

Russian empire; when, encouraged by this partial success, and animated by the heroic example of Great Britain, the oppressed nations rose as one man, and, aided by British co-operation, threw off the yoke under which they had so long groined: The result, Sir, has been a peace, which affords to this country and to the whole civilized world, the most solid cause for joy and thankfulness: Not a peace concluded with the foe of whose characteristic perfidy and implacable malice, we had experienced so many proofs, and no treaty with whom could have inspired confidence or afforded security; but a peace brought about by his entire discomfiture, and by the annihilation of his power: A peace which, by triumphing over revolutionary principles, accomplishes the real objects of the war, the preservation of the British Throne, the security of the British constitution, the independence of Europe, the re-establishment of the balance of power, and of the authority of the law of nations.

Most heartily do we felicitate your Royal Highness upon the conclusion of such a peace, for the attainment of which we are indebted under Providence to the wisdom, firmness, and perseverance, with which your Royal Highness has pursued those councils which have so materially conduced to the ultimate salvation of Europe; and we beseech the Almighty disposer of events, that under the auspices of your august family, its blessings may be continued to the latest posterity.

Signed at the request of the Justices in General Quarter Sessions assembled, 21st July 1814,

*W. Mainwaring, Chairman.*

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Surrey, beg leave to present to your Royal Highness, our heartfelt congratulations on the glorious issue of the arduous contest in which this country has been so long engaged.

It is with no common feelings of exultation, that we look back to the period when Great Britain stood forward alone, and under circumstances of peculiar discouragement, to maintain the great cause of the independence of nations. Upon the character of His Majesty's counsels depended at that time the destinies of Europe and of civilized man. The crisis was unexampled; and it was met by Great Britain, with a firmness and decision worthy of the interests which it involved, and of the situation to which Providence had called her. She threw back the menace of invasion, and by seeking and humbling the tyrant, on the very plains which he had chosen as the theatre of his guilty greatness; she awakened that indignant and irresistible spirit, which, in conjunction with her own, and under the blessing of the Almighty, has chased the despot from his usurped dominions, and

delivered an afflicted world from chains and degradation.

In ascribing to the Duke of Wellington, his brave army, and the rest of His Majesty's forces, so distinguished a part in this glorious work, we deliver a sentiment, which has been echoed through the whole of the Continent; and none have been more forward to do justice to that illustrious character, and our other commanders, than those gallant and generous Allies, whose names will be emblazoned in the brightest page of history, and associated with the lofty praise of wisdom in counsel and valour in the field, and moderation in the tide of success.

Among the splendid events which have poured such lustre upon our country through the whole of the war, we cannot but advert with unfeigned delight to the achievements of the navy. The detail of our engagements by sea is a narrative of triumphs.

On a former occasion, we humbly represented to your Royal Highness, our readiness to make such further exertions as the case might require for the attainment of a general peace. The object of our wishes has now been accomplished, and we rejoice to observe the liberal principles with which the negotiation has been conducted. Peace has been concluded in the spirit of peace, and thus offers the best pledge of its own security. We unite with your Royal Highness in the earnest hope, that it may be as lasting as it is extensive; that its influence may be felt in future ages, and its blessings be experienced by all nations upon earth.

Signed, at the request and on behalf of the county of Surrey, at a public meeting held at Epsom, on Monday the 13th of June 1814,

*Richard Birt, Sheriff.*

[Presented by the High Sheriff of Surrey, accompanied by Lord Middleton, Lord Lieutenant; Earl Onslow; Earl of Rothes; Sir John Frederick, Bart.; Sir Joseph Mawbey, Bart.; Mr. Sumner, Member for Surrey; Colonel Wood, Colonel Alcock, Colonel Coles, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Kennard Smith, Mr. Laing, Mr. Spicer, Mr. J. W. Spicer, Mr. Christopher Dunkin, Mr. Maberley, Mr. Marmaduke Langdale.]

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

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the City of York and its Vicinity.

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the City of York and its vicinity, approach your Royal Highness with our most heartfelt congratulations on the happy result of the momentous conflict in which Great Britain has been so long and so honourably engaged.

Whilst we are penetrated with sentiments of gratitude to the Supreme Being, to whom, at the call of your Royal Highness, we have this day offered our public and solemn acknowledgments for the blessing of peace, we cannot be insensible that to the zeal and wisdom of your Royal Highness's Government in the discharge of its high duties, the vigour with which it has supported the cause of