

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of Kingston-upon-Hull.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE humbly presume to approach your Royal Highness, to express the heartfelt grief with which we deplore the death of your Royal Highness's faithful and confidential servant, the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, and the horror and indignation we feel at the atrocious act, which has deprived the country of a man of such exalted talents and virtues, aggravated (if such a crime admit of aggravation) by having been perpetrated when he was engaged in the discharge of his parliamentary duty.

Amidst the universal gloom which this melancholy event has spread through the country, we derive a ray of consolation from the proof afforded at his trial, that this horrid deed flowed from the malignant revenge of the assassin, in nowise connected with any persons disaffected towards your Royal Highness's person and government.

Permit us also, Royal Sir, to express our grateful sense of the prompt and ample provision which, in obedience to your Royal Highness's most gracious recommendation, Parliament has made for the disconsolate widow and children of a man so highly distinguished by his public and private virtues, and who, during an arduous administration, had many political opponents without a personal enemy.

Given under our common seal, the 26th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1812.

*George Schonswar, Mayor.*

[*Transmitted by John Staniforth, Esq. M. P. for Kingston-upon-Hull, and presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Provost, Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Dunfermline, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, with every sentiment of respect and faithful attachment, to express those feelings of horror and indignation with which we are penetrated at the recent unparalleled and most atrocious assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer; and humbly to assure your Royal Highness of our warmest sympathy and sincere condolence on an event, by which you have been deprived of a minister of consummate worth and ability, and the country of a statesman, whose loss, in any circumstances, must have been severely felt, but in the present most important crisis, in every point of view, is to be deplored as a great national calamity. Yet, while we lament this melancholy and awful dispensation of Providence, we feel a degree of satisfaction in reflecting, that a deed so peculiarly abhorrent, appears to be the act of an individual assassin, and that the national character will not be sullied from the perpetration of a crime hitherto unexampled in this happy country, and

every way foreign to the genuine disposition and honourable feeling of the British people.

Reposing the highest confidence in your Royal Highness, we look forward in the firm persuasion of your persevering in those measures which have distinguished your government with the most brilliant and important successes, and encircled the British name with additional lustre and glory; and we trust, that through the firm and determined exertions of your Royal Highness's government, in conjunction with the good sense of the country, the insidious and wicked attempts of desperate incendiaries, who, under pretence of grievances never known, and privations but partially felt, are continuing to spread the flames of anarchy and riot in several parts of the kingdom, the national tranquillity may speedily be restored; and that ultimately, through the blessing of Providence, your Royal Highness's endeavours for the re-establishment of peace, on solid and honourable principles, may be crowned with success, which, we are convinced, can only be attained by a vigorous prosecution of a just and necessary war, in which the country is unhappily, though unavoidably, engaged.

Signed in our name, by our appointment, and in our presence, and the seal of the said Burgh hereunto affixed, this 18th day of May 1812 years.

*D. Wilson, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by General Campbell M. P. for the Burghs of Dunfermline, &c. &c. and presented by Mr. Secretary Ryder.*]

To His Royal Highness GEORGE PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town Council of Greenock.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Magistrates and Town Council, in common Council assembled, beg leave to present ourselves to your Royal Highness with the most profound respect.

When on the 14th day of February 1811, we took the liberty to convey our sentiments of respect and attachment to your Royal Highness, on the important office of Regent being committed to you, and the grateful emotions, which thence arose in our minds, we had also the painful duty to perform of offering with all humility to your Royal Highness, our sincerest sympathy on the illness of our revered Sovereign; the continuance of which, under the divine dispensation, we, from our hearts deeply deplore; we now presume to come before your Royal Highness in the most genuine affliction, on the recent assassination of your First Minister: An event so much beyond the possible contemplation of British feeling, that we were alike paralyzed by the audaciousness of its enormity, and shocked at its fatal success.

It has justly excited an universal and lively abhorrence, most honourable to the nation, and we are sensible cannot have been more poignantly felt, than in the humane breast of your Royal Highness.

While we unaffectedly condole with your Royal Highness on so melancholy and painful an occasion,