

name a transcendent lustre, which may shine, through succeeding ages, as an example to princes, of honourable ambition, and real glory.

With the highest respect, we beg leave to subscribe ourselves, your Royal Highness's most loyal, obedient, and dutiful servants,

*Wm. A. Cockey, Portreeve.*

[*Transmitted by the Right Honourable John Sullivan, and presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of Beverley, in the county of York, in Common Council assembled, humbly and unanimously beg leave to offer our most sincere assurances of duty and affection, to your Royal Highness, and to express our condolence on the loss which your Royal Highness and the kingdom have sustained, by the atrocious murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

We cannot sufficiently express our detestation of the horrible crime, which has deprived his country of the eminent abilities and virtues of that illustrious statesman; but we receive sincere satisfaction, that Parliament are about to adopt your Royal Highness's gracious recommendation, to make provision for his afflicted widow and numerous family.

We are likewise concerned at the riotous conduct of certain misguided and deluded men, in some of the manufacturing districts; but notwithstanding the machinations of our inveterate enemy, and the present alarming state of public affairs, we have the utmost reliance on the wisdom and firmness of your Royal Highness; and that aided by the great council of the nation, we doubt not our happy constitution will be preserved unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Given under our Common Seal, the 18th day of May 1812, *Sam. Hall, Mayor.*

[*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 Address of the Freeholders, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, for the County of Dumfries.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, for the county of Dumfries, at a General Meeting held this day, beg leave respectfully to approach your Royal Highness with our sincere condolence on the continuance of your royal father's indisposition. While on our own accounts we deeply lament the loss of a Sovereign who has reigned over us for half a century with the care and affection of a father, we cannot but sympathise with your Royal Highness and your august family, to whom His Majesty's private virtues have particularly endeared him. We earnestly pray for His Majesty's complete recovery, not more for our sakes than for his own, that the evening of his

days may be cheered with the knowledge of the affectionate regard which your Royal Highness has shewn for His Majesty, and of the very able manner in which you have conducted his government.

We also beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness our grateful thanks for the patriotism which your Royal Highness evinced in undertaking the government under circumstances of restriction, which although judged necessary by Parliament, not with reference to your Royal Highness's character, but to that of regencies in general, did nevertheless undoubtedly place your Royal Highness in a very arduous situation. But those circumstances have only served to bring out your Royal Highness's character and abilities with additional lustre.

While your Royal Highness as a man generously remembered the friends of your early years, and anxiously and sincerely endeavoured to bring them into your councils, we do most thankfully acknowledge your Royal Highness's gracious declaration as representing our Sovereign, that in the choice of your ministers "you have no predilection to indulge, no resentment to gratify, no objects to attain, but such as are common to the whole empire," a sentiment worthy of the Sovereign of a free people, and which places your Royal Highness in the proper character in which the future Sovereign of the British empire ought to appear, as the common father of his people.

We lament to see the ungrateful return which your Royal Highness has received from a part of the people; but we entreat that your Royal Highness will not judge of the sentiments of His Majesty's subjects at large, by the speeches of a few factious men in a tumultuous assembly, in which all freedom of debate seems to be destroyed, and from which clamour and violence has banished all peaceable and well-disposed citizens. We can assure your Royal Highness, from our own knowledge of this and many other populous districts with which we are connected, that your Royal Highness's conduct in every particular since you were invested with the regency, has met with the admiration of a very great majority of His Majesty's subjects, and has already produced in their minds a fervour of loyalty and attachment to your person and government, little inferior to that which fifty years experience of His Majesty's conduct has inspired towards your illustrious father.

That Almighty God may prosper your Royal Highness's present measures, and in due time conduct your Royal Highness to reign over us with the same success and popularity, is the prayer of His Majesty's faithful and dutiful subjects.

Signed, in the name and by appointment of the General Annual Meeting, assembled at Dumfries, this 30th day of April 1812 years, by  
*A. Maxwell, Preses.*

[*Presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

*Whitehall, May 29, 1812.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed George Hopley, of Liverpool, in the county of Lancaster, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

