

disappointed by the overbearing Influence, and Disregard of every Principle of true Liberty, which so distinctly mark the Conduct of the Government of France; but we are not the less sensible of the Value of your Majesty's anxious Solicitude and strenuous Exertions to secure for your People the Blessings of Peace, nor of the Prudence displayed by an Administration remarkable for its enlightened Views of the best Interests of the Country, as well as its unremitting Attention to promote them. Venerating a Constitution the most friendly to rational Freedom and to Laws, and regarding with true Affection a Government, which, acting according to its Principles, can be ambitious only for the Happiness and Prosperity of the People; we hasten in the present important Crisis to express our firm Determination—a Determination which cannot but prevail in every British Mind, zealously to support every Measure calculated for the Welfare of the Empire, and the Protection of your Majesty's Person and Family. At the same Time it would discover the Height of Inconsiderateness and Folly not to know, that the Contest in which we are engaged is full of Interest and of the last Moment. Yet as entering into it was no longer a Point of dubious Propriety but of the most imperious Necessity, to maintain our Freedom as a Nation, we humbly hope, under Divine Providence, for the happiest Issue, and we commit ourselves with Confidence to your Majesty's paternal Affection—to the Vigour and Uprightness of your Majesty's Councils, and to the Bravery of a free and powerful People.

Signed by Walter Ritchie and Hugh Crawford, Esquires, Magistrates, in Name, and by Appointment of the Magistrates and Council, and sealed with the Corporation Seal, at Greenock, the Fourteenth Day of July One thousand eight hundred and three.

*Walter Ritchie, Hugh Crawford.*

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Dorchester, in the County of Dorset.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, High Steward, Recorder, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Dorchester, have at various Times expressed our unfeigned Attachment to the Constitution of this happy Country, and our zealous and affectionate Regard to your Majesty.

Awakened by the Expectation of a new and extraordinary Crisis, threatened by the mad and merciless Ambition of the Tyrant of France, we feel it our first Duty to repeat with increased Zeal those Assurances.

We utter not the adulatory Address of Vassals, but the free Sentiments of a free People—we offer, in the Defence of a Constitution which we reverence, of a Country which we love, of your Majesty's sacred Person to which we are inviolably attached, ourselves, our Fortunes, and our Lives.

[Presented by N. Bond, Esq; Recorder.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, and other Inhabitants of the ancient Town of Winchelsea, in the County of Sussex, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with every Sentiment of Loyalty and Attachment, and to assure your Majesty, that, at this Time of threatened Invasion, your Majesty may, with Confidence, rely on our strenuous Exertions to repel the daring Attempts of an implacable Enemy, and by every Means in our Power to assist in maintaining and preserving the Honor of your Majesty's Crown and Dignity, and our happy Constitution as established in Church and State.

Signed in the Name, and at the Request of the Meeting, this Twenty-second Day of July One thousand eight hundred and three,

*Thos. Marten, Deputy Mayor.*

[Transmitted by Robert Ludbrooke, Esq; and presented by the Right Honorable Lord Pelham.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Preston, in the County-Palatine of Lancaster, in Common-Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg Leave to approach your Throne at this Time of impending Danger, and to assure your Majesty of our inviolable Attachment to your Royal Person and Government, and of our determined Resolution to concur and unite with the Rest of our Fellow-Subjects in resisting and repelling the hostile Attempts of the Enemy.

Retired, as we flattered ourselves, from the late Horrors of War, and consoling ourselves with the Expectation of the Continuance of Peace, we feel with Indignation the early Interruption of it by the insidious and restless Ambition of our inveterate Foe. And notwithstanding the Sacrifices and Privations which must necessarily be submitted to in this arduous Contest, we shall, on our Parts, consider them as Blessings contrasted with those Evils which we must otherwise experience if we do not zealously unite in the Defence of our native Land, our Religion, Laws, and Liberties.

Given under the Common-Seal of the said Borough this Twenty-fifth Day of July, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and three.

*Sam. Horrocks, Mayor, in open Council.*

[Presented by John Horrocks, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

PENETRATED with a deep Sense of the Importance of the present Crisis, we, the Inhabitants of the Towns and Neighbourhood of Manchester and Salford, humbly beg Leave to repeat to your Majesty the Sentiments of our unabated Zeal and Affection.

Feeling alive to our Duties as Britons, we are anxious to assure your Majesty of our Determination not only to support the Measures already