

transmit to our posterity, those civil and religious institutions under which we enjoy so many blessings.

Council-Chamber, Stranraer,
17th November 1819.

[Transmitted by *Wm. Kerr, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Burgesses, Guild Brethren, Incorporated Trades, and other Inhabitants of His Majesty's Royal Burgh of Ayr.

May it please your Royal Highness,

AT the present crisis, when attempts are making, by means of seditious and blasphemous publications, and the holding of meetings, under the disguise of Parliamentary reform, to undermine the civil and religious institutions of the country, we, the Burgesses, Guild Brethren, Incorporated Trades, and other Inhabitants of the ancient Royal Burgh of Ayr, deem it our duty humbly to approach your Royal Highness to declare our abhorrence of such practices, our loyalty to our venerable and beloved Sovereign, and our attachment to your Royal Highness's sacred Person.

While we grieve for the distresses which have so much exposed the unwary to the delusions of the designing, we feel much satisfaction in thus conveying a proof to your Royal Highness, that the loyalty of the great body of this community remains unshaken; and deeply sensible of the many and invaluable blessings which we enjoy under our excellent Constitution, we humbly beg leave to declare our readiness, both individually and collectively, to oppose all attempts to undermine it, whether by destroying the civil allegiance, or subverting the religious principles of our fellow citizens, may it please your Royal Highness, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Burgesses, Guild Brethren, Incorporated Trades, and other Inhabitants of His Majesty's ancient Royal Burgh of Ayr.

Signed, in our name and in our presence, and by our appointment, by William Eaton, Burgess and Guild Brother and Sheriff-Substitute of Ayrshire, the 15th day of November 1819.

William Eaton, Preses.

[Transmitted by *Thomas F. Kennedy, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

Unto His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT.

May it please your Royal Highness,

WE, His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Lower Ward of Lancashire, in Quarter Sessions assembled, impressed with the necessity of assiduously fulfilling the duties of our situation in the present times, when wicked and designing men, taking advantage of the temporary distress of the country, promulgate the most revolutionary doctrines under the specious pretence of reform, and by every means attempt to destroy the religious principles of the people, and their allegiance to His Majesty, are imperiously called upon to address your Royal Highness, and to declare that we shall,

to our utmost power, and by every lawful and constitutional measure, resist all such insidious and infamous attempts.

That we deeply commiserate the distress under which we know so many of our fellow subjects are suffering, and are individually resolved to afford them every alleviation; and although most earnestly desiring at all times to exercise the authority entrusted to us by the laws, in the most conciliatory and temperate manner, we shall still, when these laws are attacked, enforce them with such steadiness and vigour, as effectually to protect the well disposed, and suppress the designs of the lawless and disaffected.

That we are in an especial manner called upon to reprobate the circulation of those blasphemous and seditious publications at present so widely diffused, and that we shall, by every legal means, endeavour to arrest the progress of an evil so obviously detrimental to the best interests of individuals and of society.

That with sentiments of most unalterable attachment to the House of Brunswick, under which we and our ancestors have enjoyed so much civil and religious liberty, we are resolved to transmit the same blessings to our posterity, and to resist every endeavour to supersede them by the introduction of new doctrines, the termination of which, we are well convinced, must be fatal.

Lastly, as guardians of the public peace, feeling as we do the necessity of strenuously opposing that prevalent spirit of disaffection in this large and populous district, and of enforcing that due subordination to lawful authority on which the welfare of all classes depends; we shall, at all hazards to ourselves, and without regard to the clamour or threats of the factious, resolutely persevere in the performance of our duty, the preservation of the public peace, the putting in-execution the laws of the land, and the supporting, as far as in our power, that excellent Constitution under which it is our fortune and our happiness to live.

Signed, in our presence, and by our appointment, at Glasgow, this 17th day of November 1819 years.

John Long, Chairman.

[Transmitted by *John Long, Esq. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Freeholders, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, and Commissioners of Supply, of the County of Sutherland.

May it please your Royal Highness,

DISTANT as we are from the seat of Government, and far as we are removed from the baneful influence of those principles of disloyalty and irreligion, which have of late been disseminated with such assiduity among our fellow-subjects; we cannot, without feelings of regret and abhorrence, contemplate such daring and insidious attempts, by desperate and designing men, to undermine our holy Religion, and to subvert our glorious and inestimable Constitution, as by law established.