

Situation of public Affairs, we feel convinced that every Effort to preserve us the Blessings of Peace was rendered ineffectual by the frantic Ambition of that implacable Tyrant and infatuated Ruler of France, which compelled your Majesty to have recourse to the present just and unavoidable War in Defence of our Rights and glorious Constitution, we consider it the Duty of every Man in your Majesty's Dominions to exert himself to the utmost of his Power to repel the Views of so haughty and invidious a Foe, who threatens us not only with Invasion, but the Overthrow of our happy Government, and the Privation of our envied Liberty; and we rely with the utmost Confidence on your Majesty's Exertions, assisted by your Councils, to adopt the most vigorous Measures by Sea and Land to bring the present Contest to an Issue honorable to the Independence of the Crown, and Dignity of your United Kingdom.

And we humbly and firmly trust, that, by the Interposition of Divine Providence, a Reign distinguished by so mild and salutary an Exercise of Power, may not be abridged by the Exertions in Arms of a despotic Tyrant, who thinks no Sacrifice too great for the Destruction of a Nation which forms the only Obstacle to his unbounded Ambition and Views of universal Dominion. *Uxbridge, Mayor.*

[Presented by the Earl of Uxbridge, Mayor.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Mayor, Jurats, and
Commonalty, and Inhabitants of the ancient
Town and Parish of Rye.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to approach your Royal Person in this Time of Peril with Assurances of the utmost Exertion of every Energy we possess to repel an inveterate and implacable Enemy who dares to insult your Majesty's Dignity by a threatened Invasion of this Country.

Permit us, at the same Time, to assure your Majesty, that our zealous Exertions will be actuated, as well by the Love we bear our Country, and Veneration for its Constitution, Religion, and Laws, as by the Respect, Affection, and Regard we have ever entertained for your Royal Person.

The Hour of Danger will be the Hour of Trial of British Courage, and we trust, under the Blessing of God, of triumphant Glory.

May your Majesty's great and virtuous Exertions, aided by your faithful People, be the Means of restoring to this Country and to the World Confidence and universal Peace.

Signed at the Request, and in the Name of the Meeting, the Twentieth Day of July One thousand eight hundred and three.

Thos. Phil. Lamb, Mayor.

[Presented by the Right Honorable Lord Hawkebury and T. Davis Lamb, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for the said Town.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Wakefield, in the County of York, beg leave to approach your Majesty's Throne, im-

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pressed with a deep Sense of the present Situation of our Country, and to assure your Majesty of our cordial Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, and of our firm Resolution to defend the happy Constitution of this United Kingdom against every Foe; and should the Invasion, with which this Country is now threatened by the Government of France, take place, we solemnly pledge ourselves to your Majesty and our Country, that we will make every Effort in our Power to co-operate with our Fellow-Subjects in resisting and defeating the Attempts of an ambitious and insulting Enemy.

Signed on Behalf of the Meeting of the Inhabitants,
Jo. Tolson, Chairman.
Wakefield, 23d July 1803.

[Presented by the Honorable Henry Lascelles and W. Wilberforce, Esq; Representatives in Parliament for the County of York.]

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS divers Persons have been guilty of the illegal Practices of clandestinely importing and running of prohibited and uncustomed Goods, and thereby subjected themselves to great Penalties, for which some have been already convicted, some are in Execution for the same, and others are under Prosecution, and many more liable to such Penalties, in consequence of which they abscond, or are gone into foreign Parts, which has, or may prove the Ruin of themselves and their Families: And whereas they may yet be of Use to Us and their Country in the present Conjunction of Affairs, in case they are rendered capable thereof by Our gracious Pardon; We being desirous of giving them an Opportunity of rendering themselves of Service to the Public, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Proclamation; and We do hereby promise and declare, that in case any Person or Persons not standing charged with the Crime of wilful Murder, nor liable to be so charged, who has or have incurred any Penalties, in, by, or for the clandestine importing, running, landing, reloading, unshipping, concealing, or receiving, or being assisting in such running, landing, reloading, or unshipping any prohibited Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any Goods liable to the Payment of the Duties, under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs or Excise, or who have been abused, obstructed, or hindered any Officer or Officers of the said Revenues in the due Execution of their Duty, or by Reason or Means, or on Account of any such Offences as aforesaid, or who are under any Prosecutions, Judgment, Outlawry, or under, or subject to any Execution, for any of the said Offences, and who are at this Time gone beyond Sea to avoid the same, shall, on or before the First Day of September next, return to Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall surrender himself or themselves unto the Collector or Comptroller of Our Customs, in any of the Ports of Great Britain, and shall enter into Bond to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, with One sufficient Surety, to be approved by such said Col-

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