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Lord Chamberlain's-Office, June 28, 1814.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Her Majesty will hold a Drawing-Room at the Queen's-Palace, on Thursday the 14th of July next, at two o'clock.

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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol, again beg leave to approach your Royal Highness's person, to testify our sincere and ardent participation in the general joy which the glorious termination of the war with France has diffused throughout Europe.

We congratulate your Royal Highness upon the rapid and astonishing series of successes which, since the great victory obtained over the enemy at Leipsig, continued to attend the operations of the allied armies, and at the last only terminated in the entire subversion of the military domination of France, the restoration of the legitimate Sovereign to the throne of that country, and the re-establishment between the principal nations of Europe of a just equilibrium of power—the only sure guarantee of the liberties and independence of the whole.

It is not in the power of language to do justice to the exalted virtues, displayed by the combined powers, in the accomplishment of these great blessings. The wisdom of their plans, the unanimity of their operations, their spirit, ardour, and perseverance in the pursuit of their object, their courage in the field, and their magnanimity and forbearance in the hour of victory, are the theme of universal praise and admiration. But whilst we pay this just tribute of applause to our illustrious Allies, we cannot but reflect with emotions of pride and ex-

ultation, that it is to this our native country, to the enlightened policy of her Statesmen, to the skill and heroism of her fleets and armies, and to the unshaken constancy of her people, during a long and arduous contest, that Europe is, under Heaven, principally indebted for its salvation. In that most alarming crisis of the war, when all the nations of the Continent were either at the foot of the tyrant, or enlisted under his banners in an unholy and unnatural league against their own happiness and independence, this country alone remained, amidst the general desolation, erect and unshaken—the last hope and sole support of a sinking world. Having secured our own national honour and safety, we extended our protecting arms to our suffering neighbours: by our aid the oppressed people of Spain and Portugal, were enabled to throw off the degrading yoke of their tyrants; and, rekindled by our breath, the sacred flame of liberty again burst forth and spread with resistless force over the whole face of the Continent.

After a dark and gloomy night of anarchy and rebellion, despotism and military usurpation, the clouds which so long obscured our political horizon are dispersed; the storm which raged with such destructive fury is passed away; and the dawn of a brighter and happier æra, beams upon the astonished view and reviving hopes of Europe, as yet scarcely recovering from the miseries of her thralldom.

The distinguished part which your Royal Highness has borne in these glorious transactions, will ensure to your Royal Highness's memory the meed of an honourable and lasting fame.—History will not fail to record in her brightest colours your Royal Highness's noble and affectionate attachment to the cause of suffering royalty, and those princely qualities, of wisdom and fortitude, decision and energy of mind, displayed by your Royal Highness, in the most critical and momentous emergencies, will be held up, in all the splendour of deserved eulogium, to the applause and admiration of succeeding ages.

[*Transmitted by Richard Hart Davis and Edward Protheroe, Esqrs. Members for Bristol, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]