

or worn out in the Service, cannot forbear expressing their Indignation and Abhorrence of those most daring and atrocious Acts of Disorder and Plunder now unhappily prevailing among the Sailors in many of your Majesty's Ships of War, to a Degree the most disgraceful to the Name and Profession of a British Seaman, and which, unless timely checked, threaten to overwhelm these Kingdoms into a Situation truly calamitous.

With Hearts impressed by the most ardent and sincere Loyalty to your sacred Person, and Veneration for the present Constitution and Laws, in the due and respectful Obedience of which alone depends the very Existence of this Country, we humbly presume to assure your Majesty, that every Effort that can be used by this House in its corporate Capacity, and also by the Members as Individuals, shall be exerted in endeavouring to obtain a Re-establishment of that Subordination and Discipline among the Seamen that is so essential to preserve these Kingdoms from falling a Prey to domestic Anarchy and lawless Licentiousness, or to a foreign Enemy.

Given under our Common Seal the 10th Day of June, in the 37th Year of your Majesty's Reign.

Charles Shipman, } Wardens.
Rd. Thorley, }

[Presented by his Grace the Duke of Leeds, K. G. and Samuel Thornton, Esq;]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, Ship Owners, Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Sunderland and its Neighbourhood.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and faithful Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Ship Owners, Merchants and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Sunderland and its Neighbourhood, actuated by a sincere Affection for your Majesty's Person and Family, and a firm Attachment to the established Government of your Kingdoms, beg Leave to approach the Throne, to offer to your Majesty our most zealous Support at this very arduous and momentous Period.

Deeply sensible of the solid Advantages we enjoy under our excellent Constitution, and desirous of transmitting it inviolate and unimpaired to the latest Posterity, permit us to assure your Majesty, that we shall be at all Times ready to exert our most vigorous Endeavours to counteract every Attempt that may be made to endanger it, to oppose the Machinations of every foreign Enemy, and to disappoint the malignant Designs of internal Foes.

We will resist and discourage, as far as we can, whatever may tend to disturb the Peace and Order of Society, and will, both by Example and Influence in our several Stations, recommend Subordination and due Submission to the Laws, as the best Means of preserving the Tranquillity and Safety of our Country, and of promoting its Welfare and Prosperity.

Animated with these Sentiments, and lamenting with peculiar Concern and Abhorrence the Arts practised by unnatural Incendiaries to sow Disaffection, and to draw your Majesty's Forces from their Allegiance, by endeavouring to raise in their Minds groundless Discontents, we will give every Aid to the Executive Power, and co-operate with Parliament

in such Measures, as in their Wisdom they shall judge necessary, to bring the misguided and deluded Crews of some of your Majesty's Ships to a Sense of Duty, to that Obedience and Discipline which are so essential to the Security of the Country, which till lately ever distinguished their Conduct, and which, we trust, will again be the Character of the British Seamen.

We also beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we unite, from a Sense of Duty and Interest, in earnestly praying that your Majesty may long reign over a loyal, free and happy People, in full Enjoyment of Health and Prosperity.

June 8, 1797.

[Presented by Rowland Burdon, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said County.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Portsmouth Volunteer Artillery.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Portsmouth Artillery Volunteers, respectfully beg Leave to approach your Majesty, to express the deep Concern and Indignation which, with all your Majesty's faithful Subjects, we feel at the present disgraceful, dishonorable and ungrateful Conduct of some of the Seamen of your Majesty's Fleet, who, instigated by the wicked Insinuations of evil disposed Persons, Enemies to their King and Country, have committed, and still commit, Acts of Insubordination and Outrage, degrading to the Character of British Seamen, hitherto as highly distinguished for Loyalty and good Conduct, as for Intrepidity in vanquishing their Enemies.

Impelled therefore by our Duty to your Majesty and to our Country, we step forward at this alarming Crisis, to manifest at once our just Abhorrence of the atrocious Conduct of the deluded Seamen, (notwithstanding your Majesty's gracious Admonition to them) and our warm Admiration of the confirmed Loyalty of your Majesty's Troops, so evident by their public Declarations and exemplary Conduct, and to avow our Readiness, residing in the first Port of the Kingdom, to support with our Lives such Measures as your Majesty in your Wisdom may deem most expedient to adopt for the Restoration of good Order and Subordination among the Seamen of your Majesty's Fleet, for the Honour, Dignity and Welfare of our Country.

Given this 9th of June, 1797.

[Presented by Sir William Heathcote, Bart.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Portsmouth Loyal Volunteers.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Loyal Volunteers of Portsmouth, respectfully beg Leave to approach your Majesty, to express the deep Concern and Indignation which, with all your Majesty's faithful Subjects, we feel at the present disgraceful, dishonorable and ungrateful Conduct of some of the Seamen of your Majesty's Fleet, who, instigated by the wicked Insinuations of evil disposed Persons, Enemies to their King and Country, have committed, and still commit, Acts of Insubordination and Outrage, degrading to the Character