

tugal alone, in the Peninsula; the fate of Europe changed with the unexpected resistance to French usurpation there, it hung in suspense while the conflict remained doubtful, and it has been decided in the same hour that the champion of Britain completely delivered the country of our ally. Animated, by the example of a war in which it was manifest that the armies of France, so universally dreaded, were not invincible, when opposed by men born free like Britons, or men fighting to become free like Spaniards; the Sovereigns of the Continent awoke to the knowledge of their true interests, and to the discovery of their true strength; they made one cause with their people, and with each other, and that cause has prevailed. Thus has the spoiler of nations been bailed in the South, and in the North, and in the heart of Europe. In Spain, by British valour and Spanish constancy, he has been expelled from a Kingdom which he had seized by perfidious policy. In Russia, by the self-sacrificing patriotism of the people, he lost an empire which he imagined he had conquered, and lost it in the moment when his victory seemed complete, by the near possession of its ancient capital; the flames of Moscow at once enlightened and warned the North of Europe, and in Germany, when the fugitive returned to renew the strife for continental ascendancy, he was driven from Dresden to the Rhine, from disaster to disaster, till he had lost in a few days the labours of as many past years, and the hopes of all his future life.

The next victory, on which we congratulate your Royal Highness, is a bloodless one: Holland became free, as the natural consequence of the exhaustion which her oppressor had suffered in Russia and Germany; and by the instantaneous revival of a spirit of liberty, which for a time had been overwhelmed, but could never be quenched.

We have dwelt long on these events, but it is because their number, as well as their magnitude, forbid compression. We have dwelt long on them, but your Royal Highness will not think that we have dwelt too long on subjects which will furnish lessons to the statesman, examples to the warrior, and themes to the poet and historian, so long as human genius can adorn, or human records perpetuate them; subjects, which, in the present generation, ought never to be out of the eye or the mind of Princes and their people, since on the profitable use of the experience which these have supplied, depend the immediate safety and the lasting independence of the States of Europe. To the profitable use of this experience, according to the magnanimous declaration of your Royal Highness, at the late opening of Parliament, and the temperate, yet noble and public spirited sentiments expressed by your Ministers on the same occasion, we, with the rest of His Majesty's loving subjects, look for the attainment, in due season, of our dearest hope, an honourable, secure, and permanent peace. Meanwhile, may your Royal Highness be guided in your Counsels, and blest in your Person, by that Divine Providence, which has preserved to such venerable old age, the life of your Royal Father, for whom, and for your Royal Highness, as the Ruler over a free, a faithful, and a happy people, we will ever pray.

{ Presented by Lord Milton. }

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,  
REGENT of this United Kingdom.

The humble and dutiful Address of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Dudley.

May it please your Royal Highness,

THE inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Dudley, comprising a population of about fifty thousand persons, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the profoundest loyalty and respect, warmly to congratulate your Royal Highness on the great and happy events which have lately resulted from the triumphs of our arms and those of our allies, particularly in the overthrow of the enemy on the plains of Germany—the restoration to His Majesty of his Electoral dominions of Hanover, and the patriotic emancipation of Holland, by which a prospect is opened for a renewal of its ancient alliance with this country. In the midst of successes so many and so glorious, we beg leave also to express the peculiar pleasure with which we are inspired by the truly magnanimous sentiments, contained in your Royal Highnesses recent speech from the throne, as Regent of this United Kingdom.

At the time we deeply deplore the cause which places your Royal Highness in that exalted station, we rejoice in the wisdom with which its arduous duties are performed. Nor do we less applaud the filial piety which has induced your Royal Highness to continue in their respective offices, the faithful Ministers of our beloved and venerable Monarch, than we admire the discreet and successful measures which have been adopted to maintain the dignity of the Sovereign; to promote the welfare of the subject; and (if that indeed were possible) to raise the British name still higher than at any former period, in the estimation of surrounding nations.

Warring, with Heaven on our side, in the cause of justice and charity against tyranny and oppression, a series of victories have attended the British arms, which history will enrol on her brightest page, at the same time she attributes them, under the auspices of Heaven, to the "wise and understanding" Government preserved by your Royal Highness, which knew how so well to appreciate valour, as to select Commanders who have nobly triumphed over the most celebrated Generals of the enemy; an enemy whose uniform aim has been to reduce every civilized country to that state of abject slavery and misery, into which, by his inordinate ambition, he has plunged the devoted people, over whom he still exercises his merciless power. For that misery we cannot but feel, while we contrast it with our own happiness; and trust the times are fast approaching, in the dispensations of a gracious Providence, when the remaining fetters of despotism will be broken; when, imitating the pleasing, the patriotic unanimity which now distinguishes the British Senate and the British People, the Gallic Nation will be at peace with itself, and all the world.

Yet, ardently as we pray for that primary blessing, we deprecate the semblance without the reality; we desire no peace that shall not be sanctioned by honour, and likely to endure the test of time.

This dutiful and loyal address, voted unanimous-