

against all its enemies, and every insidious attempt to impare or subvert it.

We feel sincere satisfaction in expressing our belief, that the great body of people among us are not contaminated with the pernicious principles of anarchy, irreligion, and infidelity, which have been recently disseminated with nefarious industry in other parts of the united kingdom. Detesting as we do all such principles, we are resolved by every legal and proper means to oppose their progress in this country; in the full conviction of their tendency to overturn our Religion, Liberty and Laws, from which we derive so many inestimable blessings, and under which we hope to live and die.

Signed by order of a numerous and respectable meeting,
S. Cupples, Secuschal.

[Transmitted by the Lord Lieutenant.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Mayor Aldermen, and Common Council of the Burgh of Evesham, in Common Council assembled, humbly beg permission to approach the Throne with unfeigned assurances of our unshaken attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We trust that the portentous and threatening aspect of the times, which appears to us to be pregnant with danger to every thing which is deservedly held sacred, or dear to civilized man, will justify our venturing to obtrude into your Majesty's presence.

We deeply lament the progress of an apparently organized system, engendered by an impious philosophy, and conducted by turbulent men, devoid of truth, honor, or conscience; who obtain the popularity of the depraved and base, by reviling the nobles and magistracy of the land, and by offering insult to religion and its highest ministers; who incite discontent by torrents of malevolent misrepresentations, while they endeavour to destroy the bonds of civil society, and domestic comfort; in this dreadful system of delusion they are joined by a press, the licentiousness of which must endanger its very liberty: by a press, which has emancipated itself from all control of religion, morality, and common decency, which every day brings forth some withering blasphemy, some atrocious libel upon the Government, or some wicked appeal to the worst passions of the lower orders of the community, calculated to extinguish that loyal attachment to the Throne, the Church, and the Law, which has hitherto been the pride and glory of Britons.

We have witnessed with grief and detestation, the effects already produced by these phrenzied projects; sentiments, which a very few years ago would have excited abhorrence, are now listened to unmoved. Under the shield of the highest subject in the kingdom, without any regard to her person, honour, or interest, attacks have been made upon whatever is held sacred in religion, or estimable in our civil establishments. The highest judicial tribunal in these realms, during a late solemn and necessary investigation, has been publicly insulted by auda-

cious menaces, and the intimidating shouts of a deluded and debased multitude. The determination of that august tribunal has been exultingly hailed by the factious as a triumph, not depending upon the innocence of the party accused, but achieved by external interference; and the judges who dared to pronounce an opinion unbiassed by popular clamour, have been stigmatised with every degrading epithet which malignity could bestow. While these proceedings were pending, we felt it due to the impartial administration of justice to abstain from any public declaration or even animadversion upon the shameless conduct of the self-styled friends of that high individual. But now that the enquiry is concluded, we hasten to unite with the loyal and patriotic of the nation, to protest against such interference with our revered tribunals, such appalling violations of the eternal principles of justice; and we lament that prostitution of the freedom of the press, which taking advantage of the credulity of ignorance, has with such malignant industry circulated the most gross delusions. Such a state of things involving the most essential interests of mankind, imperiously requires, before the poison has sank to deep into the vitals of the state, that a wholesome vigour of the law should be applied with intrepid firmness, to bring it back to utility and decorum.

We beg most confidently to assert, that notwithstanding the many atrocious misrepresentations with which we have to contend; notwithstanding the deafening clamour of infidel liberality and seditious anarchy, that in this land, comfort is more universally diffused, and the laws more impartially administered than in any other within the record of history; that the benevolence of the rich attends to every want; that property is protected, and that freedom, both civil and religious, is secured upon the firmest basis. And we are firmly resolved, with God's assistance, to use our best endeavours by obedience to our laws, and by devotion to our holy religion, to preserve these blessings, and to transmit them unimpaired to our posterity.

We pray God to grant to your Majesty's councils a continuance of that wisdom and firmness, by which this nation has triumphed over a world in arms; and that amidst the arts of peace, your Majesty may long uphold your Throne in righteousness, and in the love, confidence, and prosperity of a free and loyal people.

Given under the common seal of the Burgh, this 22d day of December, in the first year of the reign of our most Gracious Sovereign George the Fourth.

Thos. Beale Cooper, Mayor-Dep.

[Transmitted by Lord Northwick.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

SIRE,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Householders and Inhabitants of the Town of Ramsgate, and Parish of Saint Laurence, in the Isle of Thanet, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty's Throne at this eventful and alarming crisis; when mischievous and dangerous opinions are industriously propagated by the restless, discontented,