

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Assembly, beg Leave to approach the Throne with Sentiments of the most affectionate Attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Beholding with Reverence the Conduct of Providence in the Permission of those calamitous Events, which for Years past have afflicted and desolated so many of the neighbouring Nations, we feel the most lively Gratitude to Almighty God when we contemplate the prosperous Condition of Great Britain. Preserved by the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils from the Traitorous Attempts made to disturb its internal Tranquillity, this happy Country flourishes even in the midst of War, and, communicating to its Allies a Portion of its own Vigour, it has been justly regarded as the great Bulwark raised by Divine Providence for resisting the Progress of those destructive Principles which threatened the total Subversion of Religion and good Government in every Quarter of the World.

We are sincerely grieved to learn that there are still among us Men insensible to the inestimable Blessings we enjoy, but we trust that their Numbers are daily decreasing; and your Majesty may be assured that the Church of Scotland, faithful to her Duty, will in her proper Sphere co-operate zealously with the Civil Power in counteracting their insidious Designs. We have Reason to think that the Blessings of your Majesty's paternal Government, aided by the salutary Restraints imposed on the Licentious, have already produced a favourable Impression on the Minds of many of our Fellow-Subjects who were formerly discontented; and we are persuaded that the great Body of the People under our Charge, notwithstanding the artful Endeavours employed to agitate and divide them, continue firmly attached to the Religious and Civil Constitution of their Country, and deeply interested in whatever may have any Tendency to strengthen its Security, and to transmit it unimpaired to the latest Posterity.

Amidst the general Satisfaction with which we contemplate the State of the Country, we embrace, with peculiar Pleasure the first Opportunity which our Meeting affords us of congratulating your Majesty on the splendid Naval Victories gained in the Course of last Year by your Majesty's Arms at the Mouth of the Nile, and on the Coast of Ireland, under the Conduct of Lord Nelson and Sir John Borlase Warren: Victories, honourable in the highest Degree to the good and gallant Men by whom they were achieved, highly conducive national Security, and most important in their Consequences to the general Issue of the War. And while our devout Acknowledgments rise to the Lord of Hosts, from whom alone cometh Wisdom and Strength, on account of the brilliant Events, which, under your Majesty's more immediate Administration, have contributed so much to the Advantage of the common Cause, we have beheld also, with the most grateful Satisfaction, the rapid Tide of Victory which has followed of late the Arms of your Majesty's Allies on the Continent; and we cherish the Hope that, by a Continuation of Success, your Majesty will be soon enabled, in concert with your Allies, to bring this arduous

Contest to a Termination glorious to our Country, and salutary to the general Interests of Europe.

That Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may protect your Majesty's Person, direct your Councils, and prosper your Administration; that He may bless our Gracious Queen Charlotte, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; and that after reigning long with Wisdom and Felicity over a free, happy, and grateful People, you may receive that Crown of Righteousness which fadeth not away, are the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most dutiful, most faithful,
and most obedient Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this
General Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at
our Appointment, by

William Moodie, Moderator.
Edinburgh, May 25, 1799.

ARMORIAL BEARING TAX.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, May 25, 1799.

HIS Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, that Armorial Bearing Certificates, COMMENCING THE 25th OF JUNE, 1799, AND ENDING THE 24th OF JUNE, 1800, will be granted at the following Offices or Places, on MONDAY NEXT, the 27th Instant, and on every succeeding Day (His Majesty's Birth-Day excepted,) until Tuesday the 25th of June ensuing, inclusive, UPON PAYMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE DUTIES ONLY, viz.

- 2l. 2s. by any Person keeping a Coach or other Carriage, upon which any Duty under the Management of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes is chargeable, and on which any Armorial Bearing, or Ensign, shall be painted, marked, or affixed.
- 1l. 1s. by any Person not keeping any such Coach or other Carriage, who shall be charged to the Duties on Inhabited Houses, or on Houses, Windows, or Lights, by any Act or Acts of Parliament.
- 10s. 6d. by any Person not keeping any such Coach or other Carriage, not being charged to the said Duties on Inhabited Houses, or on Houses, Windows, or Lights.

OFFICES.

The Head Office in Somerset-Place, for Persons residing in the Parishes of St. Mary-le-Strand, St. Clement Danes, St. Paul, Covent-Garden; St. Giles in the Fields, St. George, Bloomsbury, the Liberty of the Rolls, Lincoln's-Inn, and the Temple.

City District, at No. 50, Lombard-Street, London, for Persons residing within the City of London and the Liberty of St. Martin's-le-Grand.

For the District of the Tower Hamlets, Liberties and Precincts thereof, with Bethnal-Green, and Parts adjacent; also to Persons residing in the following Wards within the City of London, viz. Aldgate, Billingsgate, Lime-Street, Portoken, and Tower; and to Persons residing in the Streets, Squares, Lanes, &c. leading from Fish-Street Hill, Gracechurch-Street, Bishopgate-Street Within and