

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Petition of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Surrey, convened by public Notice of the High Sheriff, at Epfom, on Thursday the 21st Day November, 1805.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Surrey, humbly beg Leave to offer our Congratulations to your Majesty on the late memorable Victories obtained by your Majesty's Fleets over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain.

Whilst we regret, most sensibly and poignantly, the ever to be lamented Loss of the gallant Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, in the Arms of Victory, after a Life of brilliant and most unparalleled Successes; whilst the transcendent Virtues of this illustrious Hero claim and receive the Veneration and Gratitude of his affectionate Countrymen, we cannot, as Britons, refrain the Expressions of our Joy on the brilliant Successes of your Majesty's Arms, so important in their Consequences to the Nation, and so honorable to British Valour; nor can we withhold our Tribute of grateful Admiration so justly due to Admiral Lord Collingwood, his Officers and Men, who so gallantly and effectually seconded the noble Efforts of their respected Commander;—nor can we doubt that his heroic Example will be imitated by future Commanders of your Majesty's Fleets, and that the glorious Pre-eminence of the British Navy will be maintained, so as to bid Defiance to the Attempts of the Enemies of Great Britain.

Signed at the Request, and on Behalf of the County of Surrey, by me

Robert Chutfield, High Sheriff.

[*Transmitted by Robert Chutfield, Esq; High Sheriff for the said County of Surrey.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

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THE Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of Southampton, beg Leave to express, in your Royal Presence, the Ardour with which they partake of the Joy spreading over all your Majesty's Dominions on the unparalleled Victories gained by your Fleets over those of France and its unfortunate and deluded Allies! Victories so complete, so opportune, so consolatory to Nations despairing under the Tyranny of an unprincipled and merciless Usurper, and so flattering in the probable Consequences, betoken the Hand of Providence!

Viewed in this Light, as fighting under the Banners of Omnipotence, let us suspend for a while our Sorrows for the honoured Dead, lest we should cast a Gloom over the cheerful Day which your Majesty has wisely dedicated to the Glory of the God of Battles;—that indispensable Obligation performed, let the Eye shed Tears, and the Heart lament the Loss of the heroic Nelson, and the brave and gallant Officers, Seamen, and Marines, who nobly fell with him in their Country's Service, and let all unite in raising the Cenotaph, dignified by the Story of their valorous Deeds, to perpetuate their Praise, and be a proud Example to succeeding Generations!

To these eventual Duties we presume to add that of our constant Prayer, that Length of Days,

Prosperity and Honor, with your People's Love, may ever adorn the Crown of the most gracious and most venerable Monarch of the Age!

William Smith, Mayor.

Southampton, 15th November, 1805.

[*Transmitted by William Smith, Esq; Mayor of Southampton.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Great Yarmouth, in the County of Norfolk, in Common-Council assembled, beg Leave to express to your Majesty our sincere Congratulations on the late glorious and decisive Victories obtained by your Majesty's Navy over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain.

Whilst we acknowledge our supreme Dependence upon Almighty God, we feel peculiarly rejoiced that the same Courage and Skill, which have long distinguished British Sailors, were never more eminently displayed than in the Engagement off Trafalgar.

In common with our Fellow Subjects, we sympathize in the Loss of a Commander, whose Success in combating the Enemies of his Country was only surpassed by his Ardour to add to her Glory:—But we have additional Cause of Regret:—The Hero of Norfolk is fallen. Yet we cherish the Hope that his last patriotic Signal, "Your King and your Country expect from all a faithful Performance of their Duty," will be remembered and obeyed by every Subject of your Majesty's Realm.

Given under our Common Seal, at our Guildhall, the 25th Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord 1805.

[*Transmitted by Thomas Jervis, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Great Yarmouth*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, Capital Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Harwich, feeling a just Sense of the Blessing which Almighty God has so lately conferred upon this happy Nation, humbly beg Leave to offer to your Majesty our most unfeigned and heartfelt Congratulations on the recent brilliant and unparalleled Victory achieved over our confederate Foes:—a Victory which, as long as it is remembered, must chill the Ardour of our Enemies, and fire with heroic Patriotism the Breasts of all your Majesty's loyal Subjects.

But in the Midst of these Exultations, in which we are conscious your Majesty so much participates, we must pause to mingle Joy with Sorrow, to lament the Fate of the gallant Commander under whose wise Directions Success accrued. As it has pleased the sovereign Disposer of Events thus to place a Termination to his vanquishing Arm, it only remains for us to deplore his Loss:—a Loss which, though great, is however alleviated when we recollect the dauntless Bravery of the Officers and Seamen, who, not only upon the late, but on all Occasions, exert themselves in the Cause of their King and Country.

That their energetic Spirit may urge them to emulate Nelson's Heroism, and add further Fame and Security to your Majesty's Empire, is the most