

by the Combined Imperial Armies, the various Kingdoms and States of Italy have been rescued from the predatory Tyranny of French Power.

Among the fortunate Effects of those Exertions, it is a Subject of much Joy to us to observe the Restoration of the Throne of Naples to its lawful Possessor, and the Renewal of our former friendly Intercourse with that Kingdom.

We have derived the most sincere Satisfaction from the signal Check which the French Expedition to Egypt has sustained from the Exertions of Turkish Arms, animated by the gallant Co-operation of a small Detachment of His Majesty's Forces under the Direction of a Commander, whose Skill and Heroism entitle him to our warmest Applause and Admiration.

It is a Source of just Pride and Exultation to us that the hostile Projects of the common Enemy in India, have terminated in the entire Destruction of the Power which their Artifices had deluded into the Support of their ambitious Schemes; and that the timely, vigorous, and decisive Councils of the Marquis Wellesley, aided by the tried Abilities and Intrepidity of His Majesty's Generals, Officers, and Troops, have both beneficially enlarged the British Possessions in that Quarter of the Globe, and placed them in a State of solid and permanent Security.

We are truly sensible to the important Advantage which has accrued from the Descent of His Majesty's Forces and his Russian Allies on the Coast of Holland, by the Rescue of the Dutch Fleet from the Power of the Enemy; and although the Season proved so peculiarly unfavourable for Military Operations, as to render it impracticable to persist in an Enterprize so fortunately commenced, and thus prevented the entire Accomplishment of His Majesty's Views, yet the Result of the Expedition has been productive of the most beneficial Effects to this Kingdom, by removing all Fear of an Attack on our Coasts from a Quarter whence it had been so often planned, and by enabling His Majesty's Fleets to direct their undivided Attention to the only Port from which the Enemy can make any Attempt on this Country with any Hope even of a temporary Success.

We are truly sensible of the Benefits which have resulted from the judicious and salutary Exercise of the extraordinary Powers that were committed by Parliament to your Excellency's Discretion. Though we sympathize with your Excellency in regretting the Necessity which has existed for frequent Exertions of Severity, we are convinced that under the patient, humane, and scrupulous Attention with which your Excellency has administered that important Trust, no Act of Rigour has been adopted which Justice did not require, and which was not indispensable for the Order and Safety of the State; at the same Time it is a Subject of the most unfeigned Concern to us, that a Tendency to Outrage should still continue in several Districts, and that Means should be industriously employed for keeping alive the Spirit of Disaffection, and cherishing the Hope of French Co-operation. We sincerely participate in the Hope which your Excellency has so forcibly expressed, that the recent Revolution in France will open the Eyes of those who have been deluded by

the Artifices which have been unremittingly employed to withdraw them from their Allegiance; it cannot, we trust, fail to restore and cherish the Love of Constitutional Order, and of a genuine and well-regulated Freedom, by demonstrating that the Principles of a false and spurious Liberty lead only to Despotism and an ignominious Servitude; and that Military Usurpation is the natural Termination to the criminal Efforts of Democratic Faction.

Most strongly do we feel that so long as the French Government, whatever Shape it may assume, shall persevere in Schemes of Destruction and Projects of Ambition, no less subversive of the Liberties of Europe than menacing to the Security of His Majesty's Dominions, there can be no wise or safe Alternative but to increase our Efforts in the Prosecution of the War, engaged as we are in a Contest which, by involving the dearest and most valuable Interests of social Life, calls for all our Constancy, and an unusual Share of public Spirit. We are thoroughly convinced, that it is by great Exertion alone that those Views of Aggrandisement can be frustrated, or a solid Peace procured.

We have seen with peculiar Satisfaction that His Majesty hath availed himself of the cordial and great Assistance which he has received from his faithful Ally the Emperor of Russia; and we gratefully acknowledge the wise and prudent Exertions which His Majesty has adopted for augmenting the disposable Military Force of his Dominions. The generous Co-operation given to His Majesty's Views on that Occasion by the English Militia has afforded an animating Example of Patriotism to all Parts of the Empire; and we are convinced that the Militia of this Kingdom will be anxious to prove that they deserve the Confidence His Majesty is pleased to repose in their Zeal and Loyalty, by displaying an equal Ardour for promoting His Majesty's Service, and forwarding, at this important Crisis, the active Operations of the Empire. Impressed with a full Persuasion of the beneficial Consequences likely to be derived from the speedy Accomplishment of this great and salutary Object, we shall not fail most cheerfully to concur in the Measures which shall appear best adapted for its Attainment.

The early Precautions which were adopted by your Excellency in Consequence of the Apprehensions that were some Time since of a general Scarcity, demands our grateful Acknowledgments; and your Excellency may rely on our ready Concurrence in giving a Parliamentary Sanction to the judicious and beneficial Measures which your Excellency has pursued by the Advice of the Council.

We are deeply impressed with the Wisdom and Policy of continuing that enlarged System of Defence, the Benefit of which has been experienced, and which is calculated to protect the Country from every Danger, whether Foreign or Domestic, and to render the Success of Invasion, if attempted, impracticable.

We thank your Excellency for having ordered the Public Accounts and Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before us. Our Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and the Security of the Kingdom, prompt us in a peculiar Manner to make a Provision adequate to the Exigencies of the Conjunction;