

misguided populace, upon the sacred Person of your Royal Highness, when returning from the exercise of one of the most important functions of the high authority with which your Royal Highness is invested, and so inseparably connected with the liberty, welfare and happiness of every class of His Majesty's subjects.

It is written in the Institute of our Order, that we shall not, at our meetings, enter into religious or political discussions; upon the present alarming occasion, however, we feel ourselves justified in humbly presenting ourselves to the notice of your Royal Highness, and joining our voice to that of our fellow subjects, in renewing the assurances of our fervent and unalterable attachment to your Royal Highness and to your illustrious House, and of our firm adherence to our present Constitution, under which our country has flourished through so many ages, in the fullest possession of civil and religious liberty.

Signed and sealed in our name and by our appointment, in Grand Lodge assembled, this 3d day of February, in the year of our Lord 1817.

*John Marjoribanks, Acting Grand Master.*

[*Transmitted by Sir John Marjoribanks, Bart. Acting Grand Master, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply and others, Heretors of the Shire of Ross, assembled in a General Meeting of their number.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

Impressed with the strongest feelings of loyalty to His Majesty, and sincere attachment to the illustrious House of Brunswick, and feeling with gratitude the exertions which have been made since your Royal Highness assumed the reins of Government, to put an end to the mischievous system thereof which prevailed in a neighbouring nation, threatening the overthrow of all well regulated States, and which by the steadiness and vigour of your Councils, and the prowess of His Majesty's fleets and armies, joined to those of his high allies, has restored to us and to the nations of the Continent of Europe the blessings of security and peace, at the same time that they have raised this empire to an unrivalled pitch of greatness.

We have heard with astonishment and surprise that a treasonable and most foul attack was made on your Royal Highness, by an unprincipled and ferocious mob, when returning from exercising one of the most important duties of your high and exalted situation, in opening the Session of the Parliament of the United Empire, and we beg leave humbly and heartily to congratulate your Royal Highness, on the providential escape which you then made.

We do not forget that your august Father and our beloved Sovereign, who has always and still does reign in the hearts of his subjects, was some years ago assailed on a similar occasion, and in the

same way, by a Jacobinical mob, set on by some unprincipled demagogues, who, as now, under a false pretence of reform, were labouring to subvert our excellent Constitution, and to bring about a revolution in the Government, in hopes thereby to raise themselves from insignificance to power.

By the vigour of His Majesty's councils and the wisdom of Parliament these hopes were crushed. We feel the fullest confidence that the present attempt to delude the lower orders of the people, (while they are suffering under the pressure of distress, occasioned by causes sufficiently obvious to the thinking and reflecting part of the community, and which we are confident will be soon alleviated by the wisdom of Parliament and the exertions of Government under the sanction of your Royal Highness's authority,) may be so far explained as to open their eyes to the delusions that are daily practised on them, by the detestable arts of factious and designing men.

We do earnestly pray that the Divine Favour and protection may be continued to shield your Royal Highness from such base and atrocious attempts, and that you may be long preserved to watch over the interests, and to enjoy the affection and confidence of a great, free and loyal people.

Signed in our name and by our authority, at Dingwall, the 26th day of February 1817.

by Sir Hector Mackenzie, Bart. Lieutenant-General of the Shire of Ross, our Preses.

*Hector Mackenzie.*

[*Transmitted by Charles Fraser, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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, the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Huntingdon, beg leave to express to your Royal Highness, our unfeigned indignation at the late treasonable and most outrageous attack made upon you, when returning from having opened the present Sessions of Parliament, and to offer your Royal Highness our sincere congratulations upon your escape from the perilous situation in which you were then placed; we beg leave also to take this opportunity of declaring our great respect for the first Magistrate in the State, and our resolution to support the dignity of the Throne, as established by our most excellent Constitution.

Signed in the name, and on the behalf of the County. *J. W. Quintin, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by W. H. Fellowes, Esq. M. P. for the County, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

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

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Inhabitants of the Town of Taunton and its vicinity, in the County of Somerset.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects,