

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, and Landholders, of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, in General Meeting assembled, humbly beg Leave, upon a Day consecrated by national Joy, to approach your Majesty's Throne, with our sincere and cordial Congratulations. We rejoice that while the Political Establishments of other Countries have been shaken by Convulsions so inauspicious to public Happiness, it has pleased the Almighty to extend, to the present *Æra*, the Term of your Majesty's Reign, and to establish your Throne upon the dutiful Love and affectionate Attachment of your Subjects. We hail, with animating Hopes, the Continuance of this National Blessing, and we fervently pray that the same Providence which has hitherto supported your Majesty under the arduous Duties of Royalty may continue to render a Life, so interesting and so dear to your People, the Object of its especial Care, and benevolent Protection.

Signed in our Name and Presence at Kirkcudbright, the 25th Day of October, in the Year 1809. *Selkirk, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by Lord Selkirk.*] ]

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Magistrates and Counsellors of the Burgh of Haddington, desire to mingle our Voices with those of your Majesty's faithful Subjects in every Part of your Dominions, in congratulating your Majesty on the Occasion of your entering, this Day, on the Fiftieth Year of your Reign.

It hath been the Will of the Almighty Disposer of all Events, that a Reign, which is almost unexampled in Point of Duration, should be still more remarkably distinguished, by the transcendent Importance of the Events which have marked its Course.

Since your Majesty ascended the Throne, we have witnessed the Subversion of many venerable Institutions, and the Establishment of a new Order of Things in the fairest Portions of Continental Europe: We have seen Nations and Empires rise and fall, flourish and decay; and we have beheld Revolution succeeding Revolution, with a Rapidity which no Sagacity could foresee, and which History almost despairs to trace.

But, amidst all the Storms which have shaken and desolated Europe, our native Land has still prospered. The British Empire, under your Majesty's benign and happy Rule, has not ceased to be the chosen Seat of rational Liberty, of pure Morality, and of true Religion. Our Public Revenue, and our Commerce have flourished in defiance of all the Efforts of our Enemies. The Bounds of our Empire have been immensely extended; and while our Fleets and Armies have taught the World to fear and respect our Power, the most distant Regions have witnessed the Triumphs of British Justice and Clemency. Powerful abroad, we have at Home been united and happy. The Foot of an Invader has not contaminated our native Soil. While other less favoured Lands have been visited by Rapine, De-

solation, and Murder, our Dwellings have been the undisturbed Abodes of Tranquillity and Contentment. The Blasts which have howled around our Isle, have by us been heard only from afar.

These inestimable Blessings we owe, under God, to the Wisdom and to the Virtues, of our revered and beloved Sovereign; we acknowledge, with the most ardent Gratitude, the paternal Care with which your Majesty has so long and so affectionately watched over the Interests of your Subjects. Above all, with Hearts deeply impressed with a Sense of the Blessings we enjoy, we thank your Majesty for that most impressive Example of Piety and Virtue by which, during the whole of your Reign, you have instructed us to walk in that Path which leadeth to Happiness; both here and hereafter.

That the same Almighty Lord of the Universe, who, as the Pledge of our National Property, hath permitted your Majesty thus long to reign over us, may still preserve your Majesty in Health, Peace, and Godliness in the Enjoyment of Prosperity, and of domestic Peace, and that he may bring you at last to the Possession of that Inheritance which is incorruptible, and that fadeth not away, is our most fervent Prayer.

Signed in Presence, and by Desire of the whole Magistrates and Counsellors of the Burgh of Haddington, in Common Council assembled: At Haddington, this 25th Day of October 1809.

*James Deans, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by Sir George Warrender.*] ]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*S I R E,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Freeholders, Heritors, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Clergy of the County of Elgin and Forres, beg leave to approach the Throne, and, with one Accord, to offer our sincere Congratulations to your Majesty, upon your entering the Fiftieth Year of your Reign.

On this auspicious Day, we are led naturally and peculiarly to think on the Blessings and the Benefits we have enjoyed during your paternal Reign. We feel with Exultation and Joy, that our Constitution, the best which Human Wisdom ever devised, continues unimpaired; that our wise and equitable Laws are impartially administered, even to the Meanest of your Subjects; that we enjoy internal Peace and Tranquillity; that the Agriculture and Improvement of the Country are encouraged and prosper, while our National Glory and Independence are bravely maintained; and we are thankful to Almighty God for the Protection he has afforded, during so long a Reign, to our revered Sovereign, under whom, through Divine Providence, we have possessed such Happiness,—a Happiness, which becomes doubly precious to us, when we contrast our own Situation with that of the enslaved and oppressed Nations around us.

That your Majesty's Arms, both by Sea and Land, may be crowned with imminent Success; that this Success may be the Means of procuring to us an honourable and lasting Peace; and that your Majesty may be spared for many Years to reign over a free, a happy, and a loyal People, are the fervent Prayers of, *May it please your Majesty,* your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most