

in some degree an unavoidable and necessary consequence of the great exertions of the country in the mighty contest in which we were so long and so gloriously engaged. Renowned as we have been for ages for our military achievements, and unrivalled in the excellence of our civil institutions, the envy and admiration of the civilized world; never has there been a period in our history more distinguished by splendid victories on sea and land, by true glory and substantial greatness, than since your Royal Highness has wielded the Sceptre of this great nation; and never has there been a period, we are fully convinced, when the great body of His Majesty's subjects has been more firmly attached to your Royal Highness's august Family than the present.

That the Almighty may long preserve your Royal Highness, from "The pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the arrow that flieth in the noon-day," from secret machinations and open violence, are the sincere wishes and ardent prayers of His Majesty's most loyal and devoted subjects.

Signed, in the name and by the appointment of the Meeting, the 7th day of April 1817.

*John Evans, Sheriff.*

[Presented by *John Evans, Esq. High-Sheriff, accompanied by Sir Robert William Vaughan, Bart. M. P. and Sir W. Williams Wynn, Lieutenant of the County of Merioneth.*]

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses of the ancient Borough of Newport, in the Isle of Wight, in Common Hall assembled.

*Most gracious Prince,*

WE, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chief Burgesses of the Borough of Newport, impressed with a just abhorrence of the crime of assassination, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with our heartfelt congratulations on your late escape from the atrocious attempt upon the sacred person of your Royal Highness, on your return from the discharge of one of the most important duties of your royal functions.

Sensible of the blessings that we, in common with the other of His Majesty's subjects, have enjoyed under so mild and gracious a Prince, we make our most earnest supplications to the Almighty that your Royal Highness's life may be long and happy to yourself, as we are convinced it will be the occasion of glory and prosperity to the country.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our common seal, this 3d day of May, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

[Presented by *Richard Bassett, Esq. accompanied by Sir Leonard Worsley Holmes, Bart.*]

*Whitehall, May 26, 1817.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Ma-

esty, to give and grant unto Patrick-James-Herbert Stuart, Esq. second and youngest son of the late John Stuart, Esq. commonly called Lord Mountstuart, by Elizabeth-Penelope his wife, only child of Patrick Crichton, Earl of Dumfries, deceased, and grandson of John Marquess of Bute, also deceased, His Majesty's royal licence and authority, that he and his issue, may, from affectionate regard to the memory of his late honoured mother, henceforth take and use the surname of Crichton, in addition to and before that of Stuart, and bear the arms of Crichton, quarterly in the second quarter with his own family arms; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms, and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said licence and permission to be void and of none effect: - And also to command, that the said royal concession and declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

*Whitehall, May 28, 1817.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, taking into His royal consideration, that, upon the decease of John late Marquess of Bute, the title and dignity of Marquess of Bute descended to his grandson John Earl of Dumfries, in that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, as the eldest son and heir of John Stuart, Esq. commonly called Lord Mountstuart, deceased, eldest son and heir apparent of the said John late Marquess of Bute, and that, by the ordinary rules of honour, the younger and only brother of the said John now Marquess of Bute and Earl of Dumfries, cannot enjoy that place and precedence which would have been due to him in case the said title and dignity had descended to his said late father, hath been pleased to declare and ordain, that, Patrick-James-Herbert Crichton-Stuart, Esq. younger and only brother of the said John now Marquess of Bute and Earl of Dumfries, shall, from henceforth, have and enjoy the same title, place, preeminence, and precedence, in all assemblies or meetings whatsoever, as if his said late father had lived to have inherited and enjoyed the said title and dignity of Marquess of Bute:

And His Royal Highness hath been also pleased to command, that this concession and declaration be registered in His Majesty's College of Arms.

*Carlton-House, May 29, 1817.*

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 Ralph Rice, Esq. Recorder of Prince of Wales's Island.

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 Richard Bassett, Esq. Mayor of Newport, Isle of Wight.

*Foreign-Office, May 31, 1817.*

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His