

Long may your Majesty participate in the happy Effects of this our splendid Success, both decisive in favour of domestic Security, and auspicious to the Justness and Necessity of our Warfare: and may your loyal and affectionate People, in the joyous Effusions of grateful Hearts, ever call to Remembrance the supreme Source of all Protection, and piously respect the sole Disposer of all Victory.

Given under our Common-Seal of the said City, this 23d Day of November, in the Forty-sixth Year of your Majesty's Reign.

[*Transmitted by the Right Honorable Earl Camden.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Corporation, Clergy, and principal Inhabitants of the ancient City or Borough of Wells, and its Suburbs, humbly beg Leave to lay at your Majesty's Feet the unfeigned and heartfelt Expressions of our Joy on the Occasion of the recent signal and brilliant Successes of your Majesty's Arms.

We participate most sincerely in those lively Sentiments of Sorrow and Regret which have been excited in the Breasts of all your Majesty's loyal Subjects by the Fall of a Hero, who has closed a most illustrious Career by a glorious Death in the Service of his Country. But the eminent Achievements of Lord Nelson, and the exalted Reputation and Lustre which they have attached to his Name, will ever live in the grateful Remembrance of the British Nation as Examples for Imitation, and as Incentives to similar-heroic Exertions; and, whilst we deeply lament his Loss, we have the Consolation to know, that your Majesty's Navy abounds in Officers, on whose distinguished Merit, enterprising Valour, and high professional Skill, we may rely with the fullest Confidence for maintaining the Honor and Pre-eminence of your Majesty's Flag, the Dignity of your Majesty's Throne, and the dearest Rights and Interests of your Majesty's Realms.

We most fervently hope that these no less important than splendid Victories may be the Prelude to future Successes in a War, to which your Majesty has been provoked by an inveterate Foe, whose Ambition is as wild and inordinate as to its Views, as the Means which he employs for the Accomplishment of them are odious and unjustifiable. The Resistance which your Majesty has opposed to this Torrent, which threatened to overwhelm the Independence of all Europe, has rendered these Kingdoms the peculiar Object of the implacable Animosity and Resentment of the common Enemy: but your Majesty is surrounded by a brave and loyal People, who duly estimate the Blessings they enjoy under your Majesty's mild and paternal Government, and who, regarding the Honor of their Sovereign's Crown, the Laws, the Constitution, the Independence, and the Interests of their Country, as inseparably connected with their individual Happiness and Prosperity, are resolutely determined to uphold, and preserve them inviolate and unimpaired under every Difficulty which may occur.

Animated by these Sentiments, and relying on the Justice of our Cause, we feel a well-founded Confidence, that, aided by Divine Providence, and by the cheerful and strenuous Exertions of all Classes of your Majesty's Subjects, your Majesty will be enabled

to repress the Ambition, and humble the Pride, of an arrogant Foe, and finally to bring this arduous Contest to an honorable Issue.

John Porch, Mayor.
Wells City, November 22, 1805.

[*Transmitted by Clement Tudway, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said City of Wells.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Christchurch, in the County of Southampton, beg Leave to approach your sacred Majesty with our humble but most hearty Congratulations on the very brilliant Success with which it has pleased the Almighty God to bless your Majesty's Arms in Two decisive Naval Actions, of incalculable Importance to the national Honor, and to the Safety and Prosperity of your Majesty's Dominions, as well as to the Security of all Europe, not only in their immediate Consequences, as affecting the Protection of your own People, but as affording an Incitement to other Sovereigns to great Exertions for the general Safety against an intolerable Tyranny.

On thus laying at your Majesty's Feet these Expressions of our high Satisfaction on the Advantages gained over your Majesty's Enemies, almost unexampled on the Seas, we cannot refrain from expressing, at the same Time, the deepest Sorrow and Concern at the Loss your Majesty and the Nation have sustained in the Hero whose Courage and Skill contributed most essentially to the Achievement of a Series of Victories, the last, the greatest of all. The only Consolation to be derived from the Event is a Persuasion we have, that the highly-distinguished Officer who had the good Fortune to render such Services to his Country, as has seldom fallen to the Lot of any Man to accomplish in any Period of its History, and then lose his invaluable Life in the Hour of Victory, would infinitely rather have fallen, as he did, than your Majesty should have failed to have the Triumph of that Victory, and his Country and the World the lasting Benefit of it.

We have only to add our sincere Prayer, that the Arms of your Majesty, and of your illustrious Allies, may soon be successful in the Attainment of the great Object for which they were taken up.

W. S. Rose, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by William Sturges Bourne, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Christchurch.*]

PROCLAMATION for pardoning Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Forces.

War-Office, October 8, 1805.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, that there are, at this Time, several Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Land Forces who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's gracious Pardon, and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour; His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant His Free Pardon to all Deserters

London.
Bedford.
Ipswich.
Maidstone.
Exeter.
Marlborough.
Southampton.