

as to augur, with the blessing of Providence, the successful termination which it so justly merits.

We deem it incumbent on us to express our grateful sense of these advantages, as derived, under God, from the steady, firm, and undaunted perseverance of your Royal Highness in those measures of active opposition to the common enemy, which are at once grounded upon the immutable principles of justice to our allies, and are necessary to secure the welfare and independence of the British empire. And while we thus express our attachment to your Royal Highness's person, and our sense of the efficacious vigour and wisdom of your councils, it is with the resolution to contribute all efforts in our power, which may evince those sentiments of loyalty to our King and Constitution, which we have here endeavoured to express.

Signed in the presence of, and by order of the meeting, by *Walter Scott, Preses.*

[Presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.]

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

The humble, dutiful, and unanimous Address of the Minister, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, of the Parish of Saint Mary-le-Bone.

WE, the Minister, Churchwardens, and Vestrymen, of the Parish of Saint Mary-le-Bone, in the county of Middlesex, in Vestry assembled, deeply impressed with horror and detestation of the most atrocious act of assassination committed on the person of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, so eminent for his public and private virtues, beg leave with profound respect, at this momentous crisis, to express to your Royal Highness, our indignation and heartfelt regret.

We trust that the same sentiments with which we are animated, will excite the efforts of all His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects throughout the United Kingdom, to the due maintenance of the laws, and of the happy government under which the goodness of Providence has placed us.

Signed by the direction and the unanimous vote of a very numerous Vestry, by the Chairman, *Luke Heslop, Minister.*

[Transmitted by the Reverend Dr. Heslop, and presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.]

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the royal burgh of Peebles, humbly presume to approach your Royal Highness, and to express our warmest attachment to your person and government.

We have to congratulate your Royal Highness upon the brilliant successes that have crowned his Majesty's arms in the great and arduous contest in which we are engaged with the foe of freedom, religion, and independence.

The zeal with which your Royal Highness has espoused the cause of a great and loyal people, and

the sound policy, which in other respects has directed your Royal Highness's councils will, we trust, never be shaken by any feelings inconsistent with the public good.

With the rest of His Majesty's loyal subjects, we continue to lament most deeply the severe visitation which has deprived this nation of the exercise of that paternal government which it had so long enjoyed, but we feel this calamity softened when we see so conspicuously in the south the same zeal for the public welfare and the same sentiments pursued which so adorned the father's government, and we are animated with the pleasant hope that, amid the overthrow of ancient thrones, and the downfall of legitimate sovereigns, this nation will continue to be the support of independence, and be the scourge of tyranny and oppression, and that your Royal Highness will retain from the people the most fervent attachment to your person and government, not to be dissolved by foreign policy or domestic faction.—Peebles Council Chamber, 12th May 1812.

Signed by the Provost, in presence and by appointment of Council, and the Common Seal of the Burgh is appended.

*Jas. Ker, Provost.*

[Presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The most humble and dutiful Address of the Portreeve, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Ashburton, Devon.

WE, the Portreeve, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the town and borough of Ashburton, most humbly beg permission to approach your Royal Highness, with our expressions of deep concern, and unfeigned abhorrence, of the atrocious murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, by an abandoned and infamous assassin. Detesting that depravity which could impel a human being to perpetrate so foul a crime, the result of long premeditated design, and the effect of diabolical and unfounded malice, we are eager to give vent to our feelings and to our detestation of the deed, which, in all of its circumstances, appears to us unparalleled in the history of nations.

Fanatic zeal, restless ambition, personal revenge, and insatiable cupidity, have too often stained the pages of history with ferocious murders; but it unhappily falls to the lot of the historians of the present age to record the sacrifice of the Prime Minister of the British Crown by the hands of a wretch, whom he had not injured, and to whom he was unknown, and even at the venerable threshold of that house, which represents the people of England, and whose walls have hitherto been unstained with blood. In our grief for this horrid event, we derive some consolation from that munificent disposition of Parliament, which has exerted itself, regardless of difference of political opinion, to raise a provision for the family of the departed Minister; and we most fervently pray that your Royal Highness's government may maintain the honour and dignity of the crown, preserve the constitution, promote the happiness and prosperity of the empire, and reflect on your Royal Highness's