

we will not now, by querulous impatience, forfeit the pledge so repeatedly given, that we would cheerfully bear our share of those burdens, which the prolonged, but unavoidable, war in which we were engaged rendered it imperious on the legislature to impose.

We place the most implicit confidence in the benevolent designs of your Royal Highness and in the wisdom of Parliament, to alleviate those burdens, as far as is consistent with the security and honour of the British empire, by adopting a salutary and judicious economy in our public expenditure—and we, in this most public and solemn manner, do declare, that we are prepared to defend the person and government of our Sovereign and your Royal Highness, and to protect the established constitution of our country, at the peril of our lives and fortunes.

Signed by our Preses, in our name, and by our appointment, at Perth, the 17th day of February 1817.

GRAY, Preses.

[Presented by his Grace the Duke of Atholl.]

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble Address of the Magistrates and Town-Council of the Royal Burgh of Dysart.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates and Town-Council of the Royal Burgh of Dysart, in Council assembled, humbly approach your Royal Highness with unfeigned assurances of attachment and veneration.

Deeply sensible of the invaluable blessings enjoyed under the British constitution, and the mild and paternal sway of the house of Brunswick, we view with abhorrence the late atrocious and disgraceful attempt against the august person of your Royal Highness, when returning from the discharge of one of the most important functions of royalty as Regent of this empire; and we hail with peculiar satisfaction the announcement of the magnanimous and generous resolution of your Royal Highness to sacrifice, at this period of serious embarrassment, so large a portion of your personal income to the exigencies of the state, which we confidently hope will have a most salutary influence.

That Almighty God, by whom kings reign, may watch over and defend the person of your Royal Highness; that your Royal Highness may long live in the affections of a virtuous and loyal people, and that the constitution and laws of these realms may be preserved inviolate, is the earnest prayer of his Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects.

Signed by order of the Town-Council, at Dysart, the 20th day of February 1817, by

JOHN BRODIE, Chief Magistrate.

WALIER SWAYNE, Magistrate.

[Presented by the Earl of Rosslyn.]

To his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Address of the Presbytery of Dunkeld.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dunkeld, specially convened in consequence of recent circumstances, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with the warmest feelings of attachment and respect, and to express our abhorrence at the outrageous and wicked assault made upon your royal person at the opening of Parliament.

We sincerely congratulate your Royal Highness upon your providential deliverance from an attack by daring and wicked assassins, rendered if possible more disgraceful in having been made upon your sacred person while in the discharge of one of the

most important duties entrusted to your Royal Highness by the constitution, acting in name and on behalf of an aged, afflicted, and ever to be revered Sovereign.

Impressed as we are with the strongest sentiments of respect to your royal person, and unalterable attachment to his Majesty's government, we hear, with the deepest astonishment and concern, that there are some of his Majesty's subjects (we trust they are very few) who entertain the wicked design of disturbing the peace of the country; and who would, under the specious pretence of reform, overturn the constitution of government, in church and state, which is most revered by those who best understand the principles upon which it is founded, and the blessings which, under Divine Providence, it is calculated to secure.

We are not insensible to the distresses which press with a heavy hand upon all classes of his Majesty's subjects, more especially upon those who depend on their daily labours for their daily bread. If there be some men who, themselves wicked and deluded, would delude the people into a belief that all their evils would be cured by a reform in the Commons House of Parliament, we have reason to think, from our intimate acquaintance with the people, that among us they are very few; and although unaccustomed to meddle with civil politics, we think it our duty to raise our voice against the delusion. We look to the God of seasons for the return of plenty, and we trust, that when the nations of Europe shall have recovered from the waste and spoliations of war, the healing hand of time will furnish to all classes of his Majesty's subjects the employment and the reward of industry.

That Almighty God, who has heretofore disappointed the designs of the wicked, when aimed at the destruction of our venerable Sovereign, and lately at the person of your Royal Highness, may continue his providential care over you, and direct all your counsels, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Royal Highness, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Dunkeld.

Signed at Dunkeld, the 18th day of February 1817, in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

MICHAEL STIRLING, Moderator.

[Presented by his Grace the Duke of Atholl.]

Unto his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The humble and dutiful Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Auchterarder.

*May it please your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Auchterarder, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness, to express in the strongest terms our deep abhorrence of the atrocious insult and treasonable attack upon your Royal Highness's person and life, on your Royal Highness's return from the House of Lords, at the opening of the present session of Parliament, and, at the same time, our cordial joy and congratulation for the providential escape of your Royal Highness from such imminent peril.

While we hold it to be the duty and the wisdom of our station, to abstain from the strife of political opinion and contest, we deem it an imperious duty at the present moment in thus addressing your Royal Highness, to mark our sincere regret and utter detestation of so dreadful a breach of our inestimable constitution, and of the principle of the sacredness of the person of Majesty.

We observe with equal concern and indignation, the effects of the intrigues of unprincipled and designing men, who have insidiously seized on the period of unavoidable public distress, to excite the needy and the profligate to acts of sedition, and to propagate with a fatal zeal among the ignorant and

unwary, that dangerous delusion of mind on subjects of policy and government, which has been thus lately illustrated by the most audacious of crimes. We are indeed far from being insensible to the sufferings of the country, but trust their natural removal to the influence, under God, of a general peace, and to the wisdom of your Royal Highness's counsels.

We beg leave to convey the assurance to your Royal Highness, that we fail not to impress upon our people, together with the other duties of a religious life, a dutiful submission to the laws, a love of public order, and a steady attachment to your royal house; and that we with our people cease not to offer up prayers for the blessing of the King of Kings upon our venerable and beloved Sovereign,—upon his family,—upon his government, and upon our country.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, at Fowlis Wester, this 13th day of February 1817.

JOHN RUSSEL, Moderator.

[Delivered by James Drummond, Esq. Member for the County of Perth, and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.]

WESTMINSTER,—MARCH 29, 1817.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Deputy Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, for declaring his Majesty's Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers, to bear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

An act for raising the sum of 18,000,000*l.* by exchequer bills for the service of the year 1817.

An act to repeal, during the continuance of peace, so much of an act of the 9th year of his present Majesty, as prohibits the exportation of pig and bar iron, and certain naval stores, unless the preemption thereof be offered to the Commissioners of his Majesty's navy.

And to several English road, &c. acts, and two private acts.

MARCH 31, 1817.

An act for the more effectually preventing seditious meetings and assemblies.

An act for making further regulations in respect to the pay of the Officers of the Royal Navy, in certain cases therein mentioned.

CROWN-OFFICE—APRIL 5, 1817.

*Member returned to serve in this present Parliament.*

Borough of Bridport—Henry Charles Sturt, Esq. in the room of William Draper Best, Esq. one of his Majesty's Serjeants at Law, who has accepted the office of one of his Majesty's Justices of Great Session for the counties of Chester, Flint, Denbigh, and Montgomery.

#### BANKRUPTS.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

James Dunn, of Hounslow, Heston, Middlesex, victualler.  
William Elmitt, of Peterborough, Northampton, draper.  
George Jones, of Aston, Warwick, gun-maker.  
James Arkwright, of Liverpool, Lancaster, woollen-draper.  
John Heywood, of Rusholme, Lancaster, shopkeeper.  
Joseph Hanks, of Sneath, York, brandy-merchant.  
Joseph Grey, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, ship-owner.  
Samuel Lee, of the Taylor's Arms, Duke's Place, Saint James, London, victualler.  
John King, of Yeovil, Somerset, bookseller.  
Robert Teasdale, of Sowerby Row, Castle Sowerby, Cumberland, late of Hill Head, Kirkpatrick Fleming, in Dumfries-shire, North Britain, and formerly of Barreugh, Kirkhaugh, Northumberland, sheep-dealer.  
William Davy, of Norwich, gun-maker.  
James Bell, of North Shields, Northumberland, common brewer.