

of Leicester, beg leave humbly to lay before your Royal Highness, our sincere condolence upon the recent atrocious act of murder committed upon the person of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, First Lord of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer, within the walls of Parliament, and to assure your Royal Highness of our unfeigned participation in those sentiments of grief so feelingly expressed by your Royal Highness, in the public communications to Parliament upon that lamentable occasion.

In reflecting upon this horrid and detestable transaction, we are convinced that it must be viewed by all ranks of His Majesty's subjects with those sentiments of disgust and execration, which it so justly merits, and that our name as a nation will be rescued from the foul stain of any participation in the odious and disgraceful crime of assassination, so foreign to the open and generous feelings of Britons; and we have the melancholy consolation of belief, that this base deed was the act of a desperate but single individual, under the furious and unfounded impulse of resentment for supposed private wrongs. Against such a charge, even were the facts less public, it would be sufficient to record the amiable and unoffending character, the many private virtues, and the unquestioned public integrity, of your Royal Highness's late faithful servant; but moreover we know that the assassin himself lamented the direction of his wicked and misguided vengeance, which has thus snatched from his family a man endowed with every moral virtue, and from his country a statesman, who by a truly disinterested exercise of eminent talents, and a most conciliatory spirit, has not left to himself one personal enemy, even amongst his political opponents, and whose loss has produced the rare but genuine tribute of unanimous and universal grief.

We beg leave at the same time to assure your Royal Highness, that we most deeply deplore the excesses late committed in violation of the public peace, in various districts; but trust that the established authorities of the realm, aided by the good sense of the people, will cause these disgraceful scenes to cease from amongst us, and humbly implore the blessings of Providence on your Royal Highness's endeavours to promote the public welfare, and further beg permission to express our humble but firm determination to use our most strenuous exertions, whenever necessary, in support of the due execution of the laws, and in the maintenance of public tranquillity.—June 5, 1812.

Signed, in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by *Richard Cheslyn, Sheriff.*

[Presented by *Richard Cheslyn, Esq. High Sheriff.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Inhabitants of the County of Denbigh, beg leave to express to your Royal Highness the unfeigned horror, detestation, and grief, we feel in contemplating the cruel assassination of the Right Honourable Spencer Perceval; by which diabolical act, your Royal Highness and the country have been deprived of the services of an upright, faithful, and able Minister, society of one of its most amiable ornaments, religion of one of its most

zealous supporters, and his family have sustained a loss that no human means can adequately repair. While we declare our abhorrence of such an atrocious act, and condole with your Royal Highness on the melancholy occasion, we feel some consolation, that it doth not appear from the trial of the assassin, that this execrable act formed a part of any sanguinary system planned by numbers, to overturn the constitution of this country, under which we enjoy so many and great blessings, and which we feel it to be our bounden duty to support to the utmost of our power.

We most cordially approve of, and humbly thank your Royal Highness for, your recommendation to Parliament, to make such a provision for the afflicted family of the deceased, as justice and the honour of the country imperiously require.

Signed by the request of the meeting, held at Ruthin the 26th day of May 1812,

*M. Edwards, Sheriff.*

[Presented by *Sir W. W. Wynne, Lieutenant of the County of Denbigh.*]

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

The humble Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Inhabitants, Freeholders of the County of Radnor.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Freeholders of the County of Radnor, penetrated with sentiments of dutiful and loyal attachment, beg leave humbly to approach your Royal Highness, for the purpose of respectfully tendering to you our condolence on the loss your Royal Highness has recently suffered by the murder of the late Right Honourable Spencer Perceval, at the door of the Commons House of Parliament, into which he was about to enter in the execution of his duty, as the first public servant of your Royal Highness and of his country.

An act so atrocious in its nature, as the assassination of Mr. Perceval, so sanguinary and diabolical in its performance, and so unprovoked on the part of the unfortunate victim, has seldom stained the annals of our history. In the present instance, however, it is a consolation to reflect, that there is strong reason to believe the crime was the crime of an individual, and consequently that its perpetration does not involve the character of the nation.

We presume that your Royal Highness, under the pressure of so sudden and severe a misfortune, found some relief from seeing the eagerness which persons, who differed from him in political opinions, manifested to express an honourable testimony of the public and private virtues of your late Minister: and we beg leave humbly to express our gratitude to your Royal Highness for the care and protection you so early and graciously extended to his afflicted and numerous family—in an act so consonant to your Royal Highness's natural benevolence and humanity, we are persuaded the sentiments and wishes of the nation kept pace with those of your Royal Highness.

We are happy in this opportunity of renewing our professions of veneration and attachment to