

We cannot close this Address without expressing our earnest hopes that we may have the happiness of witnessing in your Serene Highness as early an alleviation of your sufferings as the magnitude of the calamity will admit of, and that the country which has been equally the scene of your comforts and your affliction, may still have the just pride and satisfaction of retaining within it, the bright and salutary example of your virtues.

*William Stone, Sheriff.*

[*Transmitted by the High Sheriff of the County of Berks, William Stone, Esq. and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

To His Serene Highness Prince Leopold, of Saxe-Cobourg, &c. &c.

WE, the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Kirkaldy, in Council assembled, respectfully solicit permission to offer to your Serene Highness the assurance of our unfeigned sympathy and condolence on that affecting event which so peculiarly interests your Serene Highness, and which has plunged the people of the British empire in the deepest sorrow.

We are unwilling to intrude upon your Serene Highness in this hour of distress, but if the poignancy of grief can be in any degree alleviated by a participation in it, the sympathy of a whole nation may afford some, however inadequate, consolation to your Serene Highness.

We are anxious to testify to your Serene Highness the sense which we have of those qualities which have so endeared you to this country, and we shall always feel the utmost solicitude for your Serene Highness's future welfare and prosperity.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Kirkaldy, in Council assembled, this 23d day of December 1817.

*John Ford, Provost.*

[*Transmitted by Sir R. Ferguson, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.*]

AT the Court at Brighton, the 30th day of December 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for regulating the trade between the subjects of His Majesty's colonies and plantations in North America and in the West India Islands and the countries belonging to the United States of America, and between His Majesty's said subjects and the Foreign Islands in the West Indies," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty in Council, by Order or Orders to be issued and published from time to time, to authorise, or by Warrant or Warrants under His sign manual, to empower the

Governor of Newfoundland for the time being, to authorise, in case of necessity, the importation into Newfoundland of bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, from any of the territories belonging to the said United States, for the supply of the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the then ensuing season only; provided always, that such bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, so authorised to be imported into the Island of Newfoundland, shall not be imported except in conformity to such rules, regulations, and restrictions as shall be specified in such Order or Orders, Warrant or Warrants respectively, and except by British subjects, and in British-built ships, owned by His Majesty's subjects, and navigated according to law:

And whereas it is expedient and necessary, that provision be made for fully supplying the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing season, with bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent doth thereupon, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, hereby order and declare, that for the supply of the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing season only, bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, may be imported into the said island from any of the territories belonging to the said United States, by British subjects, and in British-built ships, owned by His Majesty's subjects, and navigated according to law, and which within the space of nine months previous to the time of such importation, have cleared out from some port of the United Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland, or other His Majesty's dominions in Europe, for which purpose a licence shall have been granted by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England or Scotland, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue in Ireland, or any other person or persons who may be duly authorised in that kingdom respectively, in the manner and form herein-after mentioned; which licence shall continue and be in force for nine calendar months from the day of the date upon which such licence is respectively granted, and no longer; provided that no such licence as aforesaid, granted after the thirtieth day of September next, shall be of any force or effect: and His Royal Highness is hereby further pleased to order, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, that the master or person having the charge or command of any ship or vessel to whom such licence shall be granted, shall, upon the arrival of the said ship or vessel at the port, harbour, or place in the said Island of Newfoundland where he shall discharge such bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, deliver up the said licence to the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs there, having first indorsed on the back of such licence the marks, numbers, and contents of each package of bread, flour, Indian corn, and the number of live stock, under the penalty of the forfeiture in the said Act mentioned; and the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs at Newfoundland, is hereby enjoined and