

abolition of a traffic so repugnant to the best feelings of the enlightened age in which we live.

We finally beg leave to congratulate your Royal Highness on the brighter prospects now opened by these great achievements, and implore the blessings of Providence in furtherance of that just cause which, in its signal success, has established the honour, the freedom, and the welfare of European nations: and we trust that the malignant and infuriated councils of America, which have not listened to the voice of moderation, will, ere long, be taught, by the more vigorous measures reluctantly adopted by your Royal Highness against that still unfriendly Power, to acknowledge those national rights which she would perversely efface from the code of nations and of nature.

Jacob Henry Franks, Sheriff for the County of Leicester.

August 12, 1814.

[Transmitted by G. A. Legh Keck, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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 most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders, of the County of Essex, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness, our warm and dutiful congratulations, on the happy event of the re-establishment of general tranquillity in Europe.

We saw with the highest satisfaction, its greatest Monarchs renouncing their former jealousies and differences, and uniting their councils and arms in the sacred cause of national independence. We cordially rejoice in the success with which their noble exertions have been crowned, and particularly in the downfall of that military despotism, which had reduced France to the most degrading servitude, and had spread desolation over so large a part of the civilized world.

We reflect with exultation, on the part which our own country has borne in this great contest, in the triumphs which have been achieved by the valour and discipline of the British fleets and armies, and by the talents and patriotism of their great commanders; and while we are duly grateful to that Providence, which has exempted us from those dreadful calamities by which every other country in Europe has been successively afflicted, in becoming the theatre of this long and widely extended war; we have derived from its final result, additional grounds for cherishing that free and happy constitution, which is at once the pride and bulwark of our country, the object of all our exertions, and the source of all our strength.

In venturing to approach your Royal Highness, with these sentiments of pride and gratification, we can not help lamenting, that by a article in the Treaty, the French government have not acceded to the complete abolition of the African slave trade; the prospect of its continuance, even for a limited time, has occasioned in the minds of all classes of His Majesty's subjects, sensations of the deepest concern; though they are indeed alleviated by your Royal Highness's gracious assurance, that your

Royal Highness will use your best exertions at the approaching congress, for the attainment of an alteration in this part of the definitive treaty.

Under these impressions, we presume to entertain a well-grounded hope, that by your Royal Highness's powerful influence, aided by that of your illustrious Allies, the French government may be still induced to give effect to the unqualified extinction of a traffic so repugnant to our feelings as a nation, and so disgraceful to Europe.

Signed, on behalf of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders,

Robert Wilson, High Sheriff.

July 27, 1814.

[Transmitted by Robert Wilson, Esq. High Sheriff, the Lord Lieutenant (Braybrook), John Archer Houbton, and Charles Callis Western, Esqrs. Members for the County, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

Whitehall, August 16, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to nominate His Royal Highness the Hereditary Prince of Orange to be an Extra Knight of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath.

Downing-Street, August 16, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to appoint Edward Michael Ward, Esq. (of Bangor) to be His Majesty's Secretary of Legation at the Court of Stutgard.

Carlton-House, July 28, 1814.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was this day pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to confer the honour of Knighthood on Dr. James M'Gregor, Inspector-General of Hospitals.

Office of Ordnance, August 12, 1814.

Artillery of the King's German Legion.

Frederick von Quitter, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant. Dated July 22, 1814.

Crown-Office, August 16, 1814.

MEMBER returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

City of Edinburgh.

The Right Honourable William Dundas, one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Whitehall, August 12, 1814.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that, on the morning of Monday the 11th day of