

most amiable private Virtues, have ever been happily united with the patriotic Regard for the Welfare and best Interests of their People.

In this noble Alliance with a Protestant Prince, descended of the same Stem with your illustrious House, and connected with the most respectable of the Powers of Europe, we see with Pleasure an additional Security of the Stability of your Majesty's Throne, and of the consequent Happiness of your People under the best of Governments; a Constitution which has been the Envy and Admiration of enlightened Nations, and which, it may with Truth be affirmed, that all who are worthy of the Blessings it bestows, will join to venerate, and cordially unite to preserve.

Signed and sealed by our Appointment, and in our Presence, this 24th Day of May, 1797.

Thomas Elder, Provost.

Whitehall, June 3, 1797.

THE following Addresses having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by him presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Assembly, beg Leave to approach your Throne with our most respectful Congratulations on the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of Great Britain, your Majesty's eldest Daughter, with His Serene Highness the Hereditary Prince of Wirtemberg Stutgard.

While we sincerely rejoice in every Event that may increase your Majesty's domestic Comfort, and enlarge the Sphere of your paternal Affections, we regard every Extension of your Royal Family as an additional Security of our Religion and Liberties.

In the present Situation of public Affairs, so deeply interesting to the British Empire, we feel it to be our Duty to renew the warmest Expressions of our steady and zealous Attachment to your Majesty's Sacred Person, and to that Constitution, which was established by the Wisdom and Virtue of our Forefathers, has been improved under your Royal Ancestors, and is so happily administered by your Majesty, for the Security of those Laws, which give equal Protection to all your Subjects, and for the Advancement of national Prosperity. We have the Satisfaction of assuring your Majesty, that the great Body of the People under our Care concur with us in the same Sentiments of Loyalty, and in the same Reverence for the Laws and Institutions of our Country; and that there is no Abatement of that Spirit, which has produced so many voluntary and generous Exertions for the Preservation of internal Order, for the Defence of those Realms against the secret Machinations and open Violence of foreign Enemies, and for the Support of national Honour. They continue to feel and to act as becomes Britons, ready to sacrifice every private Consideration in Behalf of their beloved Sovereign, of the Independence of their Country, and of their Religion and Liberties.

While our People patiently and cheerfully endure the inevitable Toils and Burdens of War, they join with us in cherishing the pleasing Hope of Peace,

when Peace can be obtained on Terms fair and honourable, such as will give full Security for the many Blessings by which your Majesty's Subjects are distinguished. For the Attainment of which most desirable Object we rely under God, with the most entire Confidence on the Wisdom and Vigour of your Majesty's Councils.

That Almighty God, whose Providence rules the Nations, and determines the Issues of War, may, by the Means which He hath chosen, and at His appointed Time, turn the Hearts of our Enemies; that He may diffuse a Spirit of Union and Loyalty among all your Majesty's Subjects; that He may prosper the Measures of Government, and may continue to bless the British Empire under the Light of His Countenance, and that your Majesty may long reign over a free, happy and affectionate People, are the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most dutiful, most faithful,
and most obedient Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders, met in this
National Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our
Appointment, by

John Adamsen, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 24, 1797.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address and Congratulation of the
Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City
of Aberdeen.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates and Council of your City of Aberdeen, beg Leave with all Humility and Respect to approach your Majesty, and to express our heartfelt Congratulations on the Nuptials of the Princess Royal with His Serene Highness the Prince of Wirtemberg.

Animated with the most lively Sentiments of inviolable Attachment to the best of Sovereigns, and deeply sensible of the invaluable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and salutary Government, we warmly participate the universal Satisfaction which this auspicious Event has diffused among our Fellow Subjects, and we rejoice in the pleasing Prospect of the Increase of your Majesty's domestic Felicity which it affords.

Accept, most gracious Sovereign, of the Expressions of our unshaken Affection to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government, which we are happy in this fortunate Opportunity of renewing.

That this Union may be productive of the most perfect conjugal Felicity to your Majesty's Royal Daughter and her Serene Consort, and may contribute to extend and strengthen the Interests of the illustrious House of Brunswick; that the Almighty Sovereign of the Universe may ever continue with your Majesty His most gracious Protection, may defend your Royal Person, Family and Government against all foreign and domestic Enemies; and having long preserved to a free, a happy and a grateful People the Blessings enjoyed under your Majesty's paternal and auspicious Reign, may maintain the Crown of these Realms in your Majesty's Royal House to the latest Posterity, is the sincere and fervent Prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal
Subjects