

Highness and the country have sustained in the death of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval.

Whilst in common with every British subject, we contemplate with feelings of unmixed indignation one of the most atrocious acts which has ever disgraced the annals of our history, our regret is the more poignant from the consideration that the assassin was an inhabitant of this ancient and truly loyal town, yet we have some alleviation in the reflection that this town is free from the disgrace of having given him birth, and that his residence has been so transient that his name is scarcely known amongst us.

Struck with the deepest horror, we cannot but express our astonishment that such an event could have happened in England, and we hasten to vindicate, as far as it is in our power, the insulted character of our country, by expressing in the strongest manner our abhorrence and detestation of an act which is a disgrace to civilized society, and which loudly calls for the marked reprobation of every friend to humanity.

Impressed with these feelings, we cannot refrain from making them known to your Royal Highness, and from assuring your Royal Highness of our zealous and ardent attachment to your Royal Highness's person and family, and of our sincere participation in your Royal Highness's regret for the loss of one, whom, however some of us may have differed from with respect to his political opinions, yet we have all of us never ceased to admire for the lofty elevation of his mind, the firm integrity of his principles, and the bright display of all those milder virtues which adorned his private life.

[Presented by John Bolton, Arthur Heywood, and J. B. Aspinall, Esqrs.; General Tarleton and Lieutenant-General Gascoyne, accompanied the above Gentlemen.]

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

The Humble and unanimous Address of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Commonalty, and Inhabitants of the Borough of Hertford.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Commonalty, and Inhabitants of the ancient and loyal Borough of Hertford, most humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to offer our sincere condolence, and to express our horror and indignation at the lamented and atrocious assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord of His Majesty's Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer, the purity and integrity of whose character have been acknowledged, not only by his private friends, but by his political opponents.

We have observed with heartfelt satisfaction the ardour with which both Houses of Parliament have unanimously given testimony of his transcendent virtues, and we join with them in the strongest detestation of the atrocious act of the assassin; who (by a crime which has been always held in abhorrence by Englishmen) has plunged into deep distress a numerous and amiable family, and a generous and feeling people.

Whilst we thus humbly address to the throne our sorrow for this public and private loss, we at the same time beg leave to express our confidence that the assassin (on whom the just vengeance of the law has fallen) stood unconnected in his crime, and that no views of a political nature raised his arm against the innocent victim of his unjust revenge.

We are indeed persuaded, that the country at large are sensible of the peculiar blessings of our invaluable constitution; and we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our unchangeable and devoted attachment to your royal house and person, and of our firm resolution to exert our strenuous endeavours to preserve inviolate the crown and dignity of these dominions.

By order of the meeting,

Cherry, Town Clerk.

[Presented by Mr. Couper and Mr. Cabvert.]

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

The humble Address of the Bailiffs, Portmen, Common Councilmen, Free Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Ipswich, in the County of Suffolk.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Bailiffs, Portmen, Common Councilmen, Free Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Ipswich, presume to approach the throne, to express to your Royal Highness the sentiments of abhorrence and detestation excited in our minds by the wicked and atrocious act of assassination committed on the person of the late Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Commissioner of the Treasury and Chancellor of the Exchequer, within the walls of the Honourable House of Commons.

The crime of assassination is such as the feelings of Britons have ever indignantly revolted at, and which cannot fail of casting a stigma upon the national character, unless instantly effaced by a general expression of public abhorrence; and we fervently hope and trust that it will never again disgrace the British name.

Permit us to assure your Royal Highness of our firm attachment to your royal house and government, and our determination to support the crown and dignity of the united kingdom.

[Presented by Mr. Crickitt.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address and Condolence of the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Reading, in the County of Berks.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Reading, humbly beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness the assurance of our loyalty and attachment to your person and government, and of our firm and devoted