

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The Address of the Ministers of the Scotch Churches in Sunderland and Monkwearmouth.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the undersigned Ministers of the Scotch Churches in Sunderland and Monkwearmouth, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our humble tribute of condolence on the loss of a faithful servant and an able statesman; whose premature death, we and the people under our pastoral care, most sincerely deplore as a general loss to the whole British empire.

While however we deeply lament the fate of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, we consider it no small consolation to your Royal Highness, and to the kingdom at large, that the perpetrator of the horrid crime, is a solitary individual, unconnected with any faction or party: and at so critical a period when designing men, in different parts of the country are attempting, under the present temporary pressure, to excite disaffection, particularly about religious liberty; we deem it our bounden duty, as His Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, to express our warm attachment to your Royal Highness's person and government, our veneration for our excellent constitution, and our determined resolution to exert every effort of our official power and influence in its support. We at the same time do assure your Royal Highness, that both we and our congregations are perfectly satisfied with that measure of religious liberty which we enjoy; and which we have not the least fear, or doubt, your Royal Highness will secure and transmit unimpaired to generations yet unborn. This will perfectly accord with our sentiments and wishes, when in our public ministrations we daily offer up our fervent prayers to Heaven for your Royal Highness's safety and happiness, and the prosperity of the British empire.

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*William Gardner, Minister of the Scotch Church, Sunderland.*

[*Transmitted by R. Wharton, Esq; and 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 and dutiful Address and Condolence of the Clergy, Magistrates, Gentry, and Inhabitants of the Towns of Sunderland, Bishopwearmouth, Monkwearmouth, and the Vicinity.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Clergy, Magistrates, Gentry, and Inhabitants of the towns of Sunderland, Bishopwearmouth, Monkwearmouth, and the vicinity, are urged by every consideration of feeling and of duty, humbly to offer to your Royal Highness, our condolence upon the atrocious deed which has bereaved your Royal Highness of a faithful servant, and the country of a distinguished support and ornament; of a Minister whose integrity and talents excited

the highest confidence, and commanded universal esteem.

Deploing, in conjunction with the whole nation, an event which has deprived the united kingdom of the important services of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, at a period so critical to its welfare, and to the interests of the world, we are anxious to express our deep concern and utter abhorrence of the crime by which it has been effected.

While we experience consolation in the reflection, that this detestable assassination was the act of a solitary and unconnected individual, reprobated by every description of men in the kingdom, we are nevertheless desirous of availing ourselves of this occasion to express our indignation at the attempts, which have been recently made, in some parts of the empire, to misrepresent the measures of government, to aggravate the circumstances of temporary pressure, and to excite discontent, by misleading the minds of His Majesty's subjects.

Impressed with sentiments of loyalty and sincere attachment to our much revered Sovereign, and to your Royal Highness's person, and anxious to preserve unimpaired our invaluable constitution, we pledge ourselves to resist every measure of hostility, which may be exerted against it, and to stand forward on all just occasions, in defence of the laws, the government, and the religion of the country.

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

WE, the Mayor, Corporation, Clergy, and other Inhabitants of the town and parish of Tiverton, in the county of Devon, impressed with feelings of deep sorrow at the late horrid assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, presume to approach your Royal Highness, to testify our unanimous abhorrence of an act, which, in its nature and circumstances, outrages every crime as yet known to civilized society.

Murder, under any circumstances, will be ever revolting to humanity, but, the murder of a Prime Minister, amidst his high official duties, and within the walls of Parliament, assumes a character too desperate, and too atrocious, to belong to any contemplated class of human crimes, and beyond the measure of adequate human punishment.

The abhorrence which we feel of this unexampled crime is not greater than the regret and sorrow with which we mourn the object of it. In his private character, he was a bright example of every social, domestic, and religious duty; as a public character, he displayed an unequalled degree of fidelity, integrity, and purity of motive. With talents of no ordinary kind, he discharged the important trust with which your Royal Highness was pleased to invest him, if not with the approbation, at least with the respect of all.

We desire to express to your Royal Highness our attachment to his Majesty's government and to your royal house, and to assure you, that in defence of the laws and constitution, we shall be ready to devote our property and our persons whenever