

that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above mentioned the same may be published and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-fourth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, in the Thirty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 28th of February, 1798,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to make the following Alterations upon the Roll of Sheriffs for the present Year, viz.

Robert Morgan Kinsey, of Abergavenny, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Monmouth, in the room of Joshua Morgan, of Llanwenarth, Esq;

Thomas Lloyd, of Coedmore, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Cardigan, in the room of Pryse Loveden, of Gogerthen, Esq;

William Wheeler Bowen, of Llandinam, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Montgomery, in the room of Ralph Leake, of Criggion, Esq;

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable Charles Paulet, commonly called Earl of Wiltshire, to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Southampton, his Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

St. James's, March 3, 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 loyal Subjects, the Gentlemen, Clergy, Merchants, Manufacturers and other Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Manchester, humbly presume to approach your Majesty's Person with the most grateful Impressions for that paternal Care which has uniformly distinguished your Majesty's Reign, and was so particularly exemplified in the late gracious Communication of the desperate Project, conceived by an unexampled Foe, to invade this favoured Country.

At a Period so momentous, we feel ourselves called upon to express, in a public Manner, our decided Approbation of those Efforts which, under your Majesty's Direction, were recently exerted to restore the Blessings of Peace upon an honourable and permanent Basis. We are convinced that nothing but the rooted Animosity of an implacable Enemy impeded

the Negotiation, and so abruptly rejected the pacific Overtures on the Part of Great Britain.

The various and now unprecedented Views of the Persons exercising Dominion in France, to annihilate the Commerce of this Kingdom, as well as its Government, clearly evince their determined Hatred to the Welfare of all your Majesty's Subjects, and cannot fail to excite in the latter decisive Sentiments of national and individual Energy.

Sensible as we are of our Dependence upon the Freedom of Trade, we cannot hesitate to embrace this Opportunity of declaring our most cordial Assent to the late legislative Provisions for raising a Proportion of the Supplies within the Year; a Mode calculated not only to protect our Trade, but to convince the Enemy of our Ability to withstand every hostile Attempt.

And may we, at this important Juncture, be permitted to repeat the former Assurances of our fixed and unalterable Determination to defend, to the last Moment of our Existence, the Constitution, the Laws and the Liberties of Britons.

Signed on Behalf of a public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Manchester, held on the 23d of January, 1798.

John Poole, Borough-Reeve of Manchester.

James Bateman, }
John Tetlow, } Constables of Manchester.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistants of the Borough of Leeds, in Common Council assembled, beg Leave to approach your Majesty with the most unfeigned Assurances of our sincere Attachment to your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government.

At a Time when our inveterate Enemy is avowedly employed in Preparations to invade our Land, destroy our Commerce, and enslave our Persons, we feel it to be our indispensable Duty, to offer to your Majesty our fixed Determination, in Conjunction with the rest of our Fellow Subjects, to repel the tyrannical Efforts of our Enemies by the most vigorous Means in our Power.

And that your Majesty may have ample Supplies to provide for the effectual Protection and Safety of these Kingdoms, we humbly beg Leave to suggest our deliberate Opinion, that the Finances of the Government ought to be strengthened at this important Crisis by such a legal, but general Contribution, out of the annual Income of all Property, Real and Personal, by a rateable Proportion, as may be fully adequate (under the Blessing of Divine Providence) to defeat all the Machinations of our Foes, and induce them to consent, at length, to terminate the Calamities of the War, and conclude a Peace upon reasonable Terms.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Borough the 18th Day of January, 1798.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Leeds, beg Leave at this Time, when your Majesty hath thought it necessary to communicate to both Houses of Parliament the Intentions of the Enemy