord Napier, his Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Hon. Lord Hawkesbury, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to

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the King, which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Assembly, beg leave to approach the throne, in the present alarming situation of the affairs of Europe, with sentiments of the most sincere and affectionate attachment to your Majesty's person and government

Persuaded that your Majesty's paternal care preferred to us the blessings of peace, so long as they could be retained with safety and honour, we beheld with indignation that spirit of aggression and aggrandizement in the ruler of France, which obliged your Majesty to draw the sword in defence of every thing we regard as dear:—His lawless ambition, not satisfied with the overthrow of several independent Governments, with the extinction of some of the most free and prosperous States, and with the subjugation of France itself to a most odious tyranny, seems to aim at nothing less than universal domination.

Regarding the prosperity and power of Britain as the chief obstacles to the progress of his despotism, he directs all his force, and that of his allies, to the invasion of our country, and by a mighty and unprecedented armament, in the fierceness of his rage, threatens us with desolation.

Although we consider the present war as the most arduous and important contest in which our country has ever been engaged; although we feel that our religion, our liberties, our laws, and our existence as a nation are at stake; yet trusting in the justice of our cause, and looking

up with humble confidence for the continuance of that Divine protection which has hitherto supported us, we behold the immense preparations of the enemy without dismay.

We rejoice in that ardour and enthusiasm in the cause of their country which animate all classes of your Majesty's subjects; and we have peculiar satisfaction in being able to assure your Majesty, that this generous and patriotic spirit glows in the hearts of the people of Scotland.

We beg leave to congratulate your Majesty on the success which has attended your arms in confining within their ports, formidable armaments, intended to carry war in all its horrors, into the heart of our country; and on the important conquests achieved by your forces in the East and West Indies.

Happy in the inestimable privileges we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and paternal rule; we trust that the united efforts of a brave nation will, by the blessing of the Almighty, defend and maintain our free constitution against the hostile enterprises of haughty enemy, and convince him that he shall never be able to wrest from us, and from our children, the prosperity at which he may repine.

That the God of armies, the arbiter of battles, may give success to the means employed for the protection and security of our country; that he may shield your Majesty's fleets and armies, and lead them to victory; that he may speedily restore to us the blessings of an honourable, an advantageous, and a lasting peace; that happy in your family and government, your Majesty may long reign in the hearts of your subjects; and that descendants of your illustrious house, steadily

