

wisely directed; and praying for a continuance of your health, we anxiously hope that you may long preside over a people sensible of the happiness that they enjoy, and determined not to endanger it by attending to the clamours of factious discord, or by adopting visionary and wild schemes of improvement.

Given under the common seal of the said city, this 11th day of December 1820, in the first year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth.

[Transmitted by Mr. Alderman Manclark.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Aberdeen, beg leave, at this important crisis, to approach your Majesty with assurances of our loyal and inviolable attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We cannot conceal from ourselves, that, in this happy country, there exists at present a faction of licentious and unprincipled men, who, by laying hold on every passing event, endeavour to enflame the minds of the lower classes of the people against whatever bears the name and stamp of lawful authority; thus exposing to imminent danger the glorious Constitution, in Church and State, to which we ascribe the envied pre-eminence of our country.

While, under these circumstances, we rejoice in assuring your Majesty of the loyal and peaceable disposition of the inhabitants of this city and community; we feel ourselves imperiously called upon to tender to your Majesty, with all humility and respect, our best exertions for the preservation of the existing Laws and Constitution of these realms; and also to express our firmest reliance on the wisdom, vigour, and promptitude of the measures which your Majesty's Government may adopt, for the important purpose of defeating the traitorous attempts of all the enemies of our King and country.

That your Majesty may be long preserved to reign in the hearts of a grateful and affectionate people, and to continue those blessings to the nation, which have been enjoyed for such a length of time, under the reigns of your Majesty's illustrious Progenitors, is our most sincere and ardent prayer.

Signed, in name and by appointment of the said City Council, in Council assembled, and the common City seal hereto affixed, at Aberdeen, the 5th day of December 1820 years, by

*Gavin Hadden, Provost.*

[Transmitted by the Provost.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of Borough of Preston, in the County-Palatine of Lancaster, in Common Council assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty and attachment.

We have seen with deep concern the violent and

unconstitutional means that have lately been employed by turbulent and discontented individuals, to keep the public mind in a continued state of ferment and agitation; and we have observed, with still greater detestation, the infamous attempts that have been made both by infidel and licentious publications, and by seditious and inflammatory harangues to corrupt the morals of the people, to lead the ignorant and unwary astray, to vilify the most sacred institutions, and to undermine the very foundations of all social order and domestic happiness.

When the Throne and the Altar are equally assaulted and brought into danger, those who are really interested in the welfare of their country, will no longer allow themselves to be divided on points of minor importance; they will feel it to be their duty to come forward with a public declaration of their sentiments, and will call forth and unite their utmost exertions in resisting attempts which, if not timely and effectually opposed, must soon involve this country, in all the evils of civil discord and public confusion.

Under these alarming circumstances, we beg leave to approach the Throne with the assurances of unalterable fidelity to your Majesty's Person and Family, and of warmest attachment to our most excellent Constitution, and of our readiness at all times to support the just administration of the laws, and preserve the public peace.

That your Majesty's reign over these kingdoms may be long and prosperous, and that your councils may be always directed by a gracious Providence, to promote your Majesty's honour, and the welfare and happiness of your people, is the fervent prayer of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of the said Borough.

Given under the common seal of the said Borough, the 6th day of December, in the first year of your Majesty's reign,

*Thomas Miller, Mayor, in open Council.*

[Transmitted by the Mayor.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor and Recorder of the Borough of Shaftesbury, the Clergy and Gentry and Inhabitants of the said Borough and its vicinity beg leave to approach your Majesty with the present declaration of our unalterable sentiments of loyalty and attachment to your Royal Person and Government.

Such sentiments in less momentous times, we might feel ourselves justified in confining to our own breasts, to our own homes and firesides, or to the little circle of our particular influences. On ordinary occasions we should willingly leave our loyalty to be manifested rather by our actions than our words, but when the very existence of your Majesty's Government and the prosperity of all we have been accustomed to hold dear, seem to be at stake, we dare not remain silent.

Deploing as we do the activity of the disaffected and the infatuation of too many of our fellow subjects, we fear, should we now hold back, lest hereafter we should have to reproach ourselves