

by a strong Attachment to your Majesty's Person, zealous in their Country's Cause, and relying, with just Confidence, in the Intrepidity and Talents of their Leaders.

Permit us further, Sire, to express our earnest Hopes, that, while these brilliant Successes of your Majesty's Arms have an immediate Effect in securing the Stability of your Majesty's Throne, inseparably united with the Happiness of your People, and the Preservation of our invaluable Constitution, they will, in Concurrency with the Exertions of your Majesty's august Allies, materially conduce to the Accomplishment of the grand Object of the Confederacy, the Re-establishment of the Tranquillity of Europe, by the Reduction of the gigantic Power of France, and the Annihilation of the unjust Projects of her insatiable Ambition.

John Hawker, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by John Hawker, Esq; Mayor of the said Borough of Plymouth.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants, of your ancient Borough of Totnes, in the County of Devon, beg Leave to approach your Majesty at this important Crisis, with our warmest Congratulations on the recent Victories so gloriously obtained over the Combined Fleets of France and Spain off the Capes Trafalgar and Ortegual.

Upon the present, as well as former Occasions, this Nation has particularly to commemorate the Name of Nelson, whose great Skill and extraordinary professional Talents have at all Times commanded the Admiration of his Country. Under such Circumstances, Sire, the Loss of so illustrious a Hero must be truly great indeed; but whilst we all in common, deplore the melancholy Event of his Death, we at the same Time indulge the pleasing Idea, that there still remains a numerous List of gallant Officers anxious to imitate his glorious Example in vindicating the Rights and Privileges of our invaluable Constitution against the unbounded Ambition of our inveterate Enemy. In reflecting on these Events as in the highest Degree important at this critical Period, we in some Degree impute them to the judicious Application of the Forces of the British Navy, but chiefly to the superintending Care of the Divine Providence. Whilst your Majesty's faithful Subjects are zealously disposed to support your Majesty through this arduous Contest, they anxiously look forward to a Period, when the Sword may be sheathed with Honour to your Throne, and Safety to our Country.

Ar Farwell, Mayor.

[*Transmitted by the Mayor of the said Borough of Totnes.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of Inverness, in Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the Royal Borough of Inverness, approach your Majesty's Throne with our sincere Congratulations on the recent great

and splendid Success obtained, under Providence, by your Majesty's Fleet over the Combined Naval Force of France and Spain.—Achievements which record, in immortal Characters, that, in the Cause of Liberty, the British Navy is irresistible, and proudly adorn, with fresh Laurels, the Crown of British Valour.

The almost total Destruction of this Fleet will, we trust, inspire Europe with Confidence, and enable your Majesty and your Allies to resist, with Effect, the Encroachments of the Enemy.

When we consider that the unprincipled and restless Ruler of France, entertained the desperate Design of subverting our Laws and Independence, and that this Fleet formed a Part of his Plan for attempting it, your Majesty will permit us to express our high Sense of the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, in directing the Measures, and our Admiration of the Bravery of your Seamen who obtained so glorious and so important a Victory.

We deeply lament the Loss our Country sustains in the Fall of Lord Viscount Nelson, who so often led your Majesty's Fleet to Victory, and whose Death this Battle will so gloriously record.

That your Majesty may long reign over a free, independent, and happy People, is our fervent Prayer.

Signed in the Presence, and by Appointment of the Magistrates and Council assembled this 2d December 1805, by

James Grant, Provost of Inverness.

[*Transmitted by George Cumming, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the said Borough of Inverness.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistants of the Town of Shrewsbury, in Common-Council assembled, beg Leave to offer to your Majesty our warmest Congratulations on the late glorious Naval Victories:—the former of which shines with unrivalled Splendour among the numerous and brilliant Triumphs which grace the Annals of your Majesty's happy Reign, and the Page of British History; while the latter affords an additional and illustrious Proof of the Skill and Valour of your Majesty's Navy, and must convince the World that the Spirit of the immortal Nelson rests on more than one of his Successors.

Though, in common with the rest of your Majesty's Subjects, we deeply lament the Loss of the bravest and most successful Commander that ever led the British Fleets to Victory, we are consoled by the Reflection, that his Death was such as every loyal Subject must desire, and which alone could add a Ray of Glory to his transcendent Merits; and we look with Confidence to the Divine Protection, the Wisdom of your Majesty's Government, the Valour of the British Navy, and the Effect of his Example.

[*Transmitted by the Mayor of the said Town of Shrewsbury.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury, beg Leave to approach the Throne to offer to your Majesty our deep and heartfelt Congratulations on the late signal