

act, by which the Prime Minister of these realms has been assassinated, and the nation deprived, at this eventful period, of a statesman of distinguished ability and integrity, and of eminent private worth. In declaring our abhorrence of such an unprovoked crime, and in condoling with your Royal Highness on such an unparalleled violation of the law, allow us to assure you of our uniform and unshaken determination to support, on every emergency, that invaluable constitution, by which the lives, the liberties, and the happiness of the British people, have been for ages so admirably protected.

[Presented by Mr. Owen, M. P.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Aldermen, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants, of the Town and Borough of Ruthin, humbly beg leave to express to your Royal Highness the horror and detestation we all feel at the malicious and atrocious assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, in the conscientious discharge of his important public duties; and we sincerely condole with your Royal Highness on the general loss sustained throughout the United Kingdom, by the untimely death of so able and upright a statesman.

We also humbly desire to state to your Royal Highness, that we have heard with sorrow and surprise of the desperate menaces anonymously sent to your Royal Highness; and we heartily lament, that any traces of riot or disaffection should exist in this highly favoured land. We, in common with every true friend of our excellent constitution, have observed with pleasure and satisfaction, the wisdom of your government during the period in which your Royal Highness has exercised and administered the royal power and authority. And we implore your Royal Highness to accept our heartfelt gratitude, for your solicitous regard for the welfare of His Majesty's subjects. And we further beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our unabated attachment to the person of our beloved and venerable Sovereign, and to the admirable fabric of our constitution in church and state.

Signed, by the united desire of the Burgesses and other inhabitants, this 25th day of May 1812,

*John Phillips and Richard Hughes,
Aldermen.*

[Transmitted by Middleton Biddulph, Esq. and presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Brethren, of the ancient Corporation of Master Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity-House of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; humbly beg leave to offer this our Address of Condolence, with feelings of grief, abhorrence, and detestation, on the atrocious and malignant assassination of your Royal Highness's late Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, within the walls of the Senate House; whose distinguished abilities and integrity as a statesman, and amiable qualities as a man, having been generally acknowledged, esteemed, and admired; we

regard and deplore, in concord with the universal sentiment, his foul and execrable murder as a great public loss and calamity, as well as a most lamentable misfortune to his aggrieved family and numerous private friends.

The benevolent measure which your Royal Highness graciously recommended, and the Commons House of Parliament have liberally adopted, of making a public provision for the suffering family of your late faithful servant, has our entire concurrence and approbation.

Your Royal Highness will, we humbly hope, be pleased to accept and believe the assurance of our attachment to your august family, and our most fervent wishes for the welfare and prosperity of this empire, under the government of your Royal Highness. And if there do exist (of which the late organised tumults and violent proceedings in some parts of the kingdom excite general apprehensions) evil-minded and ill-designing persons insidiously attempting (by misleading some classes of His Majesty's subjects, and unjustly and maliciously attributing all evil occurrences to the measures of Government) to disturb the civil peace, and deface the constitution, so long and happily established in this empire, we trust that all such wicked machinations will speedily meet detection, discomfiture, infamy, and exemplary punishment, by the blessing of God aiding the means and energy of your Royal Highness's councils, and the patriotism and vigorous assistance of His Majesty's well-disposed subjects.

In testimony whereof, the Master hath hereto subscribed his name, and our common seal is affixed, at the Trinity-House in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the 26th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1812,

John Anderson, Master.

[Presented by Sir Matthew White Ridley.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Magistrates and Council of the Town of Kilmarnock.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, the Magistrates and Council of the Town of Kilmarnock, impressed with feelings of the deepest sorrow and regret for the loss which the public has sustained in the death of the late Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, entreat permission to tender our condolence on the melancholy occasion.

We cannot but view with the utmost abhorrence and detestation, the atrocious act of the vile assassin, by which His Majesty's government and the country, in a juncture of difficulty and danger, have been deprived of one of their most able, enlightened, and virtuous statesmen. But we rejoice to think, the act is merely that of a solitary individual, resulting from a vicious and depraved mind, and altogether unconnected with any party who may be supposed to have been inimical to the late Minister's political conduct. Having recently had an opportunity of offering our grateful acknowledgements to your Royal Highness for having retained Mr. Perceval in