

felt congratulations on the very providential escape of your Royal Highness from the atrocious and wicked attack made against your sacred person, on returning from opening the present Session of Parliament.

Your Royal Highness, the Illustrious Grand Patron of our Order, to whom we are linked by an indissoluble chain of dutiful attachment, can duly appreciate the cordial and affectionate sentiments of Masons, when pouring forth the feelings of their hearts, on an attempt so wicked in itself, and so disgraceful to the name and character of Britons.

May the grand Architect of the Universe protect your Royal Highness's sacred Person with his all-powerful arm, and continue to preserve you to the anxious wishes of His Majesty's people.

Given in Grand Lodge, under the seal of Masonry, this 19th day of February 1817.

Augustus Frederick, G.  
Atholl, P. G. M.  
William H. White, } G. Sec.  
Edward Harper, }

[Presented by the Duke of Atholl.]

To 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 dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex; beg leave to express to your Royal Highness our concern and indignation at the daring outrages committed against your Royal Highness's Person, in your passage from Parliament, at the opening of the present Session, and to offer our humble congratulations on your Royal Highness's escape.

We have been taught by the laws and Constitution of our country to reverence the Throne, and to respect the person of our Sovereign, and of his immediate Representative, and we know how great is the importance of these principles to the welfare of every part of the community; we feel ourselves therefore to be injured, and our own interests, security, and happiness endangered by these lawless insults offered to your Royal Highness, and we should ill appreciate the value of a free and Parliamentary Government, (such as we have enjoyed under the auspices of your Royal House,) if we did not consider the occasion selected for this purpose as a high aggravation of its guilt.

To the principles of that Constitution, and to the Person, Family, and Government of our gracious and beloved Sovereign, we beg leave to assure your Royal Highness, that we are firmly and steadily attached, and that it shall be our constant study to maintain inviolate, and to deliver down to our posterity those advantages, which, under that Constitution, have given to the British people its envied pre-eminence among all other nations.

By order, and on behalf of the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Essex.

John Hall, High Sheriff.

Chelmsford, 24th February 1817.

[Presented by John Hall, Esq. the High Sheriff, ac-

compañied by the Right Hon. Lord Braybrooke, Lord Lieutenant, J. A. Houblon, Esq. Member for the County, Rev. A. Hatt, Chaplain, Lord Verulam, Vasey Sterry, Under Sheriff, T. B. Batard, Esq. Jonathan I. C. W. Bullock, I. R. Brassey, Nicolas Pearse.

To 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 dutiful and loyal subjects, the Nobility, Gentry, Clergy, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Suffolk, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the most affectionate sentiments of veneration and respect, and to offer our sincere congratulations on your Royal Highness's providential escape from the traitorous attack made upon your highly valuable life; on your return from opening the present Session of Parliament. We are unable in adequate terms to express our horror and indignation at so daring and flagitious an outrage, committed at the moment of your Royal Highness's exercising the sacred duties of the Crown, and fulfilling your part of our most excellent Constitution. We entreat permission to assure your Royal Highness of our firm attachment to our venerable and gracious Sovereign, and to your Royal Highness's Person and Government, and that we will in our respective stations continue to exert ourselves in the suppression of all tumultuous and seditious proceedings, and in the maintenance of the public peace and tranquillity.

Signed at the request, and on behalf of the County.  
Charles Blois, Sheriff of the County of Suffolk.

[Presented by Sir Charles Blois, High Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, accompanied by T. S. Gooch, Sir W. Rowley, Lord Rendlesham, Sir Robert Harland, Hon. F. Thellusson, Mr. Bayly, Major Moor, Captain Hatley, R. N. Rev. Eurdley Norton, Mr. Petteward, Mr. Vernon, and Mr. Hanmer.]

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Masters, and Counsellors, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Totnes, in the County of Devon.

HUMBLY approach your Royal Highness to express the great horror and indignation with which we are impressed, by the outrage offered to your Royal Highness's sacred Person, on your Royal Highness's return from opening the Parliament.

We beg leave humbly to assure your Royal Highness of the heartfelt satisfaction which we, in common with all His Majesty's loyal subjects, feel, on your Royal Highness's most providential escape from so daring an assault, and to declare our inviolable attachment to our glorious Constitution, and that we are ready to the utmost of our power to defend it, and every branch of His Majesty's illustrious Family, against every attack either from foreign or domestic enemies.

[Presented by Thomas P. Courtenay, Esq. M. P. accompanied by William Dacres Adams, Esq. and William Courtenay, Esq. M. P.]