

phemous publications, with the view of corrupting their principles, and releasing them from the wholesome restraints of religion, and by artful and seditious addresses to assembled multitudes, to inflame their passions, and prepare them for every act of violence and desperation.

Far from undervaluing the chartered rights of the subject, we think them essential to the security of our liberties, and would transmit them unimpaired to posterity, but we do not wish to see them perverted to purposes of tumult and sedition; nay, we cannot withhold the expression of our strongest disapprobation, when, under the pretext of exercising these sacred rights, we behold the most daring attempts to mislead and inflame the minds of the uninformed; to attribute the distress under which they at present labour, to the defective state of our representation; to propagate the most delusive and dangerous notions on the subject of Parliamentary reform, and to disseminate doctrines which threaten to subvert the Constitution of the country, and involve us in all the evils of anarchy and confusion.

We have witnessed with deep concern the severe privations and sufferings of certain classes of our fellow subjects, and we would willingly join in any plan that reason and prudence might suggest for affording them relief; but we are decidedly of opinion that to leave their employments, neglect their families, and attend tumultuous meetings in distant places, is not the way to reform abuses or alleviate their distress; on the contrary such conduct must greatly aggravate their sufferings and justly render them suspected of seeking not reform but revolution.

With these sentiments, we again beg leave to offer to your Royal Highness the assurances of our affection and loyalty, and of our fixed determination to support the just administration of the laws, and to promote to the utmost of our power the peace and tranquillity of the state.

Given under the common seal of the said Borough, the 26th day of October in the Sixtieth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third.

H. Dewhurst, Mayor, in open Council.

[Transmitted by the Town Clerk of Preston, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Haddington, in a General Meeting assembled this 26th October 1819.

WE, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Haddington, deeply impressed with a sense of the blessings we enjoy under our admirable Constitution in Church and State, established by the wisdom of our ancestors, and unparalleled in the annals of the world, have contemplated with abhorrence the attempts of evil-minded and designing men to undermine its foundations, by assembling under the delusive pretences of theoretical

reforms, seditious meetings of the people, and poisoning their minds by disseminating vicious and blasphemous publications, denying the truth of the Sacred Scriptures, and calculated to subvert the grounds on which, as Christians, we rest our hopes of futurity. Whilst, however, we are seriously alarmed at such dangerous proceedings, tending to disturb the internal peace and tranquillity of the country, we have a satisfaction in thinking, that although similar attempts have been made by spreading impious publications in many places in this part of the United Empire, they have had no effect in shaking the sound principles which we have reason to believe are possessed by all classes of people in this country.

We cannot conclude this address without assuring your Royal Highness that our minds are filled with ardent loyalty towards our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and a strong attachment to the Person and Government of your Royal Highness; and that we are firmly resolved to use every effort in our power to oppose sedition in all its shapes, and to preserve our inestimable Constitution inviolate and unimpaired.

Signed, in name, in the presence of, and at the unanimous desire of the General Meeting, by the Right Honourable the Earl of Haddington, His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County, as their Preses.

Haddington, Lieutenant and Preses.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Haddington, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

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

The humble Address of the Mayor, Deputy Recorder, Town Clerk, Common Council, Sheriffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the County of the Borough of Carmarthen, in Common Hall assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Deputy Recorder, Town Clerk, Common Council, Sheriffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the County of the Borough of Carmarthen, in Common Hall assembled, humbly beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, and as a duty we owe to ourselves and the country, at this momentous crisis, to express our detestation of the wicked and atrocious attempts of seditious and disaffected subjects in various (though from us remote) parts of His Majesty's dominions, now openly and avowedly meditating the subversion of our laws and Government, and the annihilation of all distinction of rank and the sacred rights of property.

Much as we value our acknowledged right freely to discuss all public measures, we strongly deprecate the means which have been lately used in various parts of the kingdom, to assemble the populace in such numbers as tend to overawe under the colour of remonstrance, and to command under pretext of petition.

Without the information necessary to form a correct opinion we consider it a violation of the