

in a good cause more eminently rewarded, nor injustice and oppression more signally punished than by the expulsion of the enemy from the Peninsula of Spain and Portugal, and the deliverance of the greater part of Europe from the yoke and domineering influence of the Ruler of France. We may now cherish a well-founded hope, that by a continuance of the exertions which have led to these most important events, the independence of the Continent will be ultimately established on a solid and permanent foundation.

"It is, you may be assured, my ardent and invariable wish, that by a due combination of moderation and energy, the Government of this country may at all times be administered in a manner congenial to the generous and high-spirited character of His Majesty's people, and I entertain the most perfect confidence, that animated by the experience of what has been effected by their own fortitude and example, during this momentous contest, they will remain determined to spare no efforts, and to withhold no sacrifices which may still be found necessary for the purpose of bringing it to a satisfactory conclusion by a secure and honourable peace."

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

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commoners of Hartlepool, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, our sincere and hearty congratulations on the present happy change in the posture of affairs on the Continent of Europe. We have beheld with joy and gratification the constant adherence of your Royal Highness to the principles of our Illustrious Sovereign, and by a steady perseverance in the same principles, we trust that Great Britain, under the happy guidance of your Royal Highness, and with the blessing of Providence, will ever maintain the proud eminence on which we stand; the hope and refuge of oppressed nations.

We have witnessed with the most heartfelt satisfaction the sacred flame of patriotism which burst forth in the Peninsula, extend to the distant shores of the Wolga, and fanned by the noble self-devotion of the citizens of Moscow, has given liberty and independence to nations long smarting under the chains of slavery.

Holland is free; and we have viewed with peculiar delight, the timely assistance granted by the Government of your Royal Highness.

We congratulate your Royal Highness on the restoration of the patrimonial dominions of His Majesty, wrested from the grasp of tyranny and oppression, and

We congratulate your Royal Highness on the constant successes of Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, and the brave army under his command, which has not only effected the deliverance of two gallant nations from a foreign and galling yoke, but has even carried the war into the country of their oppressors.

May the glorious events on which we now beg leave to offer our sincere congratulations, lead to an

honourable and lasting Peace; and may the Councils of your Royal Highness be directed by that Divine Providence which has preserved to us the life of our venerable King, for whom, and for your Royal Highness, we offer up our most ardent prayers, and that you may long continue to reign over the hearts and affections of a free, happy, and united people.

George Allan, Mayor.
Guildhall, Hartlepool, Dec. 27, 1813.

[Transmitted by the Mayor, and presented by the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

WE, His Majesty's dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Bath, in Common Hall assembled, beg leave humbly to offer to your Royal Highness our sincere congratulations on the late brilliant successes of His Majesty's arms in the Peninsula, and on the French frontiers, the splendid triumphs of the Allies in Germany, the recovery of His Majesty's electoral dominions, the restoration of Holland to the enjoyment of its ancient laws and independence, the compleat deliverance of Spain and Portugal from an infamous usurpation, and the effectual check imposed on the insensate ambition of the Ruler of France.

These great and memorable events, under the merciful guidance of Divine Providence, which we acknowledge with devout admiration and pious gratitude, we attribute to the wisdom and energy of His Majesty's Councils, the unshaken spirit and unexampled exertions of the British people, the intrepid gallantry of the combined forces, led to repeated victories by their illustrious Commander and his band of heroes, and to the cordial co-operation, persevering and successful efforts of the coalesced powers.

May the result be, the only aim and end of legitimate war, the attainment of a safe, honourable, and lasting peace.

Permit us, gracious Prince, to renew on this occasion our vows of loyalty to the King, of obedience to your Royal Highness's Government, and of affectionate and ardent attachment to that unrivalled Constitution which has so much contributed to render us a happy people, and given us so distinguished a rank, so proud a pre-eminence among the nations of the earth.

Given under our common seal, at the Guildhall in the City of Bath, the 24th day of December in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

[Transmitted by the Right Honourable the Marquess Camden, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness George 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 Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Dean of Faculties, Principal and Professors of the University of Glasgow, in Senate assembled, beg leave humbly to