

approach Your Royal Highness with the Expression of sincere Sorrow and Condolence, on Account of the distressing Affliction with which Divine Providence has been pleased to visit our gracious and beloved Sovereign, for whose Recovery we unite with Your Royal Highness and the whole Empire in anxious and fervent Prayer.

At the same Time we beg most gratefully to thank Your Royal Highness for accepting the important Office of Regent; in the Execution of which, we rejoice to behold that sacred Regard to those constitutional Principles which have ever been appreciated by the illustrious House of Brunswick as being the Support and Glory of the British Throne, and reciprocally the impregnable Bulwark of our invaluable Privileges, both civil and religious.

*J. G. Philipps, Mayor.*

[Presented by Rear-Admiral Campbell.]

To His Royal Highness the Prince REGENT.

The humble Address of His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Protestant Gentry and Freeholders of the County of Clare, convened by the High Sheriff, on Monday, March 25, 1811, at the County Court-House, pursuant to a Requisition to him for that Purpose.

WE, the Gentry and Freeholders of the County of Clare, Members of the established Church, beg Leave to approach Your Royal Highness with Hearts full of the most loyal and affectionate Attachment to the Person and Government of your Royal Father, to express the deepest and most grateful Sense of the numerous Blessings we have enjoyed under your illustrious House, and at the same Time to unite with Your Royal Highness upon the grievous Malady, with which it has pleased the Almighty to afflict the best of Sovereigns.

We have, however, the Consolation of reflecting that though the Nation hath been visited with this severe Calamity, the Maturity of Your Royal Highness's Virtues, the Excellency of your Understanding, and your Attachment to those Principles of civil and constitutional Liberty which placed your illustrious Family on the Throne of those Realms, will enable Your Royal Highness to discharge the Duties of the important Trust committed to you, in a Manner that will reflect Honour on yourself, Lustre on your Government, and diffuse the Blessings and Benefits of equal Laws, Rights, and Privileges among His Majesty's Subjects of every Rank and Description. This our zealous Affection towards His Majesty's sacred Person, Family, and Government, leads us respectfully to claim Your Royal Highness's particular Attention to the Situation of Exclusion and Inferiority in which our Roman Catholic Brethren are placed, feeling as we do that nothing can more effectually operate to give Security to the State, Tranquillity to Ireland, combine the Strength and consolidate the Resources of the Empire, and defeat the deep Designs of a powerful and inveterate Enemy, than the speedy Repeal of those penal and restrictive Laws under which our Roman Catholic Fellow-Subjects are now labouring.

We beg Leave humbly to state to Your Royal Highness, that from an intimate Intercourse with our Catholic Brethren, and a long Observation of their Principles and Conduct, we are confident in

our Belief that there is nothing in either that can in any way endanger the Safety of the existing Establishment in Church or State; and that to extend to them the Rights and Privileges enjoyed by their Fellow-Subjects, is a Debt due to Justice and good Policy; and that such a Measure is calculated above all others to preserve and maintain the Independence, Integrity, and Stability of the Empire, to promote Harmony among Fellow-Subjects, and Charity among Fellow-Christians; and in fine to unite and nerve every Heart in defence of our revered Sovereign and unrivalled Constitution.

May it therefore please Your Royal Highness in your Wisdom and Justice to take into your gracious Consideration the Situation and Privations of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects, and that Your Royal Highness may graciously condescend at such Time and in such Manner as to Your Royal Highness's Wisdom shall seem meet to recommend their just Claims to the Attention of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Signed for and on the Behalf of the Protestant Gentry and Freeholders of the County of Clare, by their Order.

*Thody Macnamara, Sheriff.*

[Presented by Lord James O'Brien]

Unto His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

SIR,

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax for the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, in our General Annual Meeting assembled, embrace this Opportunity of presenting our Affection, our Duty, and our Loyalty to Your Royal Highness as Regent of the United Kingdom.

The severe Malady with which it hath pleased God to afflict our most gracious Sovereign fills our Hearts with Sentiments of Sorrow; and these Sentiments it becomes us to convey to Your Royal Highness in Expressions of Condolence. But in a Crisis so awful, and in Times so perilous, it is a Source of sincere Joy to us, that the Exercise of the Royal Authority has, during the Indisposition of our beloved King, devolved upon a Prince from whose Abilities, Accomplishments, and Love of his Country, the Nation may indulge the most pleasing Expectations.

It is our fervent Wish that Your Royal Highness may long enjoy the Blessings of Health and Happiness; and that under the Favour of Almighty God the whole of your Administration may be calculated to maintain our constitutional Privileges in Church and State, and to promote the true Interest and Glory of the British Empire.

Signed in our Name and by our Appointment, by our Prefes, at Kirkcubright, the 30th Day of April 1811.

*J. M. Macintosh.*

[Presented by the Earl of Selkirk.]

*Westminster, May 31, 1811.*

THIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, autho-*