

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

The Powers with which you intrusted me, by the Suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act, have enabled me to bring to Light and to disconcert the formidable and secret Conspiracy which had been formed for the total Overthrow of your Establishments, the Destruction of Property, and the Dissolution of Government. This Conspiracy has been so fully unfolded by your Wisdom, that it can no longer spread itself under the insidious Pretence which it had artfully assumed of improving the Constitution. In the Measures, whether of Vigilance or of Coercion, which you have recommended for its Extinction, I shall not relax. It will be my Study to temper the necessary Acts of Severity and Rigour by conciliatory Offers of Clemency and Pardon; to exhort the Infatuated and Deluded to abandon their Deceivers, and to summon the Guilty to Repentance; but at the same Time it is, and will be my fixed Purpose, to proceed with Vigour against those, who, regardless of every Warning and Admonition, shall continue their desperate Efforts to involve this flourishing Country in all the Horrors of Insurrection and Invasion, of Bloodshed, and of Anarchy.

I have already the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that great Numbers, who had been unfortunately seduced, have returned to a Sense of Duty, and been admitted to His Majesty's Clemency; and I trust that, by Perseverance and Energy, every Vestige of Disaffection will be effaced, and universally give Way to the Return of that Spirit of Loyalty, which has so long been the distinguishing Characteristic of this Kingdom.

I cannot omit to congratulate with you on the unimpaired Lustre of that Spirit, which so conspicuously shone forth when the Enemy's Fleet appeared on our Coasts; nor can I too often repeat my full Sense of your Wisdom in the Establishment of District Corps. I have the most satisfactory Accounts of their Improvement in Discipline, as well as of their Exertions in quelling and preventing Insurrection; and I have myself witnessed the unexampled Exertions, good Conduct, and Military Appearance of the Corps of the Metropolis, whose unceasing and unwearied Vigilance, at a most important Crisis checked every Attempt to produce Confusion by Riot and Tumult, at the same Time that it destroyed the Hopes of our Enemies, restored Confidence to the Country in general.

Your judicious Augmentation of Pay to His Majesty's Regular and Militia Forces, which must render their Situation so highly comfortable, is at once a seasonable and honourable Acknowledgement of their Steadiness and Loyalty. The traitorous Efforts, which have been made to entice them from their Allegiance, have had a fatal Effect in a few lamentable Examples. I trust, however, they have excited in the Minds of others so timely a Repentance, and in the rest such Indignation and Abhorrence, that no future Danger can be apprehended.

Your wise Institution of a Sinking-Fund, in the Midst of financial Difficulties, cannot be too much applauded, and will prevent any ruinous Depreciation of funded Stock; and, being established before the National Debts has accumulated to any oppressive Magnitude, will tend to prevent its becoming dangerous: A Measure so truly calculated for preserving the Resources of the State, and supporting Public Credit, must secure to you the Gratitude of an enlightened People.

His Majesty is exerting every proper Effort to produce a speedy and secure Peace. It will be our Duty to assist those Efforts, by convincing our Enemies, from the State of our Preparation, and the Unanimity of our Spirit, that they can hope for no Advantage by prolonging the Calamities of War.

Wherever your Abilities, your Influence and Exertions can be most advantageously employed on your Return to your several Counties, I am confident they will be most conspicuously displayed. A constant Intercourse with your immediate Neighbourhoods must give you the Opportunity of affording to the People both Assistance and Example, of reclaiming the Deluded and Ill-disposed, and confirming the Well-affected in their Fidelity and Allegiance. A forward Spirit of Loyalty, which, in most Parts of the Kingdom, has successfully checked the Progress of Treason, will be strengthened and diffused by your Presence and Exertions. It will be my Ambition to second your Activity and Zeal, and to co-operate with your Efforts for restoring the Tranquillity and Prosperity of the Kingdom.

We have a common and sacred Cause to defend, the Independence and Constitution of Great Britain and Ireland, from which both Kingdoms have derived innumerable Blessings under His Majesty's auspicious Reign. They were purchased by the dearest Blood of your Ancestors in a Crisis not less formidable than the present. I trust we shall not fail to imitate their great Example, and that we shall be enabled, by similar Courage and continued Firmness, to transmit to our Posterity inviolate that invaluable Inheritance, which their Valour rescued, and their Perseverance preserved.

After which the Lord Chancellor, by his Excellency's Command, said,

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

It is his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant's Pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday the 10th Day of August next, to be then here holden: And this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the 10th Day of August next.

Carlton-House, July 5; 1797.

*Office for managing the Affairs of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.*

By ORDER of the EARL CHOLMONDELEY,

NOTICE is hereby given, that every Creditor of His Royal Highness is to deliver into this Office, within Ten Days from the Date hereof, a Particular, in Writing, containing the Nature and Amount of any Debt, signed by him or her, that may have accrued within the Quarter ending this Day; and all Debts or Demands, of what Nature or Kind soever, which shall not be presented as aforesaid, and within the Time limited as aforesaid, are not, under any Pretence or Colour of Authority whatever, to be paid, satisfied or discharged, nor any Part thereof, but are barred both at Law and in Equity: And all Bonds, Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, given or made in Consideration of any Debt or Demand, whereof the Particulars in Writing are not delivered as aforesaid, are to all Intents and Purposes null and void.

See the Act of the 35th of His present Majesty, for settling an Annuity on His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other Purposes, Cap. 129. Sec. 32.

*Tim. Brent, Secretary.*