

Highness the consolatory reflection, that the murderous shot was (as far as is known) the project, as well as the act, of the assassin only, and that the high national character of this kingdom is unstained by the imputation, that any accomplice could be found in this atrocious crime, which appears to have originated solely from the dreadful revenge of a single individual, fostered in his own breast, and matured only in the dark, the secret, the malignant passions of his own mind.

In thus most dutifully tendering to your Royal Highness these expressions of our sorrow and condolence upon this awful and melancholy event, permit us to offer to you our most grateful thanks, for your royal condescension in taking into your immediate consideration the means of making a suitable provision for the afflicted widow and numerous offspring of your Royal Highness's late Minister, thus affording the only consolation which can be offered by the nation at large to those who have lost (in the faithful discharge of his public functions) the best of husbands, of fathers, and of friends.

Signed at the request, and on behalf of the meeting,
J. Poole, Mayor.

[Presented by Joseph Berens, Esq. Recorder of Maidstone; accompanied by George Longman, Esq. Member for the Town.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses, of the ancient Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, in Court of Common Hall assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses, of the ancient Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to express our strongest feelings of abhorrence and deepest regret at the late atrocious assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, when entering that House, of which he was so great an ornament, to discharge the duties of his high station.

The horrid crime of assassination, so revolting to the human mind, as destructive of all social confidence, has ever been held by the British character in the most lively abhorrence; we trust, therefore, it will not be considered as stained by this atrocious act, the wretch who committed it appearing to have acted solely by his own false and wicked suggestions.

We feel, in common with all His Majesty's subjects, the irretrievable loss the late Mr. Perceval's family have sustained, and therefore cannot but see with satisfaction, that the gracious recommendation of your Royal Highness to the House of Commons, for a provision for his family, has been universally approved, as the only remuneration his afflicted country could make them.

Given under our common seal this 28th day of May 1812.

[Presented by Sir Leonard Worsley Holmes.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Mayor and Chief Burgesses of the Borough of Yarmouth, in the Isle of Wight, in Common Hall assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Mayor and Chief Burgesses of the Borough of Yarmouth, in the Isle of Wight, in Common Hall assembled, beg leave most humbly to approach your Royal Highness to express our detestation of the crime, which so recently terminated the existence of the late Right Honourable Spencer Perceval.

Amidst the painful sensations which we, and every loyal subject, must experience at the commission of a crime so abhorrent to the generous character of this nation, we have the satisfaction of feeling, that that character, which has so long rendered the country an object of proud and enviable distinction, has not been sullied by this atrocious act; but that to the hand of a malignant and sanguinary individual, is to be attributed the death of a statesman eminently distinguished by every public and private virtue.

To these expressions of grief and respect, we beg to add our humble and dutiful assurances of the most sincere and ardent attachment to our revered Sovereign, to your Royal Highness, and every branch of your royal house, with a fervent prayer, that it may for ever continue to preside over a free and grateful people.

Given under our common seal, this 25th day of May 1812.

[Presented by Sir Leonard Worsley Holmes.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty George the Third, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Taunton, in the County of Somerset.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Taunton, in the County of Somerset, beg permission to approach your Royal Highness, to offer our unfeigned sorrow at the atrocious outrage which has been committed on His Majesty's Government, by the detestable assassination of the person of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, Chancellor of His Majesty's Exchequer; and to express our horror, that, in this country, the pride of its inhabitants, and the admiration of the world, for humanity and generous feelings, a wretch should have been found so destitute of religious and moral sense, as to contemplate, execute, and even justify, the crime of murder; and that too, on an individual, whose well-known purity of intention, urbanity of manner, and unoffending conduct, in all the relative situations in which he had been placed with society, would have disarmed the most hardened assassin that could be imagined to exist in the shape of a human being.

Whilst we thus sympathise with your Royal