

to tender our sincere loyalty and warm attachment to your august Person and Government.

We have witnessed with deep sorrow that the press, according to the licentious and unrestrained manner in which it is now conducted, is the most malignant and the most formidable enemy to our happy and unrivalled Constitution, to which, at the same time it owes its freedom.

We never can forget the fact, that it was your Majesty's wisdom and firmness, under Divine Providence, with the able counsels of your present Ministers, which carried this country triumphantly through its late unparalleled difficulties, and rescued the Sovereigns of Europe and their kingdoms from the galling yoke of military despotism.

We also beg to assure your Majesty of our firm determination to maintain and support our Constitution, Religion and Laws against the attacks of sedition and infidelity, by which we can alone preserve inviolate that national independence hitherto the pride of every true Briton and the envy and admiration of the world.

Signed for and on behalf of the Meeting.

J. Ellis, and R. G. Jones, Bailiffs.

[Transmitted by the Bailiffs.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Gentlemen, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Borough of Wigan, in the County of Lancaster, humbly beg leave to present to your Majesty the strongest assurances of our unfeigned loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We deeply deplore the disturbance of the peace and tranquility of the nation, by disaffected miscreants and daring infidels who appear to aim at nothing less than a total subversion of the Monarchy, the trampling under foot the religion and the laws of the country, and the plunging the nation into the horrors and miseries of a civil war. 'Tis very satisfactory however to us to believe that the numbers and influence of those persons, when compared with the number and influence of the loyal and virtuous part of the community, will sink into utter insignificance. Nevertheless at such a crisis as the present, when every engine is at work and no pains are spared to bring into contempt your Majesty's sacred Person and Laws and Religion of the country, and to undermine and overthrow our much envied and most happy Constitution, 'tis not enough that we have feelings of loyalty in our bosoms, it is expedient that those feelings should be expressly and openly declared, we therefore repeat our assurances of loyalty and attachment. We wish your Majesty a long and happy reign, and we declare that we will at all times be ready to assist, to the utmost of our power, in protecting your Majesty's most sacred Person, in giving stability to the Throne of these realms, in supporting the Laws and Constitution of the country, in averting the calamities wished to be brought upon the nation by the desperate faction now at work, and in bringing to condign punishment those mischievous persons who are so busily and so wickedly employed in dispersing sedition and blasphemy and infidelity

in the land. We observe that persons of a certain description are strong advocates for your Majesty's dismissing your present Ministers. These persons must surely have forgotten the very signal services which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, were lately achieved for the country by the measures of the Ministers now in office, and that by the successful result of these measures they raised the British nation to the highest pinnacle of glory. This has not however escaped our memory, can we then withhold the tribute so justly due to them of sincerest gratitude and esteem? we cannot. We think the present Ministers have deserved well of their country, and we therefore humbly intreat your Majesty not to deprive the country of the invaluable services of these men, who in a storm unparalleled in the annals of history so ably conducted the helm of the State as to bring the vessel quite safe into port.

[Transmitted by J. A. Hodson, Esq. M. P.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the Magistrates and Town Council of the Royal Burgh of Dumfries, in Common Council assembled, feel ourselves impelled, under the circumstances of the times, to approach your Majesty, for the purpose of expressing our loyal and affectionate attachment to your Royal Person and Government, and our detestation of that spirit of sedition, profaneness, and general licentiousness, which assailing alike the Throne, the Altar, and the Law, threatens, if not timely checked, to destroy our inimitable Constitution, and to involve our happy country in one common ruin. While we are sensible of the benefit of the just freedom of the press to the liberties of the country, we view with grief and indignation the unceasing attempts now made, through its means, to seduce the less enlightened classes to disloyalty, disaffection, and irreligion. Under this impression we humbly beg leave to state our firm resolution to maintain the cause of loyalty, good order and piety, and to defend the Constitution against all those who may, from the most desperate and diabolical motives, attempt to subvert that venerable fabric produced from the wisdom and experience of ages, and from which our beloved country derives such invaluable blessings as have not as yet been the lot of any other portion of the globe. Allow us, Sire, to express our dearest hope that you may long reign over a loyal and affectionate people, who by effectually protecting your royal rights will best secure their own.

Signed, in our name and presence, and by our appointment, and the seal of the Burgh is hereto affixed at Dumfries, this 22d day of December in the year 1820.

Will. Thomson, Provost.

[Transmitted by W. R. K. Douglas, Esq. M. P.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Presbytery of Dalkeith, beg leave humbly to approach the Throne with the