

of the heavy Loss which the Nation has sustained in the Death of the gallant, the intrepid Nelson; one of the most eminent Naval Characters of this or, perhaps, any other Age. He died indeed, as became the Hero, in the Defence of his Country, in the Arms of Victory, amidst the Tears and Applauses of his grateful and admiring Countrymen. The Lustre of his Name, and his bright Example, will, we doubt not, inspire future Generations; and we trust there never will be wanting Britons, ready, like him, to fight their Country's Battles with equal Skill and Ardour, and with equal Success.

We embrace this Opportunity of expressing our Duty and Attachment to your sacred Person; and we most fervently pray, that, under the Protection of a gracious Providence, these great Events may lead to the general Repose of Europe, and that your Majesty may long continue to reign in the Hearts of a loyal and affectionate People.

John Stephens, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by — Simeon, Esq; Recorder of the said Borough of Reading.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Recorder, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Borough of Beaumaris, in full Council assembled, the 30th Day of November, 1805, beg Leave to present you with our Service and heartfelt Congratulations on the late signal Successes of your Majesty's Naval Arms.

While we deplore, in common with the rest of the Kingdom, the Loss of a Hero, whose very Name struck Terror into the Hearts of our Enemies, we cannot but feel that the Loss of so many Ships of War, taken and destroyed, must, for a long Time, cripple the Efforts of France to recover their Navy, and thereby add to the efficient Security of these Kingdoms.

The Memory of the great Lord Nelson must live in every loyal Breast; as his Life was illustrious in the great and important Services he rendered to his King and Country, so was his Death pre-eminently glorious.

It is our Duty as well as our Inclination gratefully to applaud the Services of, and acknowledge our Obligations to, Lord Collingwood and Sir Richard Strachan; and we hope and trust they will live long to be Ornaments to their Profession and to their Country.

May your Majesty and these Kingdoms continue the Support and Prop of all that is religious, good, and virtuous, in Opposition to the wicked System and Principles of France.

Signed by the Order of the whole Meeting,
J. B. Sparrow, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by Lord Viscount Bulkeley, Recorder of the said Borough of Beaumaris.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal Borough of Tenby, in South Wales, in Common-Council assembled, with the most profound Sense of the Wisdom and Goodness of the omnipotent Disposer of all Events, dutifully presume, at this important Time, to address our august Sovereign.

But, at the glorious Moment when all our Hearts overflow with transcendent Joy on account of the unparalleled Victory, skilfully planned, and nobly prosecuted, by the most heroic Naval Commander that ever triumphed on the Ocean, and happily completed by his gallant Second, it is an inexpressible Alloy to our Felicity, and which most severely damps our still great Exultation, that we cannot but deplore the irreparable Loss of that first among the foremost of Britannia's renowned Admirals, the invincibly courageous, the ardently loyal, and the unwaveringly patriotic Nelson. Yet, Royal Sire! we greatly console ourselves, that, as Man is born to die, the most desirable Event for a matchless Conqueror is to expire in the extended Arms of Victory; when the momentary Sting is done away in ineffable Extacy at the Thought, that Combatants still survived, all emulous of their departed Leader's Valour.— Thus reconciled to your Majesty's and our Country's Loss, respecting the Peerless Defender of the Britannias, we, your Majesty's faithful Subjects aforesaid, of the peninsular Town of Tenby, Sons of the Waves, glowing with the most fervent Patriotism and Loyalty, venture most cordially to congratulate your most excellent Majesty on the late astonishing and unrivalled Triumph obtained by your Royal Fleet over the Combined Squadrons of Spain and France, when no less than Twenty Ships of their Line of Battle have been taken and destroyed; several others miserably shattered and effectually crippled;— also Four French Runaways have been since intercepted and captured, to the terrible Disgrace, and humiliating Disappointment, of the upstart Usurper of France; all at the critical Hour when the sanguinary Tormentor of Europe was avowing his Desires of Ships and Naval Acquisitions! So may this Corsican Pest and Scourge of the World always find his Wants and Wishes gratified, till Gaul (however galled) be retrenched within the ancient Limits of the Rhone and the Seine. And God grant, Royal Sire, that the successful Feats of your Majesty's Naval Warriors may still more augment the Zeal (eager as it ever is) of all Britannia's Champions, till, once again, the Rhine and the Danube resound with Albion's Cannon, and perfidious Bavaria tremble, in her most reclude recesses, under the gloomy Clouds of impending Vengeance: Nor doubt we at all, that celestial Justice (however Heaven may alarm us with some Checks, to have Recourse to Omnipotence, and to court Mercy by Repentance) will at length crown your righteous Cause with Victory, and finally overwhelm your Majesty's false and flagitious Adversaries.

George Hughes, Deputy Mayor.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Devizes, in Common-Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Mayor and Burgesses of Devizes, in Common-Council assembled, ever anxious to evince our Loyalty, and justly appreciating the great Blessings that have of late been showered down upon us, humbly offer to your Majesty our warmest Congratulations upon the recent most brilliant and unparalleled Successes of your Majesty's Fleets.

Most fully resigned to all the Decrees of Providence, we do not presume to repine at any Event