

and vigorous Measures, that we are to hope for the Attainment of our Wishes,—a safe, honourable, and lasting Peace.

Endeared to us as you are by your Majesty's paternal Affection and Care, we humbly continue our Prayers to Almighty God, that, in His kind Providence, He may long preserve to us a Life so valuable to this Country.

Signed in our Name, and by our Appointment, at Glasgow, the 7th Day of January, in the Year of our Lord 1808, by

James MacKenzie, Provost.

[*Transmitted by the Lord Provost of Glasgow.*]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Baillies and Trustees of the United Towns of Port Glasgow and Newark.

May it please your Majesty,

AT this momentous Crisis, when the Continental Powers, by their own Folly, Discord, and selfish and separate Interests, and through the Treachery and Intimidation of your inveterate Enemy, as much as by his Arms, have become subjugated to his insatiable Ambition and Controul, we beg Leave to approach your Throne with Expressions of our hearty Approbation of the firm, bold, and energetic Measures of Defence and Offence adopted against him, and those under his Influence, since your last Change of Ministers; and to assure your Majesty that we will cheerfully submit to the Burdens and Privations which a War, just and necessary for the Preservation of all that Britons holds dear, demands, until your Foes are brought to such Terms of Peace as may insure the Safety of your Empire, and the inestimable Privileges we enjoy.

That your Majesty's precious Life may be long continued to reign over the most free and happy People upon Earth; and that you may have the Satisfaction of seeing your Efforts crowned with Success, is our most earnest Prayer.

Signed and sealed with the Seal of the said Towns, in our Name and Presence, and by our Appointment, in Council assembled, within the Council-Chamber thereof, the 19th Day of January, in the Year 1808, by

John Barr, eldest Baillie.

[*Transmitted by the Town Clerk.*]

SALTASH RIGHT OF ELECTION PETITION.

Veneris, 22^o Die Januarij, 1808.

JAMES BULLER, Esq; Arthur Champernowne, Esq; Matthew Russell, Esq; the Reverend John Buller, Clerk, John Evans, Gent. John Stephens Croft, and Isaac Toby, having this Day presented their Petition to the House of Commons, setting forth; That at the Election of Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Saltash, in the County of Cornwall, held on or about the 5th Day of November 1806, the Petitioners, Arthur Champernowne and Matthew Russell, and also the Honourable Richard Neville and William Henry Freemantle, Esq; were Candidates to represent the said Borough in Parliament; and that the Mayor of the said Borough, who acted as Returning Officer, conceiving the Petitioners, Arthur Champernowne and

Matthew Russell, to have a considerable Majority of legal Voters at such Election, returned the Petitioners, Arthur Champernowne and Matthew Russell, as duly elected to serve in Parliament as Burgesses for the said Borough of Saltash; against which Return Two Petitions were presented to the House; one by and on the Behalf of the said Richard Neville and William Henry Freemantle, and the other by and on the Behalf of Nicholas Vincent, an Admiral in His Majesty's Navy; John Scott, Esq; the Reverend Robert Hughes, Clerk, Edmund Herring, John Smith, and Edmund Nepean, Gentlemen, stating, among other Things, that the said Richard Neville and William Henry Freemantle were duly elected, and ought to have been returned as Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the said Borough of Saltash, and praying such Relief as to the House should seem meet; and that on Wednesday the 28th Day of January last, a Select Committee of the House was appointed to try the Merits of the said Petitions; and that the said Committee, on the Hearing of the said Petitions, required the Counsel for the several Parties to deliver to the Clerk of the said Committee, Statements, in Writing, of the several Rights of Election for which they respectively contended; and that in consequence thereof, the Counsel for the Petitioners, the said Richard Neville and William Henry Freemantle, and also for the said several other Petitioners, delivered in a Statement as follows: "That the Right of voting for Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Saltash is in the Mayor and Free Burgesses of the Borough of Saltash, being Members of the Corporation within the same;" and that the Counsel for the said Sitting Members, Matthew Russell and Arthur Champernowne, delivered in a Statement as follows: "That the Right of Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Saltash, in the County of Cornwall, is in every Person seized of an Estate for Life, or some greater Estate, in an entire Ancient Burgage Tenement situate within the Borough aforesaid, whereon an Ancient Dwelling-house now stands, or formerly stood, and in no other Persons;" and that upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the then Sitting Members, the said Committee determined, that the Right of Election as set forth in the said Statement, is not the Right of Election for the said Borough of Saltash; and that upon the Statement delivered in by the Counsel for the said several Petitioners, the said Committee determined that the Right of Election, as set forth in the said Statement, is the Right of Election for the said Borough, so far as the said Right is therein described; and that the said Committee having considered the said Statements and Evidence adduced before them, touching the Right of Election for the said Borough of Saltash, did determine, "That the Right of voting for Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Saltash, is in the Mayor and Free Burgesses of the Borough of Saltash, being Members of the Corporation within the same, and in no other Persons;" and that the Petitioners are not satisfied with the said Resolutions and Determinations of the said Select Committee, and are advised that the same are contrary to Law, and are desirous of being admitted Parties to oppose the said Right of Election, deemed valid in the Judgment of the