

ing, so far as is possible, the public loss of Mr. Perceval; a confidence justly founded upon the course of your government hitherto, and inspiring us with a firm reliance that your Royal Highness will supply this awful chasm in the public service in such a manner as shall be best calculated to uphold the honour of the crown, and the interests of the empire.

Given under our common seal the 2d day of June in the year of our Lord 1812.

[Presented by Edward Hutchins, Esq. Mayor, and J. H. Lockhart, Esq. one of the Representatives in Parliament for that City.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, the Inhabitants of His Majesty's most ancient and loyal City of Chester, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, humbly to offer our deep and fervent condolence on the melancholy event of the murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, His Majesty's late First Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer, at the entrance of the Commons House of Parliament. A murder the more atrocious and abhorrent, from its having been committed upon a man, who, as universally allowed, united to very splendid talents, the most benevolent heart. We, however, derive in this moment of sorrow, a degree of consolation from the gratifying consideration, that the perpetrator of the dreadful crime, as acknowledged by his confession, had neither abettor or associate in producing this ever-to-be-regretted catastrophe. Relying with high confidence upon the firm and patriotic conduct of your Royal Highness, in your government of the United Kingdom at this arduous and truly awful period, we are, with great deference, your Royal Highness's most dutiful and most loyal subjects.

Signed, on behalf of the inhabitants,  
2d June 1812. Robt. Bowers, Mayor.

[Presented by General Grosvenor, John Egerton and H. Leicester, Esqrs.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the City of Aberdeen.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the City of Aberdeen, beg leave in the most respectful manner, to approach your Royal Highness, to express our sincere condolence, on the great loss which your Royal Highness and the country have sustained, in the atrocious murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord Commissioner of His Majesty's Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A deed so wicked and barbarous, and perpetrated almost in the presence of the British Senate, on the person of an able, upright, and highly esteemed Minister, has excited in this populous commercial city, the utmost detestation and horror.

We are sensible of the blessings, which all His Majesty's subjects enjoy, under the wise and auspicious administration of your Royal Highness; and we deeply lament that desperately foolish depravity, which has of late disturbed and afflicted

some parts of the kingdom, by alarming and destructive riots.

It affords us peculiar satisfaction to be able to assure your Royal Highness, of the continued loyalty, good order, and peaceable dispositions of the numerous inhabitants of this city and neighbourhood, which in our several stations, it shall be our constant endeavour to encourage and promote.

Engaged by all the ties of duty, and of interest, we will ever persevere with unalterable zeal and affection, in our reverence for the constitution and laws of the realm, and attachment to your royal person and illustrious house.

[Presented by the Marquis of Huntley.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

PERMIT us, the Mayor, Aldermen, Chief Citizens, and principal Inhabitants, of the City of Hereford, to approach the throne of these realms, with sentiments of dutiful allegiance to your Royal Highness, and unfeigned attachment to the principles of the constitution.

We deeply deplore the atrocious and horrid murder of the late Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, in the important discharge of his great and public duties; and while we offer our sincere condolence on that lamentable transaction, and join in the general expression of indignation against it, we earnestly pray, that, under Divine Providence, no future events may tend to disappoint our anxious wishes for the happiness of your Royal Highness, and the prosperity of your government.

Hereford, May 22, 1812.

[Presented by Mr. Scudamore, M. P. for Hereford, accompanied by His Grace the Duke of Norfolk.]

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

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, in Exeter, humbly beg leave to approach your royal presence with sentiments of the sincerest grief at the atrocious murder of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, by the hand of a desperate assassin. A Minister whose eminent services, exalted virtues, and transcendent talents, had justly recommended him to your Royal Highness to conduct the affairs of this nation; has thus been suddenly removed from us in the discharge of his duty to the crown and country, to the disappointment of those hopes which the public had formed that, through his abilities and unblemished integrity, under the auspices and protection of your Royal Highness, the difficulties of the country might have been in time removed, and peace and tranquillity restored to an united and happy people.

Whilst we thus lament and express our abhorrence of this atrocious act, we rejoice at the justice which has been done to his memory by the unanimous expressions of the national regret, and the universal admission of those numerous virtues which entitle him to the gratitude of his country, and have recommended his afflicted family to the munificent protection of your Royal Highness and a generous people.