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The following addresses having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Hawkesbury, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by his Lordship presented to the King; which addresses his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

May it please your Majesty, we, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Town-Council, Clergy, Attorneys at Law, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, Inhabitants of your Majesty's Royal Burgh and Parish of Forfar, assembled for the purpose of addressing your Majesty on the present trying situation of public affairs, beg leave to approach the throne, with the most unfeigned expressions of inviolable attachment to your Majesty's person, family, and government, and with the most unanimous and cordial tender of our most faithful and zealous services in support of the dignity of your Majesty's crown, the defence of your empire, and the glory and prosperity of your reign.

Though we cannot contemplate without anxiety the awful events of the times in which we live, or regard with indifference the desolations of the continent; the formidable combination; the gigantic power, and the insolent threats of the enemies of our beloved country; yet relying on the wisdom and vigour of your Majesty's government, and cherishing becoming regards to that all directing Providence, which hath so often delivered us from peril, and in which we know your Majesty most devoutly confides, we desire to contemplate these evils without dismay; and we most fervently deprecate every idea which might tend to embarrass the operations of an enlightened policy, to cramp the in-

fluence of a wise administration, to depress the spirit of your Majesty's subjects, or to enfeeble and paralyze their characteristic energies, in resisting the efforts of an enemy who has dared to promise the wealth and innumerable comforts of this happy land as spoil to his followers.

We believe that it is the nearest wish of your Majesty's paternal breast, that such energies, successfully exerted, may, by the blessing of God, soon enable your Majesty, by a safe, an honourable, and lasting peace, to alleviate the burdens, and secure the repose of your dominions; and that the moment when such an opportunity shall present itself, it will be eagerly embraced. But until that happy day shall come, we beg leave most humbly to assure your Majesty, that it is our earnest desire, and shall be our never-ceasing endeavour, to animate ourselves, and all around us, to a manly and patriotic perseverance in a conflict at once so arduous, so honourable, and important; to cherish that spirit of unanimity and cordial co-operation which is so essential to successful exertion, and patiently and cheerfully to endure those deprivations which the expence of maintaining such a contest must indispensably require.

That it may please him, by whom alone kings reign, long to preserve your Majesty's important life, to bless your Majesty's councils, and speedily and surely to guide the efforts of your Majesty's government to a successful issue, is the ardent prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful, most faithful, and most obedient subjects, the Magistrates and Town-Council, Clergy, Attorneys at Law, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, Inhabitants of the Burgh and Parish of Forfar.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

JOHN WATT, Provost.

[Transmitted by Sir David Wedderburn, Bart.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble address of the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and other Gentlemen of the County of Caithness.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and other Gentlemen of the County of Caithness, beg leave, at this eventful period, to renew our protestations of unshaken attachment to your royal person, and to that happy constitution under which our forefathers have enjoyed, in such an unexampled degree, the blessings of civil and religious liberty.

At a time when all those blessings and privileges are menaced by the ambition of a fierce and haughty foe, it becomes us again to rally round the throne, to profess our determination to support the honour of your Majesty's government, and the dignity and independence of our native land, against the accumulated power which the intrigues of our inveterate enemy has brought to bear upon this country. We feel that no sacrifice is too great for the accomplishment of so desirable an object; and while we look forward to an honourable peace, as the ultimate and favourite object of our wishes, we are prepared to submit to every hardship or privation which may be necessary for the attainment of that end. And we rely on the firmness and decision of your Majesty's councils, and the energies of a free and loyal people, to procure to us, by the favour of the Almighty, that security and independence, without which peace would be no other than an opiate, to lull us into a false security.

That your Majesty may long continue to wield the sceptre of these realms with undiminished prosperity, is the most fervent prayer of,

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