

your Royal Highness's proceedings toward your royal father, and we pray that a prince of such amiable dispositions, and so eminently qualified to govern, may be long preserved to copy after the virtues and example of so illustrious a parent; so that your Royal Highness may be enabled to support the honour and independence of the crown, and secure the liberty and happiness of a grateful people.

Signed in our presence, and by our appointment, at the Council Table, the 20th day of April 1812,
William Cowart, Provost.

[Presented by Lieutenant-General Campbell, from the Royal Burgh of Ayr].

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the county of Stirling, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with the strongest assurance of our attachment to your person and government.

While we most deeply deplore and sincerely sympathise with your Royal Highness, on the much lamented indisposition of our revered and our much beloved Sovereign, we eagerly embrace the opportunity of conveying to your Royal Highness these sentiments of unfeigned gratitude, for the manner in which your Royal Highness has conducted the government of these realms during the period of the restricted regency, by following out those measures, which during the long and glorious reign of your royal father, have so eminently distinguished the British nation, and so gloriously upheld the character of the British arms.

We beg leave most cordially to congratulate your Royal Highness on the brilliant success which has lately so conspicuously distinguished His Majesty's fleets and armies; we reflect with feelings of pride and exultation, on the splendid achievements accomplished by His Majesty's arms in Spain and Portugal. We look forward with the most lively interest, to the great struggle which is there maintained against the common enemy of independence and social order: we rely upon the protection of Divine Providence in so just a cause, and feel confident that by a continued display of the same skill and irresistible bravery on the part of His Majesty's arms, and by a perseverance in the same wisdom and vigour in the councils of your Royal Highness, you will ultimately be enabled to bring the arduous contest in which we are now engaged to a successful and honourable issue, not less favourable to the interests of Europe, than, from its commencement, it has been glorious to the British name.

We are impressed with a due sense of the difficulties of the present arduous conjuncture, and while we lament the unavoidable pressure of the times, arising solely from the nature of the contest in which we are engaged, we should feel wanting in our duty, if on this occasion we did not state to your Royal Highness our most cordial approbation of the measures you have hitherto pursued, for promoting the prosperity and supporting the commercial

interests of the country: and we acknowledge with sentiments of reverence and gratitude, that the sole objects of your royal care and concern, are to promote the happiness of your people, and to preserve inviolate, our excellent constitution in church and state.

Trusting to the Almighty for a continuation of the blessings which we so eminently enjoy, and that your Royal Highness may be long preserved to this happy nation; that the result of your councils may ever tend to the happiness of your people, to the prosperity and glory of the empire, is the most ardent wish and earnest prayer of, please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the county of Stirling.

Subscribed in name and by appointment of the meeting, by Sir William Bruce, of Stenhouse, Baronet, the chairman, at Stirling, the 30th day of April 1812, Wm. Bruce, Preses.

[Presented by the Duke of Montrose.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the county of Perth, assembled at our general annual meeting, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with every sentiment of loyalty and attachment.

While we bow with submission to the dispensations of Almighty God, we beg leave to express to your Royal Highness our full participation in the universal sentiment of deep affliction, felt by a loyal people, for the severe and protracted calamity with which our beloved Sovereign has been visited.

We revere the dignity and delicacy so becoming your exalted situation, which marked the conduct of your Royal Highness, during the restricted exercise of the royal functions; and the decision, firmness, and wisdom, with which, since these restrictions ceased, your Royal Highness has adopted that system of foreign and domestic policy, which we conceive to be indispensable to the maintainance of the British character, and to the safety of our invaluable constitution in church and state; has secured to your Royal Highness our gratitude and confidence, and will command our most zealous, active, steady and loyal support.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity of offering our most cordial congratulations, on the splendid and important successes, which, under Divine Providence and the auspices of your Royal Highness, have continued to attend His Majesty's arms. While the enemy has been driven from his last possession in the east, the valour and discipline of His Majesty's troops, aided by the zeal and bravery of our allies, and conducted by the consummate skill of British officers, have frustrated every attempt of the tyrant of Europe to subjugate the kingdoms of Spain and Portugal.

The fresh laurels so recently obtained, while new obstacles have been opposed to the progress of the invaders of the Peninsula, strengthen our sanguine hopes, that the efforts of a gallant people, encouraged and supported by the vigour of your Royal