

is ephemeral and will speedily subside, we beg humbly to express our belief, that such declarations are the feeble emanations of falsehood and ignorance; but should the widely diffused corruption of the times enable its minions to defeat the wise and salutary views of your Majesty and your Majesty's Government, then we beseech your Majesty to dissolve the Parliament, and afford the people an opportunity of shewing how little they who slander them know the feelings of their countrymen, when they represent them so callous to distress, so utterly unworthy of freedom and all its attendant blessings, having pledged ourselves to vote no man our Representative, however deserving in other respects, who will not solemnly engage to support your Majesty's Ministers in their endeavours to carry through Parliament the plan of reform so ably and honourably brought forward with your Majesty's approval, arising, as it does, out of your Majesty's paternal feelings towards your people. And your humble and dutiful subjects will ever pray.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth, humbly beg leave to approach your Majesty to express to your Majesty the sentiments by which we are actuated on the important measure which has been submitted on behalf of your Majesty's Government to the Commons' House of Parliament. Believing the elective franchise to have been vested in the body corporate as a trust for the benefit of the community at large, and not for themselves or for their personal and peculiar interests; and cordially approving of the plan of reform proposed for improving the representation of the people as a measure calculated to promote the happiness and prosperity of the kingdom, we desire to testify to your Majesty our willingness, for the good of the State, that our exclusive privilege of voting for representatives in Parliament should be merged in the more general franchise proposed to be established.

We further beg leave to assure your Majesty of our devoted attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, and to the established Constitution of our Country, and to renew to your Majesty our humble and most earnest offer of the best wishes of loyal and faithful subjects.

Given under our common seal the 8th day of March 1831. *D. Howard, Mayor.*

[Presented by Mr. D. Howard, Mayor of Portsmouth, accompanied by Mr. Bonham Carter and Mr. Francis Baring.]

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of the Town of Birmingham, in Town's meeting assembled.

*Sire,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town of Birmingham, in Town's meeting assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty, for the purpose of expressing the deep and sincere gratitude which we feel towards

your Majesty's Royal Person, for the wise, judicious, and comprehensive measures of parliamentary reform, which your Majesty, in your paternal solicitude for the welfare of your people, has graciously authorized your Ministers to propose to parliament. We are perfectly convinced that the success of those great measures is indispensably necessary to the restoration of the national prosperity, and to the preservation of the peace and order of society. But a few weeks ago the minds of your Majesty's faithful and loyal people were involved in painful anxieties, and filled with deep and gloomy forebodings. The measures of your Majesty's Government have dissipated these painful apprehensions, and spread universal satisfaction throughout the country; we humbly tender to your Majesty the expression of our dutiful and grateful attachment to your Royal Person, and of our determination to support your Majesty's government to the utmost of our power. We implore the Almighty to prosper your Majesty's great and patriotic designs, and to preserve your Majesty's life, that your Majesty may long have the gratification of witnessing the happiness of a free, grateful, and loyal people.

Signed by order of a general meeting of the Inhabitants of Birmingham, in their name, and on their behalf,  
*Thomas Attwood, Chairman.*  
Birmingham, 7th March, 1831.

To His Most Gracious Majesty KING WILLIAM the FOURTH.

*Sire,*

SECOND to no one in attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government, to the illustrious House of Brunswick, in love of my country, or in zeal for the restoration of the original purity of the British Constitution; admiring, in common with my countrymen, those princely, wise, and liberal feelings for which you are so distinguished, as the organ and at the request of the undernamed Magistracy and dignified Clergy, and also near fourteen thousand individuals of all classes, I humbly, but honestly and respectfully, proceed (with your Majesty's gracious permission) on behalf of so many inhabitants of the county of Wilts to declare their warm and sincere attachment to your Majesty's person, to the Royal Family, and to the Constitution of this Country as by law established at the glorious revolution in 1688.

That they have for a length of time viewed with apprehension and alarm the many and increasing encroachments made upon the rights and liberties of the people in consequence of the undue and unconstitutional influence exercised by some of the Aristocracy, arising, principally, from their increasing possession of the decayed boroughs, at the election of members, and on their votes in the Commons' House of Parliament.

That they consider the effect of such influence to have been the principal cause why the Ministers of the Crown have hitherto resisted every measure of substantial reform, and also those of economy and retrenchment, so necessary to be rigidly enforced in every department of the public service, the consequence of which has been, that the country continues burdened, after fifteen years of profound peace, with a weight of taxation (direct and indirect) which has