

the exercise of a solemn function of the British Sovereign, and the general joy and gratitude for the Divine protection which rendered that nefarious attempt abortive; and we devoutly implore the Everlasting King to encompass your Royal Highness with His omnipotent shield, and to defend from every open and secret enemy, a life so precious to the State.

With sentiments becoming Britons, we contemplate the happy effects of that splendidly conceived and brilliantly executed enterprise against the city of Algiers, which, in adding a new wreath to our crown of naval story, broke down, we trust for ever, a system of piracy, at war with the rights of human nature, and formed a becoming sequel to the arduous struggle strenuously maintained and triumphantly terminated by Great Britain for the independence of Europe.

The exultation with which we reflect on these exertions of our country in the great cause of legitimate Government and of real liberty, and the hopes with which we anticipate the long continuance of that peace which they have brought to the world, have not made us insensible to the severe sufferings now widely diffused among our countrymen, partly by the necessary expenditure in a war of unexampled difficulties, partly by the consequent sudden change and diminution in the demands of commerce, and partly by the scarcity of food, with which it has pleased the great Disposer of All to visit us, as if to remind us amidst human triumphs, that we ought to rejoice with trembling. While we sincerely sympathise in their sufferings, and deeply deplore the attempts of unprincipled men during this season of general distress to incite the unhappy sufferers to rebellious deeds, and to propagate the licentious opinions, which prepare for the subversion alike of the Altar and the Throne, we are cheered by the admirable display which has thus been called forth throughout our country, on the one hand, of patience and fortitude, and resignation to the will of Heaven under inevitable privations, and on the other, of generous self-denial and active beneficence bringing alleviations to the pressure. Knowing that reverence for His righteous laws is the foundation in which the moral Governor of the Universe has determined, that the strength of empires shall repose, we congratulate your Royal Highness, that the British Sovereign rules in the hearts of a people who have shown so general a sense of these sacred obligations, whom neither the sacrifices of a long and arduous war, nor the sufferings of unexpected want, nor the corrupting inflammatory language of impiety and sedition, have as yet been able, nor will they, we hope in God, be ever able to seduce from their allegiance.

We are happy to embrace this opportunity of informing your Royal Highness, that we believe the people of Scotland to have had a conspicuous share in this interesting display of national worth; and in whatever degree this may be ascribed to the services of the Established Church, and to the co-operation of the justly valued institution of parochial schools, we hesitate not to assure your Royal Highness, that we shall give all the encouragement in our power to every prudent measure for disseminating throughout the community a spirit of con-

sideration and œconomy favourable at once to the interest of religion, and of civil Government. In these and in all our ministerial labours we will continue to imitate the example left to us by our venerable fathers; grateful for the distinguished advantage which the Church of Scotland derives from its connexion with the British Constitution, and under the serious conviction, that the religious and moral effect of a Gospel Ministry is essential to human happiness in all the various conditions and relations of the present life, as well as throughout the endless progress of man's immortal destiny.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may shower down his consolations upon our beloved Sovereign, bless the Queen and Royal Family, and continue to prosper the Government which your Royal Highness exercises in His Majesty's name and behalf, and that descendants of your illustrious House may to the latest posterity sway the British Sceptre over a free, great, loyal, and virtuous people, are the earnest prayers of, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed, in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by *Gavin Gibb*, Moderator.
Edinburgh, May 24, 1817.

THE following Addresses have been presented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent; which Addresses His Royal Highness was pleased to receive very graciously:

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 Gentry, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of Merioneth, beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness the faithful assurance of our profound and devoted attachment to your Highness's sacred person, and of our deep sorrow, horror and indignation, at the late atrocious attack upon your invaluable life by an infuriate and misguided populace.

We cannot sufficiently reprobate the base and cowardly conduct of the concealed traitors, public incendiaries, and open calumniators of their country's Constitution, who (bold and turbulent from a confident sense of impunity secured to them by the mild spirit of that very Constitution they so ungratefully traduce and vilify) hold out delusive prospects of relief to an ignorant multitude, irritate their minds, inflame their passions, and urge them on to tumult and plunder, and ultimately to their own destruction.

We are not insensible to the present distress of the country, we deeply sympathise in it, and we think it our duty and our happiness in proportion to our means to relieve it. The distress, though general, is we trust transient in its nature as arising from temporary causes; and principally from the unfavourable harvest with which it has pleased Providence to afflict all the nations of Europe; and