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**T**HE following Address, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Robert Peel, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the Members of Parliament for the city of Bristol, was presented by him to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, Inhabitants of your Majesty's ancient and loyal City of Bristol, and its Vicinity, animated with sentiments of the warmest affection to your Majesty, and the most zealous attachment to those principles of civil and religious Government which seated your Illustrious Family on the Throne of these Kingdoms, are emboldened by an irresistible sense of public duty, to represent most respectfully to your Majesty, the deep and anxious interest which, in the present critical state of the country, we feel for the safety of our revered Constitution.

We cannot conceal from ourselves the magnitude of those losses which the Protestant Religion, assailed, as it has been of late years, by the constantly renewed attacks of Papal incroachment, has suffered within these Realms, by the lamented demise of your Majesty's illustrious relative, the most exalted and powerful of her champions, and by the sudden and afflicting dispensation of Providence, which has since suspended the services of that eminent Statesman placed at the head of your Majesty's Government, whose abilities and deeply rooted Constitutional principles, have so deservedly secured to him the highest rank in the esteem and confidence of his fellow subjects.

In this alarming state of public affairs, when the efforts of our Roman Catholic brethren for the attainment of political power and influence in the State, are renewed with increased activity and vehemence, the exertions of a vigorous and united Administration are obviously requisite to protect the country from the calamities, which would be the inevitable consequence of so fatal an invasion of the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

To your Majesty, the father of your people, and supreme guardian of the laws, we look with confidence to provide for that protection. Upon your Majesty's watchful and paternal care for the welfare

of your subjects, we know that we may rely for the adoption of whatever measures may be requisite to avert from the country such fearful calamities ; and we beg respectfully to submit our assured conviction that, in such measures, your Majesty will receive the cordial and grateful support of all classes of your Protestant subjects.

We are not actuated by any feeling of unkindness to our Roman Catholic brethren, the spirit of toleration which marks the Religion it is our glory to profess, teaches us to rejoice in every concession which has been made to them for the full and free enjoyment of their religious worship : but it is our firm and conscientious conviction, that the concession of political power within these dominions, to Members of the Church of Rome, is incompatible with the safety of our religious and civil liberties, as established at the Revolution. Their exclusion from the National Councils, and from high Offices in the State, was the basis upon which those blessings were secured by the wisdom of our ancestors : that basis, from the unchanged and unchangeable character of the Roman Catholic Religion, cannot, we are persuaded, be withdrawn without endangering the existence of our political liberties and national prosperity.

That your Majesty may long live to reign over a people, grateful for the blessings they enjoy under your Majesty's paternal and auspicious reign, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

Bristol, 1st March 1827.

[Here follow the Signatures.]

**T**HE following Addresses, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable William Sturges Bourne, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, were presented by him to His Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously :

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Freemen of your Majesty's Town of Maidstone,