

played, and that the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his dominions will be secured throughout all generations.

Signed, on behalf of the meeting, this 2d day of June 1812, *Hugh Humphreys, Sheriff.*

[Presented by Sir Thomas Mostyn, M. P., accompanied by Earl Grosvenor, Lord Kenyon, Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart. Sir Edward Lloyd, Bart. Colonel Palleston, and Colonel Shipley.]

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

The humble and dutiful Address of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Oxford.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the county of Oxford, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the deepest and most heartfelt expressions of sorrow and condolence on a late most atrocious and calamitous event; an event that appears to have been perpetrated upon a pretence as false and mischievous in its principle, as it was in its manner most infamous and base.

That a person, whose whole life had been a series of universal benevolence, should become the object of the malice of an assassin, was sufficient to excite strong feelings of regret in every good and generous breast: but when we reflect that the person whom we now deplore, stood in a situation of importance to the happiness of millions; that his conduct in that situation was distinguished by the most faithful and unshaken loyalty to his Sovereign, by the most ardent zeal for the honour and interests of his country, and by the most anxious care for the preservation of those establishments, which constitute the foundation of our prosperity and happiness, we cannot but consider the present instance as the most atrocious enormity that ever proceeded from the depravity of the human heart.

We acknowledge with humility and respect your Royal Highness's prompt and benevolent recommendation of the bereaved family of this most excellent person, which we now consider as the family of the nation, to the justice and munificence of Parliament; and we beg leave to add, that the most ample satisfaction of your royal recommendation will, in our judgments, best gratify the expectation of the country, and the national character for liberality and justice.

We cannot retire from your royal presence without expressing our most heartfelt concern for the many instances of relaxation of morals, insubordination, and violence that have lately disgraced many parts of this kingdom, and which have been attended with enormities hitherto unknown to the character of the British nation.

We pledge ourselves, in our respective stations, to make every exertion for the prevention or correction of these destructive evils; and we hope and trust that, by the firmness and vigour of your Royal Highness's councils, the national character and honour will be vindicated by a prompt and effectual suppression of those enormities, and by the just and exemplary punishment of the daring and atrocious

authors of them. And we also trust that the people in general will deeply reflect upon the magnitude and importance of the object that is now at issue; and that by comparing their own happiness and comforts with the miseries and sufferings of the surrounding nations, they will be firmly convinced of the imperious duty of shewing that respect for the laws, which can alone secure the happiness of the people, and the welfare of the country.

Signed by order of a meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the county of Oxford.

*T. S. Lloyd Wheate, High Sheriff.*

[Presented by *T. S. Lloyd Wheate, Esq. High Sheriff.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT:

WE, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the county palatine of Chester, humbly beg leave to lay at the foot of the throne the sentiments of abhorrence with which we are impressed of the system of outrage and tumult which has but too unhappily disgraced certain districts in this county.

Enjoying, as we do, true genuine liberty, we behold with grief and indignation the rash intemperance of the misguided and licentious, which would endanger, by unjustifiable excesses, the inestimable blessings we derive from our excellent constitution.

We most deeply lament that the history of the present times should be stained by the foul and base assassination of one of His Majesty's Ministers, within the walls of the House of Commons; a crime as odious in itself, as repugnant to the manly generosity of the British character.

Permit us to offer to your Royal Highness our unfeigned assurances of unalterable attachment and loyalty, accompanied with the liveliest and most grateful acknowledgments to your Royal Highness, for the sollicitude you have been pleased to manifest for the peace and tranquillity of this county, by the prompt administration of justice; a measure calculated to produce subordination and obedience to the laws in the tumultuous and ill-disposed, and to reclaim the deluded from the path of error.

Signed by order of a general meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the county palatine of Chester, held at Northwich, in the said county, on Tuesday, the 2d day of June 1812.

*Edmund Yates, Sheriff of the county of Chester.*

[Presented by *Mr. Cholmondeley and Mr. Davenport.*]

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

The humble Address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the county of Perth.

WE, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the county of Perth, assembled by special advertisement, feel it to be our duty humbly to address your Royal Highness, for the purpose of expressing our horror and detesta-