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St. JAMES'S, MARCH 2, 1808.

The following addresses having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Hawkesbury, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by his Lordship presented to the King; which addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING.

Sire,

We, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Supply, Clergy, and other Gentlemen of Nairnshire, called together this day at Nairn, cheerfully embrace the opportunity, along with the rest of your loyal subjects, of assuring your Majesty of our most sincere attachment to your person, family, and government, and of expressing our sacred veneration for the British constitution.

If necessary, at a crisis like the present, we are ready to prove that attachment, and support that constitution, with our lives and fortunes. We fervently invoke the Almighty for your preservation; and that, aided by wisdom in your councils, unanimity in your Parliament, with the energy and spirit of your navy and army, you may soon accomplish the anxious wish of your heart, a safe and honourable peace.

Signed in our name and by our appointment, by James Brodie, of Brodie, Esq. our Preses.

JAMES BRODIE, Esq.

Nairn, February 19, 1808.

[Transmitted by James Brodie, Esq.]

To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, Merchants, Traders, and

other Inhabitants of Montrose, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the most dutiful expressions of our loyalty and attachment to your person and government. At a period when the most powerful combinations are formed to abridge our power, and crush our national prosperity, we consider it to be the indispensable duty of all your Majesty's subjects to express their determination of defending with their lives and fortunes those invaluable blessings, of which the rancorous envy of their enemies would deprive them. We have beheld with sorrow the degradation of Europe; and with mixed feelings of pity and indignation have seen the most powerful Monarchs humbling themselves before a desolating and insulting foe. We are convinced, however, that the devastations which we deplore have been brought about more by the imbecility of the measures adopted by the Sovereigns, and by the subversion of patriotic feelings amongst their subjects, than by the valour and prowess of their enemies. This conviction is sufficient to set us perfectly at ease as to our national security; for we have full confidence in the wisdom which directs your Majesty's councils, and in the patriotism which animates the hearts of your subjects. And we cannot help feeling a degree of exultation when we reflect that these principles, as often as brought to the trial, have never failed to prove triumphant.

Confiding, then, in your Majesty's paternal solicitude for the welfare of your people, in the extent of our resources, and in the bravery of our countrymen; and humbly trusting that the Almighty will continue to bless our efforts, what have we to fear? We are not, indeed, insensible to the calamities of war. We deeply deplore its ravages amongst our fellow-creatures; and we are among the number of your Majesty's subjects who chiefly suffer by the interruption of commerce, and by that unprecedented mode of

warfare which the inventive hostility of our enemy has introduced. Still, however, we would willingly make every sacrifice, and submit to every privation, rather than compromise the honour of the British name; and much as we lament the evils of war, we may prefer it, with all its hardships, to an insecure and ignominious peace. As we are convinced of your Majesty's pacific disposition, we are certain that your Majesty will embrace the first opportunity that occurs of restoring to your people the blessings of peace, on a secure and permanent basis. In the meantime, being satisfied of the justice and necessity of the war in which we are engaged, we wait with patience; trusting that, under the direction of Providence, the measures adopted by your Majesty will bring it to an honourable termination. It is our earnest prayer that he who holds in his hands the balance of empire, may still continue to be the guardian of the British nation; that he may ever extend the shield of protection over your Majesty's person, and keep your subjects sensible of the inestimable blessings which they enjoy under your Majesty's auspicious government.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, at Montrose, the 25th day of February 1808, by

JAMES PATON, Provost.

[Transmitted by James Farquhar, Esq. Representative in Parliament for the said Town.]

To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town-Council of Kenfrew; most dutifully beg leave to approach the throne to assure you of our most cordial attachment to your Majesty's person and government; and that you shall always find us willing to undergo whatever privations may be necessary to support

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