

who have suffered such privations and made such unexampled sacrifices.

That during a period of unexampled difficulty and excessive dearness of every article of consumption, your Royal Highness cannot but have perceived that the war, which was the occasion of distress to the industrious and laborious classes of the people, has, by causing a progressive rise in the rent of land, been a source of emolument to the landed proprietors.

That it is, therefore, with concern and disappointment we have observed, at a moment when the people were anxiously expecting the blessings of peace, a diminution of their burthens and the cheapness of food, the land owners, not content with the advantages they had thus derived, not content with having escaped those losses and misfortunes which had involved thousands of other classes of the community in ruin, not content with being relieved from the property tax, have sought by the said bill to protect their property from those changes and fluctuations to which all other property is liable, and to secure to themselves, in time of peace, a continuance of those benefits which have arisen out of the war and distress of the times.

Your Royal Highness must be duly sensible that this country has risen to its pre-eminent rank among nations by its manufactures and commerce; it is by that it has acquired its wealth, which has raised and supported its navy, and promoted the greatness and glory of the British empire.

That by the improvements in various branches of manufactures in other countries, and by the introduction of machinery, we have already formidable competition to encounter; and that this measure, by keeping up the price of food, will cause the emigration of our manufacturers and artizans, and tend to transfer the skill, industry, and capital of this kingdom to other nations.

We therefore humbly implore your Royal Highness to extend your royal protection to interests so closely connected with the prosperity of these realms, by with-holding, on the behalf of His Majesty, your royal assent to the said bill; and we further pray your Royal Highness to dissolve the Commons House of Parliament, who have furnished the most conclusive evidence that they do not support the interests, nor represent the feelings or opinions of the people.

Signed, by order of Court,
Henry Woodthorpe.

To which Address and Petition His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to return the following Answer:

" I have heard, with the greatest concern, the sentiments contained in this your Address and Petition.

" I shall ever be desirous of paying to the representations of any part of His Majesty's subjects all the attention which may be consistent with the duty imposed upon Me, by the sacred trust committed to My charge.

" But I feel that it would be a dereliction of that duty if, in compliance with the wishes which you have thought proper to express, I

were to with-hold the royal sanction from the important measure which now awaits it, and so to exercise the King's prerogative as to indicate a want of confidence in a Parliament which, under difficulties the most trying, has, by the wisdom, vigour, and firmness of its conduct, invariably upheld the honour of His Majesty's Crown, and promoted the best interests of His people."

Office of Ordnance, March 25, 1815.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Brevet Colonel William Mudge to be Colonel, vice Seward, who removes as a General Officer. Dated December 25, 1814.

Brevet Colonel Henry Shrapnel to be ditto, vice Chaleton, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel George Wulff to be ditto, vice Desbrisay, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel George W. Dixon to be ditto, vice Bentham, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel Wiltshire Wilson to be ditto, vice Schalch, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel Richard Hamilton to be ditto, vice Hutton, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel Brooke Young to be ditto, vice Sproule, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel Sir Hoylet Framingham to be ditto, vice Charles N. Cookson, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel John Sheldrake to be ditto, vice Benson, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Colonel George Ramsay to be ditto, vice G. Cookson, who removes as a General Officer. Dated as above.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Worsley to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated as above.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Downman to be ditto. Dated as above.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Buckner to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Henry Eveleigh to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Charles E. Bingham to be ditto. Dated as above.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Dyer to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Stephen G. Adge to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Nathaniel Fay to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Henry Phillott to be ditto. Dated as above.

Major Peter Fyers to be ditto. Dated as above.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Augustus Fraser to be Major. Dated as above.

Brevet Major Honourable William Gardner to be ditto. Dated as above.

Brevet Major William Scott to be ditto. Dated as above.