

continue to watch over and guard these Realms; and, by giving Efficacy to the firm yet lenient Measures which your Majesty humanely enjoins, not only recall our deluded Fellow-Subjects in Ireland to a due Sense of the incalculable Misery they have thus escaped, but in the End, by uniting us like one People in the Bands of mutual Interest and Affection, augment that Prosperity, Concord, and Strength, which render this Island the Admiration of the World, and the general Asylum of expatriated Virtue. Had we not before been sensible to the Excellence of the Constitution under which we live, the Example of France would have taught us fully to appreciate its Value. We there behold a People, from being unused to the Enjoyment of rational Freedom, commence their Political Reform, by bursting asunder every Tie of social Order, overturning the whole Fabric of Legitimate Authority, and at last, upon the Ruins of Religion and of Civil Government, erecting a System of Anarchy, Proscription, and Murder at Home, that can be equalled only by the unprincipled Ambition and savage Tyranny which they now display Abroad, in their Treatment of those Nations, amongst whom, either by open Force or insidious Professions, they have unhappily gained a Footing. To the unparalleled Exertions of British Valour, directed by the Wisdom and Vigilance of your Majesty's Councils, we owe our Security hitherto; and we trust, that by steadily persevering in the firm and vigorous Measures necessary for Self-Defence, not only the British Empire, but the Nations of Europe in general, will be preserved from the inevitable Ruin that must otherwise have overwhelmed them. Though we deeply lament the Calamities of War, and ardently wish for a Return of the Blessings of Peace, we should be unworthy of the National Advantages we enjoy, as well as of the Confidence reposed in us by your Majesty, did we not declare our firm Determination to defend to the utmost your Majesty's Crown and Dignity, and to maintain unimpaired that happy Constitution which the Wisdom of successive Ages was employed to frame, and which long Experience has shewn to be equally congenial with the Principles of Rational Liberty and the established Sentiments of Englishmen.

That your Majesty may long continue, in the Enjoyment of every Blessing, to reign over a free and happy People, is the ardent Prayer of your Majesty's most faithful Subjects.

[Presented by Captain James Curry.]

St. James's, January 16, 1799.

THE following Addresses having been transmitted to the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by his Grace presented to the King, which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Landholders and other Inhabitants of Galloway, Sheriffdom of Wigtown, assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Landholders and other Inhabitants of Galloway, Sheriffdom of Wigtown, assembled,

having, in Obedience to your Majesty's Commands and our first Duty, returned public Thanks to God for the signal Successes given you over our Enemies, humbly approach your Majesty with Congratulations upon the important Chain of Victories recently achieved by your Majesty's Seamen, under your Majesty's chosen and memorable Commanders Howe, St. Vincent, Duncan, Nelson, and Warren; the last so immediately conducive to the tranquillity of this country.

We look, with unceasing Confidence, to the Wisdom, Firmness, and Energy of your Majesty's Councils and Measures, the professional Skill and irresistible Valour of your Majesty's Subjects, the Goodness of your Majesty's Cause, and the great and good Example of your Majesty's Life, which draws down upon your People the Favour and Protection of Almighty God, whose unerring Power has given your Majesty the Empire of the Seas for the Protection of civil and religious Order in every Quarter of the Globe.

That your Majesty may long guard the Liberties and reign in the Hearts of your People, is the fervent Prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and affectionate Subjects.

By Appointment of the Meeting,

John Hay, Preses.

Wigtown, 10th January 1799.

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Address of the Presbytery of Uist.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and faithful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Uist, met in Presbytery, at this Season of National Rejoicing, presume to lay at the Foot of the Throne our dutiful Congratulations on the late glorious and important Victories, obtained under the Blessing of Heaven, over the Enemy, by your Majesty's Arms in distant Seas, and on the Coast of Ireland. We behold, with heartfelt Gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of Nations, the Lord of Hosts going forth with your Majesty's Fleets and Armies to humble the usurped Power of Atheists and Anarchists: and we trust that the Triumphs of your Majesty's Forces, employed in Defence of Religion and good Government, will encourage all the Powers of Europe to unite with your Majesty in crushing those Enemies of God and Man, and restoring Peace to the Nations. We have the highest Satisfaction in assuring your Majesty of the steady Attachment and Loyalty of the Portion of your People committed to our Care. One Sentiment of dutiful Affection for your Majesty's sacred Person, and of Zeal for the British Constitution, pervades all Ranks and Denominations of Men in these remote Isles. And we hold ourselves bound, as Guardians of their Morals, always to cherish and cultivate in them those Principles of Allegiance and genuine Patriotism. That the King of Kings may long preserve your Majesty's valuable Life, as a Blessing to these Realms; that your Arms may be crowned with further Success; that you may have the Happiness of defeating all the Designs of your Enemies, and prove the Instrument of Divine Providence in establishing the Peace and Prosperity of Mankind; that when, after a mild and beneficent Reign over a free, loyal, and