

With gratitude to Divine Providence, we rejoice in the hope, that the arduous contest, in which the generous patriotism of His Majesty's faithful people, and the wisdom of the Administration of your Royal Highness, have been so nobly conspicuous, is thus brought to an issue permanently safe and glorious for Britain, and advantageous to all Europe.

Signed, in the name and by appointment of the said Magistrates and City Council, in Council assembled, and the City Seal hereunto affixed, at Aberdeen, the 12th day of May, in the year 1814, by
Ja. Hadden, Provost.

[*Transmitted by James Farquhar, Esq. M. P. for the City of Aberdeen, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The Humble Address of the Mayor and Burgesses of the Borough of Devizes, in the County of Wilts.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal Borough of Devizes, in Common Council assembled, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the conclusion of a Treaty of Peace with France, on terms equally consistent with the dignity and honour of His Majesty's crown, and the security and happiness of the country.

We reflect with pride and satisfaction, that, under the favour of Divine Providence, Europe is indebted for deliverance from the tyranny under which she has so long groaned, to the example of this country, to the firmness and perseverance with which your Royal Highness has adhered to the wisdom and sound policy pursued by our beloved Sovereign,—to the unshaken loyalty and patient fortitude of the people during times of distress and difficulty, and to the splendid achievements of British valour, which (under the direction of a Commander whose renown has never been surpassed) have raised the military reputation of the country to the highest pinnacle of glory.

We beg to express to your Royal Highness our most grateful thanks for the able and judicious direction which his Majesty's Government has given to the energies and resources of the country, and for the no less well-timed and happily applied assistance which has been afforded to his Majesty's Allies, who have nobly contended in the same cause, and whose valour and magnanimity in battle have been only equalled by their forbearance and moderation in the hour of victory.

And we congratulate your Royal Highness, ourselves, and the world, on the almost unhopèd-for accomplishment of the great objects for which we have so long contended, and on the happy prospect afforded by the restoration of the ancient and legitimate authorities of Europe.

At the same time that we offer our sincere thanks for the exertions made by your Royal Highness to procure an immediate and universal abolition of

the African Slave Trade, we beg leave humbly to express our sincere regret that those exertions have not been wholly successful, and we eagerly seize the hope which is held out to us, of more effectual provisions being made at the ensuing Congress; and we therefore humbly, but most earnestly, intreat your Royal Highness that the present opportunity may not be lost, and that no endeavours or exertions may be omitted at the Congress to procure the immediate, final and total extinction of this odious system, so repugnant to every principle acknowledged by Christian nations, and so repeatedly and deservedly reprobated by all classes of His Majesty's subjects.

Given under our Common Seal, in the Council Chamber of the said Borough, the seventh day of July, in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, 1814.

By order of Council,

Salmon.

John Singleton Clark, Mayor.

[*Presented by Lord Sidmouth, Recorder of the Borough of Devizes.*]

Whitehall, July 9, 1814.

Thursday last, the 7th instant, being appointed by the Proclamation of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to be observed as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the interposition of His good Providence in putting an end to the long, extended, and bloody warfare, in which this United Kingdom had been engaged against France and her Allies; His Royal Highness was pleased, for the greater solemnity of the day, to go to the cathedral church of St. Paul, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York, Kent, Sussex, and Cambridge, and His Highness the Duke of Gloucester, and attended by both Houses of Parliament, the Great Officers of State, the Judges, and other Public Officers, to return thanks to God for these His great mercies and blessings.

At nine o'clock in the morning, the House of Commons was called over; and the Members set out in their carriages, preceded by the Clerk Assistants, the Chaplain, and Deputy Serjeant at Arms, in one of the Speaker's carriages; the Messengers of the House going before on horseback all the way, and the Constables of Westminster as far as Temple-Bar. Then followed the Right Honourable the Speaker in his state coach.

Next came the Masters in Chancery, the Judges; and, after them, the Peers Spiritual and Temporal, in the order of precedence, as they were marshalled by the Officers of Arms at Westminster; the youngest Baron going first, and the Lord High Chancellor, in his state coach, closing this part of the procession. Such of the Peers as were Knights of His Majesty's Orders, wore their respective collars over their Parliamentary robes.

Afterwards proceeded the Royal Family, in order of precedence, with their attendants, escorted by the Life Guards.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent set out from St. James's-Palace soon after ten o'clock, in