

successful murder of the Minister, now dare, with audacity unexampled, and with atrociousness unparalleled, to threaten the sacred and royal person of our prince. Against all such attempts it is only the power of Almighty Wisdom that can protect us. Such protection we now most humbly and fervently implore, declaring, at the same time, our deep abhorrence of such crimes, and our determination to resist them with the courage and patriotism of Britons.

We cannot conclude this our most loyal and dutiful address, without assuring your Royal Highness of our belief, that such unconstitutional and unchristianlike sentiments, as we have been most painfully called upon to allude to, are confined to the breasts of a few (we trust a very few) of the desperate and deluded inhabitants of this kingdom; and that the very great majority of the subjects of this realm concur with us in a just sense of our public duties, and in the most devoted attachment to your royal house and person.

Signed at the request and on the behalf of the County meeting,

*Hugh Bulkeley Owen, Sheriff.*

[Presented by Mr. B. Paget.]

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

The humble Address of the Frecholders, Commissioners of Supply, and Justices of the Peace, of the County of Ross, assembled in a General Meeting of their Number.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, and Justices of the Peace, of the County of Ross, here assembled in consequence of special advertisements made by our Sheriff Depute and Convener, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the strongest feelings of attachment to your person, and of respect for your government.

We humbly offer our condolence to your Royal Highness, on the long and protracted indisposition of our beloved and venerable Sovereign, who has, through the whole course of his long reign, proved himself to be the father of his people, and, by the uniform steadiness of his administration, has overcome the deep-laid machinations of our inveterate foe, although supported by the endeavours of the discontented and ill-disposed amongst his subjects, for our ruin and subjection to a foreign yoke, and raised the empire to an unexampled pitch of greatness and prosperity.

It is with hearts filled with gratitude to Heaven, that we perceive the same traits of firmness and energy of character, that so much distinguished your Royal Father, shine forth in your Royal Highness's conduct since you have assumed the reins of government. From them we with pride prognosticate an adherence to these measures of government, which have hitherto saved the empire from being involved in the general wreck which has taken place amongst the greater part of the nations of the European Continent, and by being persevered in, may, by the blessing of God, prove the means of crushing the general enemy of the

repose of the world, and restoring peace and order amongst these nations.

We beg leave to congratulate your Royal Highness on the glorious and splendid events which have been achieved by the prowess of His Majesty's arms, in various quarters of the globe, since your Royal Highness has conducted the government. By them, the enemy has been beaten out of every colony he, or the nations dependent on him, had in the world; the kingdom of Portugal has been liberated completely from his dominion, and our noble and brave allies in Spain have received essential aid and protection; whilst the glory of His Majesty's Generals and armies have been raised to that unrivalled pitch, that fills the world with admiration, and is likely to kindle a spirit of emulation and enthusiasm in the other nations, that may lead them to shake off the insufferable thralldom of the general enemy.

We have participated with our fellow subjects throughout the empire, in sentiments of abhorrence and detestation of the atrocious act of assassination which has so recently been committed on the person of the late Right Honourable Chancellor of the Exchequer, a man highly distinguished, not only by your Royal Highness's favour, but by his eminent virtues, both public and private; whose untimely fate must be long deplored. We beg leave, at a crisis so interesting, to express to your Royal Highness how deeply we have been affected by this barbarous and cruel act.

A general retrospect of your Royal Highness's administration of the government, and of the success with which the measures pursued have been uniformly crowned, fill us with a confident hope, that the empire is destined to enjoy happiness and prosperity under your government, which will continue to be handed down to our posterity.

Signed in our name, and by our appointment, at Dingwall, the 4th day of June 1812; by Donald M'Leod, Esq. of Geanies, our Preses, Donald M'Leod, Preses.

[Presented by Major Innes, M. P. for the County.]

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heritors, of the county of Linnithgow, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with assurances of our unshaken loyalty and attachment to His Majesty's person, family, and government. We sincerely condole with your Royal Highness and your august family on the continuance of His Majesty's indisposition;—an indisposition which, from its nature, would, under any circumstances, have been deeply interesting, but which falls still more heavily upon us, as depriving us of the government of a Sovereign who has reigned over us for above half a century with the kindness of a parent. We join most earnestly with your Royal Highness in your wishes and prayers for His Majesty's recovery, if it were for no other reason, than that his sufferings may be repaid by the know-

