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Commission in the Huntingdonshire Militia, signed by His Majesty.

J. South, Esq; to be Adjutant, vice Pearse. Dated January 29, 1798.

St. James's, Wednesday, February 14, 1798.

Ceremonial of the Knighthood and Investiture of John Colpoys, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

THE Knights and Officers of the Order attending in the Privy Chamber, in their Mantles, Collars, &c. proceeded from thence, after the Levee, into the Sovereign's Presence, making the usual Reverences, in the following Order :

Gentleman Usher of the Order, in his Mantle, Chain and Badge, bearing the Scarlet Rod.

Bath King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain and Badge, bearing the Ribbon and Badge of the Order on a Crimson Velvet Cushion.

The Genealogist, in his Mantle, Chain and Badge.

K N I G H T S,

Lord Bridport. Right Hon. Sir Geo. Yonge, Bt.

Sir William Fawcett.

Sir William Howe.

Right Hon. Lord Lavington.

Bishop of Rochester, Dean of the Order.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Then, by the Sovereign's Command, Admiral Colpoys was introduced into the Presence, between Lord Bridport and the Right Honourable Sir George Yonge, Bart. the Two Junior Knights-Companions, preceded by the Gentleman Usher of the Order, with Reverences as before.

The Sword of State was delivered to the Sovereign by Lord Lavington, the second Knight in Seniority present; and Admiral Colpoys, kneeling, was knighted therewith. Then His Royal Highness the Duke of York, Senior Knight, presented the Ribbon and Badge to the Sovereign, which His Majesty put over the Admiral's Right Shoulder, who, being thus invested, had the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand. The Procession returned to the Privy Chamber in the Order as above mentioned.

The Ceremony was performed in His Majesty's Closet, several Great Officers of the Court being present.

St. James's, February 17, 1798.

THE following Addresses have been presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Bradford, in Yorkshire, impressed with an awful Sense of the extremely critical Situation of our

Country at the present Period, when an inveterate Foe, the Scourge of Europe, and avowed Enemy of every regular Government, has not only rejected with Insolence your Majesty's repeated and gracious Overtures of Peace, but has openly declared to the whole World, that nothing short of the entire Subversion of the Government, and Annihilation of the Trade and Commerce of this Country, can satisfy his boundless Ambition, or satiate his implacable Revenge; and who is at this Moment making every possible Exertion to carry these Threats into Execution, most humbly beg to unite with our neighbouring Towns in this Populous and Commercial Part of your Majesty's Dominions in every Assurance of our continued and unshaken Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Crown and Government, and hearty Co-operation in whatever Plans may be adopted by Parliament, with the Aid of your Majesty's Council, to counteract the Designs of the French Directory, and resist their bold and desperate Attempts; and as Money is one of the principal Sinews of War, we beg further to assure your Majesty, that we will not content ourselves with a willing Acquiescence in the Measures recently adopted by Parliament for raising a Part of the Supplies within the Year, but also in such further Extension of the same Principle, as may be found expedient at any Period of the present War, for the Salvation of our Country, and to convince our implacable Enemies that their Threats are vain, and that Britons, united in such a Cause, and confiding in the Favour and Protection of that God, whom those Enemies have blasphemed, will be found by them Britons still.

[Presented by his Grace the Duke of Bedford.]

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants and Principal Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Rochdale, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the strongest Assurance of our invariable Resolution to defend, to the utmost of our Power, your Majesty's Government, Family and Person against any Invaders whatsoever.

As Commercial Men we consider ourselves more peculiarly obligated to use every Exertion, when an implacable Enemy threatens that the Commerce, on which our Support almost entirely depends, as well as the Navy of Gr. at Britain, shall be no more.

At a Crisis like the present, when the Preservation of our dearest Interests is at Stake, we highly applaud the wise and salutary Measure which the Legislature has adopted of raising the Supplies within the Year; being willing to submit to temporary Inconveniences that may affect us as Commercial Men, but which have ultimately for their Object the restoring Peace, Safety and Prosperity to the whole Realm.

With the present happy Constitution of our Country, with your Majesty's just Government, from which it cannot be separated, it is our fixed Determination to live or fall; nor, so long as we have the Means of Resistance, will we tamely suffer any Foe to wrench from us the inestimable Blessings of Order and Independence.

Thomas Drake, D. D. Chairman.

[Presented by John Blackburne, Esq;]