

timent of religion calls upon us first, to express our gratitude to the Almighty for his signal interposition in our behalf, and humbly to acknowledge the greatness of his power, who governs all the nations upon earth.

If we look to Spain, not only do we see the expulsion of a perfidious invader from those fields which, but as yesterday, were subject to his controul; but we behold him driven within his own frontiers, attacked in his own territories, and defeated on the very ground which he had presumed to call sacred, by the troops of the united nations of Great Britain, Spain, and Portugal, under the command of a General whose name has become synonymous with victory.

If we turn our eyes to the Continent of Europe, so recently groaning under the most oppressive tyranny, the prospect which salutes us is glorious beyond any former example; with the most lively joy do we behold the nations of Europe rising with one accord against the oppressor, and, animated by the sacred spirit of freedom, crushing his vaunted legions, and reassuming their independence.

The result of the late glorious victories has shewn, that the people who have been compelled to fight the battles of the French, wanted only an opportunity to shake off the yoke; and, amongst the splendid examples which they have recently given, we hail with peculiar delight that of the Dutch nation, our ancient Ally.

But whilst we rejoice in the victories with which it has pleased Divine Providence to favour our cause, we rejoice so much the more in the prospect which they afford us of the speedy obtaining of an honourable peace; and it is with feelings of the greatest satisfaction, that we observe the declaration of your Royal Highness, that no disposition to require from France sacrifices of any description inconsistent with her honour or just pretensions as a nation, will ever be, on your Royal Highness's part, or on the part of His Majesty's Allies, an obstacle to peace. We are convinced, that this declaration will materially tend to the attainment of that blessing, as it cannot fail to impress our Allies, and even our enemies, with a just sense of the motives which have actuated us throughout the whole of this great struggle, which now draws to a close, namely, the supporting the rights of nations, and the obtaining of such a peace as may give a lasting repose to Europe.

On behalf of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Kingston-upon-Hull, in public meeting assembled,

*John Carrick, Chairman.*

[*Transmitted by the Earl Fitzwilliam, and presented by the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The humble, dutiful, and loyal Address of the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Surrey.

*May it please your Royal Highness, WE, His Majesty's loyal subjects, the Gentry,*

*Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Surrey, beg leave humbly to present to your Royal Highness, our warmest congratulations on the signal success with which it has pleased Divine Providence to bless the arms of His Majesty and of His Allies.*

The great and successive victories obtained under Field-Marshal the Marquess of Wellington, have excited in us the most unbounded admiration of the military talents of that great Commander, as well as the deepest sense of the services rendered, both to the Peninsula and to the cause of Europe, by the efforts of his combined and brave army, and the valour, skill, and unanimity of the confederated powers in the North of Europe, magnanimously pursuing one common object, have already effected the overthrow of the great and formidable armies to which they were opposed, the discomfiture of their leader, and the deliverance of a great part of Europe from his odious tyranny and oppression.

We cordially sympathize with your Royal Highness in the auspicious rescue of His Majesty's electoral dominions from the grasp of this lawless and unprincipled invader, and in their restoration to the mild and paternal Government of their rightful Sovereign.

We contemplate also with peculiar satisfaction the spirit which animated the United Netherlands, even antecedently to the arrival of any part of the allied armies, or any aid from Great Britain, to throw off the rigorous and humiliating yoke of France, and to reassume that rank among the powers of the Continent which had been obtained for them by the valour and perseverance of their ancestors.

We beg to assure your Royal Highness of our eagerness to support every effort of His Majesty's Government to protect and secure the independence of Holland, as well as to promote the re-establishment of the several States of Europe on just and permanent foundations.

In thus humbly representing to your Royal Highness our readiness to meet those further difficulties, and to make those extraordinary exertions which the vast importance of the interests at issue appear to us at this period of the contest imperiously to require, we derive peculiar confidence and encouragement from the consideration, that the declared object of your Royal Highness, and of His Majesty's Allies, is a pacification upon general principles of justice and equality, directed to the benevolent end of terminating those miseries which the ambition of the French ruler has so long inflicted on surrounding countries, consistent with the independence of the nations engaged with us in the contest, and tending to the permanent and general security of Europe.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the County of Surrey, at a public meeting at Epsom, upon the 17th day of December, 1813.

*Henry Bridges, Sheriff.*

*Transmitted by the High Sheriff and Samuel Thornton, Esq. Representative in Parliament for the said County, and presented by the Right Hon. Viscount Sidmouth.]*