

Europe, and the unrelaxing firmness with which it has maintained the interests of this country in all its various relations, we are indebted, under God, for a consummation beyond the most sanguine of our recent hopes.

Should it please the Almighty Disposer of all events to "restore our beloved Sovereign to his family and to his people," it must be most satisfactory to the filial affection of your Royal Highness to reflect, that a peace has been accomplished congenial to the warmest wishes of his heart.

Your Royal Highness must have experienced a high gratification in remarking the triumphant pre-eminence which has distinguished His Majesty's fleets and armies during the course of a war, in its magnitude and consequences unparalleled in the history of nations.

It cannot but be a source of the greatest consolation to your Royal Highness to reflect, that the sacrifices and burdens to which the people of the United Kingdom have submitted with unrivalled fortitude during the last twenty years of arduous struggle, have been amply rewarded by the attainment of that security for which they contended, and by an accession of character, which must prove the lasting bulwark and glory of this highly favoured nation.

May your Royal Highness, and your illustrious House, long continue to guard the interests, and promote the happiness of a free and united people.

*Wm. Dunslay, Mayor.*

Guildhall, York, July 7, 1814.

[*Transmitted by Sir M. M. Sykes, Bart. and the Honourable Lawrence Dundas, Members for the City of York, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

*Most Gracious Prince,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor and Inhabitants of the City of York and its vicinity, approach your Royal Highness with sentiments of the highest respect towards your Royal Highness's Person and Government.

We cannot refrain from expressing our sincere acknowledgments for the benevolent efforts of your Royal Highness towards the utter extinction of the African slave trade, and we rejoice that these efforts have succeeded in recently inducing two of the Powers of the Continent to concur in relinquishing that horrid traffic.

We rely with confidence, that your Royal Highness will graciously exert your powerful influence at the approaching General Congress, to impress upon France, as well as on the rest of the European Nations, the same humane and disinterested feelings which have induced Great Britain to abandon this trade with abhorrence; and that the existence of a commerce, which the Allied Sovereigns have concurred in acknowledging to be "repugnant to the principles of natural justice," may, in this enlightened age, and at this important juncture, under the auspices of your Royal Highness, be effectually

and immediately declared to be in direct contradiction to the national law of Europe and of the world.

Signed by order, and as the act of a general meeting of the inhabitants of the City of York and its vicinity.

*Wm. Dunslay, Mayor.*

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

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, and other principal Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Halifax, dutiful and loyal subjects of His Majesty your revered father, beg leave humbly, yet with all the ardour of our hearts, to congratulate your Royal Highness on the glorious termination of the long and eventful contest in which not only these kingdoms, but all the States of Europe have been involved.

The blood, Sir, of our gallant countrymen has not been shed in vain; the mighty dead have not been sacrificed; they were the price of peace, of peace unequalled in the glory which has irradiated its attainment, in liberality and generosity to the vanquished, and therefore unequalled in the fair prospect it holds out to all of lasting security and repose.

Sir, the energy, the wisdom, and the fortitude of your Royal Highness, the integrity and abilities of your confidential servants, and the invincible heroism of a faithful people, have, under the blessing of Divine Providence, nobly vindicated the cause of Europe, and taught her to regenerate her expiring honour and independence.

In the happiness and gratitude of surrounding nations, but especially, Sir, in the prosperity and loyalty of the British empire, may your Royal Highness long enjoy your dignified reward.

*H. W. Coulthurst, D.D. Vicar of Halifax, Chairman.*

Halifax, July 23, 1814.

[*Transmitted by the Rev. Dr. Coulthurst, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom.

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the High Steward, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of his loyal Borough of Montgomery, beg leave to tender to your Royal Highness our humble tribute of congratulation and applause on the glorious termination of that tremendous warfare which hath desolated Europe for so many years, and on the triumph of social order over those anarchical and sanguinary theories which have so long distracted the civilized world.

For these and all the blessings attendant upon peace, with due reverence to the Great Supreme, we feel chiefly indebted to the politic, decisive, and magnanimous counsels of your Royal Highness,