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Whitehall, October 15, 1808.

THE King has been pleased to nominate Rear-Admiral Richard Goodwin Keats to be one of the Knights Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Queen's Palace, October 12, 1808.

THIS Day a Deputation, consisting of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Two Aldermen, the Recorder, the Sheriffs, and Twenty of the Common Council of the City of London, waited upon His Majesty (being introduced by Lord Arden, the Lord in Waiting,) with the following Address and Petition, which was read by John Silvester, Esq; the Recorder:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble and dutiful Address and Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common-Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign;

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common-Council assembled, most humbly approach your Majesty with renewed Assurances of Attachment to your Majesty's most sacred Person and Government, and Veneration for the free Principles of the British Constitution, to express to your Majesty our Grief and Astonishment at the extraordinary and disgraceful Convention, lately entered into by the Commanders of your Majesty's Forces in Portugal, and the Commander of the French Army in Lisbon.

The Circumstances attending this afflicting Event cannot be contemplated in British Minds, without the most painful Emotions; and all Ranks of your Majesty's Subjects seem to have felt the utmost Concern and Indignation at a Treaty so humiliating and degrading to this Country and its Allies. After a signal Victory, gained by the Valour and Discipline of British Troops, by which the Enemy appears to have been cut off from all Means of Success or Escape, we have the sad Mortification of seeing the Laurels, so nobly acquired, torn from the Brows of our brave Soldiers, and Terms granted to the Enemy disgraceful to the British Name, and injurious to the best Interests of the British Nation.

Besides the Restitution of the Russian Fleet upon a Definitive Treaty of Peace with that Power, and the sending back to their Country, without Exchange, so large a Number of Russian Sailors, by this ignominious Convention British Fleets are to convey to France the French Army and its Plunder, where they will be at Liberty immediately to recommence their active Operations against us or our Allies. The Guarantee and safe Conveyance of their Plunder, cannot but prove highly irritating to the pillaged Inhabitants over whom they have tyrannized, and for whose Deliverance and Protection the British Army was sent, and the full Recognition of the Title and Dignity of Emperor of France, while all Mention of the Government of Portugal is omitted, must be considered as highly disrespectful to the Legitimate Authority of that Country.

We therefore humbly pray your Majesty, in Justice to the outraged Feelings of a brave, injured, and indignant People, whose Blood and Treasure have been thus expended, as well as to retrieve the wounded Honour of the Country, and to remove from its Character so foul a Stain in the Eyes of Europe, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased immediately to institute such an Inquiry into this dishonourable and unprecedented Transaction, as will lead to the Discovery and Punishment of those, by whose Misconduct and Incapacity the Cause of the Country and its Allies has been so shamefully sacrificed.

We beg to assure your Majesty of our unalterable Fidelity and earnest Desire to co-operate in every Measure conducive to the Peace, Honour, and Security of your Majesty's Dominions.

Signed, by Order of the Court,

HENRY WOODTHORPE.

To which Address and Petition His Majesty was graciously pleased to return the following Answer:

I AM fully sensible of your Loyalty and Attachment to My Person and Government.

I give Credit to the Motives which have dictated your Petition and Address; but I must remind you, that it is inconsistent with the Principles of British Justice to pronounce Judgment without previous Investigation.

I should have hoped, that recent Occurrences would