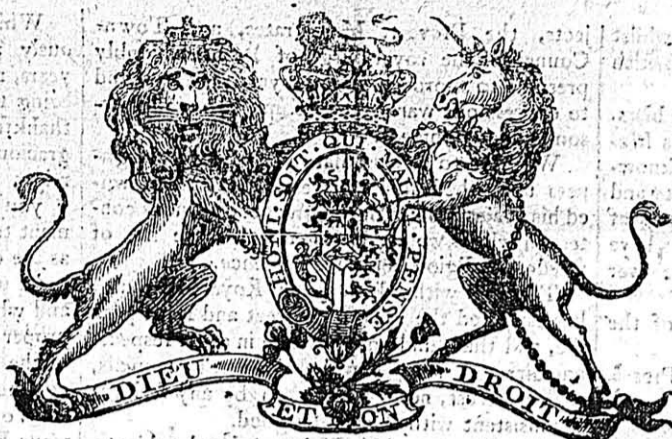


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The following Addresses have been presented to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Addresses his Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's most faithful and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Justices of Peace, Freeholders, and Heritors, of the county of Haddington, humbly approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of the most zealous and affectionate attachment towards your august person, and of profound gratitude for the security and happiness which we have continued to enjoy since the Regency of the empire, under circumstances of uncommon difficulty, was first committed to the hands of your Royal Highness.

In contemplating the important events which have since passed on the great theatre of the world, we reflect with pride and satisfaction on the dignified part which great Britain has maintained, and the pre-eminent situation in which she now stands. When we turn our eyes to the continent we behold a powerful nation groaning under the oppression of a foreign usurper, and wherever his baleful influence has extended, we have seen him overturning or paralyzing the ancient establishments of Europe; when we look at home we see a favoured empire, happy in the virtues of its ruler, in the excellence of its constitution, and in the loyalty and patriotism of its people, not only vigorously maintaining with its fleets and armies its own freedom and independence, but also generously exerting its powerful resources in protecting an old and faithful ally, and in rescuing a nation, once great and prosperous, from the yoke of treacherous usurpation.

We rejoice in the glorious success, which, under the blessing of Providence, has attended the measures pursued by your Royal Highness; whilst the British Navy has triumphantly maintained the sovereignty of the ocean, we reflect with feelings of exultation, and most cordially congratulate your Royal Highness on the distinguished achievements accomplished in repeated

battles and sieges in Spain and Portugal, by the enterprising courage of his Majesty's armies, which must command the admiration of all future ages; and we further congratulate your Royal Highness on the complete annihilation of the power of France and Holland, in India, by which the tranquillity of our valuable possessions in that quarter of the world has been effectually secured.

From events which thus, under the Regency of your Royal Highness, have added lustre to the national character; from the proofs which have been exhibited of strict and inviolable adherence to the treaties existing with our allies; and, above all, from the invariable regard and watchful care which your Royal Highness has evinced for the rights, interests, and welfare of the people, we are led to form the most favourable presages of your future government, to look forward with confidence to the result of the arduous contest in which we are engaged, and firmly to rely that, under the auspices and direction of your Royal Highness, the invaluable blessings we possess as an independent nation, enjoying the best constitution the world has ever known, will be preserved to ourselves, and transmitted unimpaired to our prosperity.

Most heartily deploring the continuance of that unfortunate malady with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and cordially uniting with your Royal Highness in earnest prayers for the restoration of his Majesty's health, but, at the same time, entertaining those views on the situation of public affairs, which we have taken the liberty to express, we feel it to be our duty, as faithful and loyal subjects of the King, gratefully to offer to your Royal Highness our hearty acknowledgments for the measures you have pursued for the prosperity of the empire; and at the same time humbly to assure your Royal Highness of our firm, steady, and zealous support in the administration of the government.

Signed by the Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington, as Præses of the meeting, in

our name and by our appointment, this 5th May 1812.

[Presented by Mr Secretary Ryder.]

To his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The loyal Address of the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, other Heritors, and Justices of the Peace of the Shire of Inverness, in a General Meeting assembled, held at Inverness the 11th day of March 1812.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, other Heritors, and Justices of the Peace of the county of Inverness, humbly approach your Royal Highness.

Impressed with the deepest sorrow for that heavy visitation which has removed our revered sovereign from the cares of government, and threatens to deprive us for ever of his parental interest and protection, we turn with confidence to your Royal Highness, in the firm persuasion that, under your sway, we shall enjoy a continuance of those blessings which, during a long and glorious reign of fifty years, the virtues of our sovereign have secured to his people.

While we see every act of your Royal Highness marked with the most profound respect towards your august father, we feel assured that the same principles which guided his conduct, and the same virtues which exalted his character, will shed their lustre round your throne; and their influence on every measure of your government; nor can we resist the tribute of our humble applause to the wisdom that has regulated your Royal Highness in the arrangements which promise further to secure to us the benefit of those counsels which have hitherto proved so beneficial to the empire.

When, from the contemplation of desolated Europe, we turn our eyes to the peaceful security of our native land; and see that avenging sword, reeking with the blood of nations, turned harmless from ourselves; we acknowledge the wisdom of those counsels, which, under a mightier guid

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