

of this splendid era, of the glory obtained in war, and the blessings secured by peace.

[*Transmitted by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and presented by 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 Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and other Heritors of the County of Cromarty.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and other Heritors of the County of Cromarty, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness to express our most joyful and heartfelt congratulations on a definitive treaty of peace being now concluded between His Majesty and the King of France.

After the severe struggle we had to combat, and the privations which many of His Majesty's loyal subjects had patiently to endure, we trust that the peace now so cordially and so unanimously established, which, under Providence, we owe to the firmness and perseverance of the government over which your Royal Highness presides, will amply repay us, and that the blessings thereof will be enjoyed for many years to come.

From the spirit of moderation and concord which so conspicuously manifested itself in the conduct of our illustrious Allies during the negotiations for peace, we cannot doubt but the subjects of His Most Christian Majesty will see the wisdom of participating in the comforts resulting therefrom, thereby ensuring to us the prospect of a long and lasting peace, and that we shall henceforth live as good neighbours and friends.

Signed in our name, presence, and by our appointment, at Cromarty, this 20th day of June 1814, by *Dond. Mackenzie, Preses.*

[*Transmitted by R. B. Æ. Macleod, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

Unto 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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Haddington, beg leave to offer our sincere and hearty congratulations to your Royal Highness upon the termination of those various and extensive evils which have so long desolated the Continent of Europe, by the restoration of peace on terms alike honourable to this country, and the nations in alliance with it.

That in approaching your Royal Highness at this auspicious moment, we cannot refrain from expressing the satisfaction with which we reflect upon the uniform perseverance manifested by your Royal Highness and our beloved Sovereign, and by all classes of His Majesty's subjects, during the late

arduous and protracted struggle against the greatest military despotism which ever assailed the civilized world. It will ever be a proud recollection to this country, that when other nations were subdued by a tyrannical despot, or leagued in alliance with him, she alone upheld the cause of Europe in times of unexampled difficulty, and that it is to her exertions, under Providence, to which we are now to ascribe the happy termination of the late protracted war.

That while we thus express our sentiments of sincere gratitude for the blessings of peace, restored by your Royal Highness to the subjects of these happy realms, we would offer you our humble thanks for the gracious pledge you have given, that you will use your unremitting exertions to effect an abolition of the slave trade. May we be allowed to state, that our views on this subject coincide with those of your Royal Highness, and the whole British people, and to add our voice to theirs in entreating your Royal Highness to use your utmost influence at the approaching congress, to obtain a total abolition of a traffic so repugnant to every principle of religion and humanity.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, in Common Council assembled, by

*John Martine, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by J. Martine, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, request permission to lay before your Royal Highness our humble and dutiful congratulation upon the general peace, which, by the blessing of Almighty God, has crowned a series of public successes, surpassing not only all probable expectation, but even the anticipations of the most sanguine hope.

The restoration of peace, a word comprehending in itself so many blessings, is, in the present instance, enhanced at once by all that can render pacification honourable, advantageous, and lasting, and by circumstances, which, whether considered in their own nature, or contrasted with the prospects of no distant period, are wholly unparalleled in the history of Britain and of Europe.

Scarcely two years have elapsed since we contended with an enemy, whose gigantic power was only equalled by his inveterate enmity. If we now look round for that power, its very ruins have vanished; its memory has become like the remembrance of a disturbed and frightful dream; and a name, for whose terrors the world seemed too narrow, has sunk into something lower than utter oblivion. Within almost a similar space, Britain stood alone in the contest. She has now beheld the Monarch of France part from the side of your Royal Highness in affectionate and grateful friendship, and sail, under the protection of the British flag, to assume the crown so long usurped by the tyrant of that country, and the enemy of all others.

Nor is it with less pride and pleasure, that we hail the arrival of those illustrious strangers, whose valour and perseverance, not content with repulsing