

High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain. *Jas. Buller.*

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the High Sheriff, Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, Yeomanry, and Freeholders of the County of Devon, approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt congratulations on the prosperous events which are yet flowing in a course to effect the deliverance of Europe from the alarm which has overspread it for the last twenty years.

In contemplating with admiration the victorious progress of the allied armies in Germany, and the consequent extinction of the Rhenish Confederacy, by which that empire was held in a state of delusive bondage, we see, with most sincere satisfaction, His Majesty's Hanoverian subjects released from the misery and degradation of foreign despotism, and restored to their liberties and proper allegiance.

In the first dayspring of political regeneration, we have hailed with the highest exultation the successful effort of the people of Holland, in shaking off the chains by which they had been bound to the dominion of France, as an integral province of that assumed empire, and calling forth, with one voice, the energies of their former Government, under the protection of that illustrious family, by whose valour their freedom was first asserted, and by whose patriotism it has been so long and so gloriously maintained.

We have seen with additional satisfaction, the immediate support afforded by your Royal Highness's Government to this glorious exertion; from whence we derive the happy presage of its cementing still more strongly that union of interests which has heretofore contributed, not less to the prosperity of both countries, than to the tranquility of Europe.

Our commercial interests have not been more deeply concerned, even in this great event, than in the total abolition of that continental system, which by kindling this last war, has in its consequences brought on all those defeats and disgraces on its author, who vainly presumed, without ships, colonies, or commerce, to disappoint, by the iron hand of force, the industry of those nations who are, under Providence, possessed of these advantages.

In the bright horizon which now surrounds us, our national feelings have been principally excited by the transactions in the Peninsula, where our own armies, under their renowned Commander, after having expelled the invader from Portugal and Spain, have been the first to set their feet on French ground.

We feel great pleasure in ascribing the events which are now passing, in a great degree, to the influence of this country, by its steady and invariable perseverance in maintaining the cause of national independence and civil liberty, against the lawless claims of tyranny, violence, and usurpation.

Signed in behalf of the County,

R. Hippisley Tuckfield, Sheriff.

[Transmitted by *R. H. Tuckfield, High Sheriff of the County of Devon, and presented by the Right Honourable Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the Shire of Ayr.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the Shire of Ayr, assembled this day by public advertisement for that purpose; humbly beg leave, in sentiments of the most dutiful attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, to approach the throne with expressions of the most heartfelt congratulations, on the brilliant achievements and important successes of His Majesty's arms in the Peninsula and within France, under the direction of that Illustrious General the Marshal Marquess of Wellington.

Whilst we regard with admiration the long, persevering, and bloody struggle of Spain and Portugal, for the recovery and maintenance of their independence as nations, against the unprincipled and treacherous attempts of their cruel and tyrannical invader, it is with proud satisfaction this country can reflect, that by the aid of its exertions, directed by wise and magnanimous Counsels, such independence has at last been established—that the glorious example has called forth a corresponding sensation throughout Europe, and that the great empires and kingdoms of the Continent, indignantly spurning the oppressive slavery they have too long languished under, have with one feeling and with one voice, asserted the independence and the liberty of mankind.

Sir, these happy results cannot be contemplated without awakening in us a strong sense of gratitude to your Royal Highness, for the benefits derived from the wisdom and vigour of your Administration, which securing the maritime rights and internal prosperity of the British empire, has at the same time afforded that powerful succour to our Allies of Spain and Portugal, which has enabled them to emancipate themselves from the enslaving grasp of a treacherous and unsatiated tyrant, and to give to the world the bright example of successful resistance to unprincipled dominion.

Impressed with the sanguine hope, that the virtuous combination of power now put forth, for the suppression of wrong, the protection of right, and the restoration of order amongst the states and nations of Europe, shall, under the blessing of Divine Providence, be crowned with complete success, by the total extinction of that unnatural and