

Person and Family, and earnestly desirous that our unrivalled Constitution should be transmitted unimpaired to our posterity, to express our firm determination to maintain it inviolate in Church and State, against the seditious designs of those who, by means equally unworthy of the British name and character, have aimed at the subversion of our laws, our liberties, and our religion.

The period during which your Majesty has held the supreme direction of the executive Government of this country has been the most eventful in the annals of our history, and to the decision and sound judgement which have characterised the measures of that Government, we attribute, under Providence, the preservation of the manifold blessings which we enjoy. When the triumph of your Majesty's arms had put an end to that reign of tyranny which for a long series of years had desolated so large a portion of the civilized world, the period of returning peace was hailed with gladness by your faithful subjects, but so great and so desirable an event was not obtained without that inconvenience which a rapid transition from a state of long continued warfare had necessarily obtained.

Whilst we saw with deep concern the distresses which at this time pervaded many classes of your Majesty's subjects, we beheld with indignation the conduct of unprincipled men, who, careless of the safety and prosperity of the empire, availed themselves of this season of national suffering to inflame and agitate the public mind.

We have seen with equal detestation the several successive measures of your Majesty's Government misrepresented by the same factious individuals, for the purpose of creating disunion and discord, and of alienating the affections of your Majesty's subjects.

Highly as we estimate the value of a free press, as the channel for the diffusion of useful knowledge, and as the safeguard of our civil and religious liberties, we deplore and reprobate the abuse of it to purposes of sedition and impiety, but we feel satisfied that the ingenuous feeling, and the good sense which form so marked a feature in the British character, will at no distant period restore the country to a sound and salutary state.

We beg humbly to offer our assurances that we have every reliance on your Majesty's Government for the safety and welfare of the United Empire, and we pray that your Majesty, surrounded by wise and faithful servants, may enjoy a long, a prosperous, and a happy reign.

Signed, in our name, and by our appointment, by Alexander, Earl of Home, Lord Lieutenant of the County, our Preses, at Greenlaw, the 28th day of December 1820,

Home, Preses.

[Transmitted by the Earl of Home.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Commissioners of Supply, Heritors, and Justices of Peace of the County of Peebles, beg leave to approach the Throne with the expression of our unshaken and unabated loyalty

and affection towards your Majesty's most sacred Person, our confidence in your Government as now administered, and our firm adherence to that Constitution under which we live, and which we protest our determination to defend against all assaults, as the sure and only bulwark of that rational freedom with which Britons have so long been blessed.

These principles invariably regulate our conduct, and we are at all times prone to express them when the privileges we enjoy are exposed to danger, and we conceive ourselves to be peculiarly called upon at present, when a charge against the Government, equally calumnious and absurd, of a conspiracy against innocence, is with a wicked activity diffused through the country, for the sake, and we fear in a certain degree, with the effect of weakening the loyalty of some, of encouraging the disaffection of others, and of sowing sedition and treason in the minds of the people. When the efforts of a licentious and corrupted portion of the press are incessantly so directed as to agitate the worst, and mislead the best dispositions of our nature; and when the most undisguised attempts are made (we are happy to say without success in our own neighbourhood) to separate from each other the several classes of the community, infusing into the minds of the lower the baneful sentiments of hatred of their superiors, distrust of their lawful rulers, and a desire of change in those venerable institutions under which the greatest attainable degree of happiness and freedom have been long enjoyed by ourselves and our ancestors.

That your Majesty may long reign in health and honour, in wealth and dignity, over kingdoms preserved under your beneficent Government, in peace and plenty, tranquillity and contentment, is the sincere prayer of your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects by whom this Address is humbly presented.

Jas. Montgomery, Preses.

Peebles, December 28, 1820.

[Transmitted by Sir James Montgomery, Bart. M. P.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Noblemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of Supply of the County of Haddington, feel ourselves called upon by the circumstances of the times to approach the Throne with renewed assurances of our warm attachment to the Monarchical and Parliamentary Constitution of the kingdom, and of our determined resolution to resist, by every means in our power, the efforts of those who under the colour, sometimes of one specious pretext, sometimes of another, are unceasingly labouring to alienate the affections of the people from the Crown, and to undermine those institutions to which our country owes its moral character, its prosperity, and its greatness.

We have seen with grief and with disgust, the unwearied efforts of a large portion of the public press in this bad cause, more particularly the attempts that have been made to convert the prevailing difference of opinion on the subject of the late proceeding in Parliament into an engine for eradi-